



Highway Project Information

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State Highway Development and Construction in Lane County

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I-5 Willamette River Bridge - Eugene and Springfield (Environmental Assessment Phase)

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 Interstate 5 over the Willamette River in the Eugene/Springfield Metropolitan Area.
- 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.

Construction overview

- A detour bridge is in place. Construction will have very minor impacts on vehicle traffic. Bicycle and pedestrian path users may be impacted.
- Traffic data is being analyzed to determine the need for an eight-lane or six-lane structure, based on 20-year traffic projections.
- 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, as well as the public, are invited to provide project input.
- David Evans and Associates (DEA) is preparing the Environmental Assessment (EA).

Cost estimate

- Environmental work is funded at \$2.75 million, with preliminary engineering estimated at \$11 million and construction \$100 million, for a total bridge cost of \$114 million.
- Project is funded through 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

- Public Open Houses: April 5, 2006 and summer/fall 2006 (to be announced)
- Draft Environmental Assessment and Public Hearing: Spring 2007
- Revised Environmental Assessment and Federal Highway Administration approval: Dec. 2007
- Final Design and Permitting: 2008-2009
- Construction: 2009-2011

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.oregon.gov/ODOT/HWY/REGION2/I-5WRB.shtml
- Contact us anytime with comments or questions (see contact information below).

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

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