



Project Information Paper: OR22 at Sublimity Interchange

Project Location

This project is located at the junction of Oregon 22 (North Santiam Highway) and Cascade Highway in Marion County. The project starts at MP 5.16 and goes to MP 14.1.

Project Description, Purpose and Need

The current Sublimity Interchange poses safety and operational issues in that both the east and westbound entrance ramps to Oregon 22 terminate in stop signs. As a result, motorists are forced to quickly accelerate to highway speed from a complete stop. Eastbound travelers must enter Oregon 22 traffic from a stop and accelerate up-hill. Traffic on Oregon 22 is traveling at 55 miles per hour or more, and during peak periods offers few breaks. Eastbound traffic enters on the top of a knoll, with limited sight distance. Significant numbers of Stayton and Sublimity area residents traveling to jobs in the Salem area use the Sublimity Interchange. The primary traffic use within the interchange influence area is the location and function of access points to Cascade Highway.

This project was Mid-Willamette Area Commission on Transportation's (MWACT) first priority funding the 2008-2009 Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) selection process.

Overview of Construction Elements

This project will complete a partial reconstruction of the Sublimity Interchange on Highway 22. Project elements include:

- » Construction of 3 new ramps and a retaining wall.
- » Construction of over crossings at Cascade Highway and Mill Creek.
- » Installation of a traffic signal on Cascade Highway.
- » Installation of illumination.

Construction Impacts

Highway construction shall be performed during the day as well as at night and could cause one-lane work zone temporary traffic control.

The traffic operations goal during construction is to cause minimal delays or idle travel to the traveling public and local businesses.

Project Partnerships

ODOT will maintain close liaison with the community of Sublimity and Stayton as well as Marion County transportation officials, businesses, emergency services and other local

neighborhood individuals and groups. There is a great deal of support from MWACT and local legislators.

Key Project Milestones

Project bid opening—March 2008

Contract award—May 2008

Begin construction—Summer 2008.

Cost of Project

\$18,900,000

Opportunities for Public Involvement and Information Sharing

Public information process shall include an Interchange Area Management Plan process, and one-on-one meetings with involved property owners, businesses and residents of the area.

