

## **Problem statement: OR 126 and Main Street**

### **Traffic**

- Traffic congestion has increased along with development and population and is expected to worsen in the future as growth continues.
- Traffic volumes at the OR 126 and Main Street intersection are approaching full capacity during peak travel times.
- Heavy traffic congestion and delay, with volumes exceeding capacity, are anticipated at several intersections in the area by 2025 if no improvements are made.
- Future mixed-use development at the 800+-acre Jasper-Natron site located southeast of the OR 126 and Main Street intersection is expected to increase traffic at the intersection and surrounding area.

### **Safety**

- Crash trends show a pattern of rear-end collisions though the crash rate is lower than the statewide averages for similar roadway facilities.
- The intersection is perceived as challenging for pedestrians and bicyclists due to the long crosswalk and the lack of a bike lane on the north side of Main Street.
- Several private driveways and public roadways along are located very close to the OR 126 and Main Street intersection, which can slow traffic operations and lead to crashes.

### **Stakeholder ideas and concerns**

Stakeholders expressed concerns about:

- economic impact of improvements to the intersection or development restrictions on local business and land owners.
- impacts to property, existing structures, ability to build on property in area, and business visibility and access.

Stakeholders have identified the following preliminary goals for any improvements at OR 126 and Main Street:

- relieve future congestion while minimizing property impacts
- be community-oriented solutions that seek compromise while determining appropriate solutions.
- address the needs of local residents, businesses, freight and the traveling public.