

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

## *July and August 2010 CAC Update*

### PROJECT UPDATE



We hit some snags with Facility Plan development and are working out how to move forward. ODOT, Lincoln City and the Federal Highway Administration are continuing to work together to determine how to make the best use of the funds available and meet the highway's transportation need. We expect to hold our open houses this fall rather than later this summer as we previously thought. When we have more information on the Facility Plan's progress we will pass it along through our monthly updates.

Meanwhile, we continue the effort to obtain more funds for the project. In August ODOT submitted an application for a grant made available through the US Dept. of Transportation's National Infrastructure Investments Under the Transportation, Housing and Urban Development and Related Agencies Appropriations Act for 2010. This is also known as a TIGER II grant. This is a very competitive grant process at the federal level. During the TIGER I grant cycle there were 1400 applications submitted with funding requests totaling almost \$60 billion. Funding for 51 projects totaling nearly \$1.5 billion was announced on February 17, 2010. Funding for this cycle of grants is broken down as follows:

#### **Available Funding and Set-asides**

A total of \$600 million is available. A number of set-asides were included in the legislation:

- At least \$140 million must go to projects in rural areas (defined as outside an Urbanized Area of 50,000 or more population).
- Not more than \$150 million can be used for subsidies under the Transportation Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act (TIFIA) program.
- Not more than \$35 million can be used for planning and design of eligible projects.
- Not more than \$25 million can be retained by US DOT for administration and oversight.

US DOT is directed to ensure an equitable distribution across geography, transportation modes, and between urban and rural areas.

We will continue to keep you updated on the status of our grant application as well

Anyone is welcome to join the update list, so please encourage your friends and 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 to be added to the list.

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