



FACT SHEET

Highway Division

I-5 Willamette River Bridge

Eugene and Springfield

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Project location

- Located on Interstate 5 at milepost 192.7 where it crosses the Willamette River between the cities of Eugene and Springfield.

Project purpose and need

- Bridge inspection reports show growing shear cracks throughout the reinforced concrete beams supporting the bridge deck. Traffic has been diverted to a temporary detour structure until a new bridge can be constructed.
- The design phase of the project is under way. The purpose of the project is to improve safety and maintain connectivity and mobility for all users of Interstate 5 over the Willamette River in the Eugene/Springfield Metropolitan Area.

Construction overview

- Construction will have minor impacts on vehicle traffic. Bicycle and pedestrian path users may be impacted though signed detours will be provided.
- Traffic analysis of this area shows that a six-lane structure will sufficiently handle traffic through year 2030 and for some years beyond. The Federal Highway Administration concurs with the need for a six-lane structure.
- The new bridge design will accommodate potential future configurations of Franklin Boulevard, to the extent feasible.
- Lane County and the cities of Eugene and Springfield are active participants in the process through participation on the Project Development Team.
- To engage the community, several community meetings are planned. In addition, a Community Advisory Group (CAG) has been established involving representatives from local neighborhoods, recreation groups, Chambers of Commerce and the University of

Oregon. CAG meetings are open to the public and announced through the city websites and the *Register Guard*.

Cost estimate

- The project is funded at \$180 million.
- Funding sources are Oregon Transportation Investment Act (OTIA) and Federal SAFETEA-LU (Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users) earmark funds.

Key project milestones

- Final Design and Permitting: 2008-2009
- Community Open Houses: Winter and Spring 2009 (dates to be announced)
- Construction: 2009-2012

How to get involved

- Get on the project mailing list (see contact information below) to receive project updates.
- Attend the public meetings to learn more about the project and provide input.
- Check the project Web site for updates: www.WillametteBridge.org.

For more information or to schedule a meeting with your organization, contact:

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