

US101: SE 16th-SE 36th Street (Lincoln City)

October and November 2009 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.

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PROJECT UPDATE



- ODOT is responsible for keeping traffic moving safely on U.S. 101, now and in the future, when congestion, delays and crashes would severely plague a two or three lane highway in Lincoln City.

Trying to build five lanes of highway in the space where only two or three lanes exist today represents a significant challenge. To accomplish that while protecting the local history, environment and economy, creates an even greater challenge.

ODOT is committed to working with Lincoln City on protecting resources such as Nelscott, Baldy Creek and businesses along the highway. To that end, the design team has agreed to seek 9 design exceptions.

A design exception is a deliberate variance from State engineering policy in order to design desired elements that otherwise would be incompatible with engineering best practices.

These 9 design exceptions will help modernize U.S. 101, while minimizing impacts to locally identified and prioritized resources. Where design exceptions are not acceptable, impacts on those resources would be greater or more direct.

ODOT cares about what is important to the community and is working to balance the need for highway improvements with the need to minimize impacts to Lincoln City.

- In November, ODOT also met with City Council to talk about some of the latest work on the five lane facility plan for U.S. 101, including raised medians. There will be more City Council briefings to come and we will keep you informed through e-mail of the dates and details as those are scheduled.

UPCOMING

We will update community members on the progress of the project and will let CAC members know when the next CAC meeting will take place. We do not have an anticipated date for the next meeting.

Anyone is welcome to join the update list, so please encourage your friends or neighbors that you think would like more information to sign up.

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