

# US101: SE 16<sup>th</sup>-SE 36<sup>th</sup> Street (Lincoln City)

## January 2010 Update

We would like to take a moment and let you know how ODOT is listening to the needs of Lincoln City while moving forward with plans to improve U.S. 101.

### PROJECT UPDATE



- State and local officials collaborate on [key project goals](#) through the project's Executive Steering Committee. This committee has been working on the facility plan's conceptual layout since March 2009. In late January, we had hoped to request City Council's concurrence on the committee's work.

You can view the conceptual layout [online here](#) under information about the facility plan.

After discussion with local officials, we have decided to postpone our item on the City Council's agenda. The subject the committee needs to discuss further is a mid-January City Staff report requesting adjustments to the facility plan's conceptual layout.

We all recognize different alignments have serious trade-offs related to costs, business access, congestion relief, safety, construction issues and how well the project fits with the community. We will continue to discuss trade-offs and work on the conceptual layout for the facility plan.

- An adopted facility plan establishes a public need for highway modernization. This plan will provide overall guidance on needed improvements for this section of U.S. 101 in the future.

Right now ODOT does not have sufficient funding to build all of the improvements the highway needs. As we finalize the facility plan, we will begin to talk about what we can build with the money we have.

Building a phase of the facility plan is an improvement over building nothing, which we expect would result in severe congestion and safety problems over the next 20 years. An adopted facility plan increases Lincoln City's opportunities to receive federal funding for more improvements to U.S. 101.

### UPCOMING

Anyone is welcome to join the update list, so please encourage your friends or neighbors to sign up.

Just have them send an e-mail to [Joanna.D.Ridgway@odot.state.or.us](mailto:Joanna.D.Ridgway@odot.state.or.us) with their name and e-mail address or mailing address to be added to the list.