



Project Information

I-5 Willamette River Bridge (Eugene/Springfield)

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Bundle 220

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

- The purpose of the project is to improve safety and maintain connectivity and mobility for all users of I-5 over the Willamette River and the Eugene/Springfield metropolitan area.
- Bridge inspection reports in 2002 showed shear cracks growing quicker than expected 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.



Construction Overview

- Construction will have minor impacts on vehicle traffic. Bicycle and pedestrian path users may be affected, and signed detours will be provided.
- ODOT is designing the new bridges wide enough to eventually carry up to six lanes of traffic (three lanes in each direction) to meet the projected long-term traffic needs. The new bridges will be striped to carry two lanes in each direction, matching the existing alignment of I-5. Any future widening of I-5 would require a full environmental review.
- 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.
- The bridge design phase of the project will continue through the end of 2009.

Cost Estimate

- The project is funded at \$147 million for construction.
- Funding sources are Oregon Transportation Investment Act and Federal SAFETEA-LU (Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users) earmark funds.

Key project milestones (Subject to change)

- Construction: Summer 2009 to winter 2012.
- Construction crews establish staging and access areas in Alton Baker Park in August 2009.
- Detours to bicycle and pedestrian paths begin in August 2009.

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