



FEDERAL HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION

FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

for

HIGHWAY 199 EXPRESSWAY UPGRADE PROJECT

US 199 MP 0.20 to MP 4.58

City of Grants Pass and Josephine County

Key No. 14019 / Federal Aid No. X-STP-S025(034)

The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) has determined that Alternative A will have no significant impact on the human environment. This finding is based on the information provided in the Environmental Assessment, Supplemental Environmental Assessment, and the Revised Environmental Assessment which have been independently reviewed by the FHWA and found to adequately and accurately discuss the environmental issues and impacts of the proposed project and appropriate mitigation measures. The Environmental Assessment, Supplemental Environmental Assessment and Revised Environmental Assessment indicated that this project would be required to meet regional air quality conformity with the Grants Pass PM₁₀ Maintenance Plan and State Implementation Plan; however, because this project is a safety project, it is exempt from regional air quality conformity. The FHWA takes full responsibility for the accuracy, scope, and content of the environmental analysis.

Under Alternative A, US 199 will be improved from two lanes in each direction to three lanes in each direction from Tussey Lane to Dowell Road. Redwood Avenue at Allen Creek Road will be realigned to the north to accommodate future traffic volumes and queues. Median barrier and/or raised curb median will be constructed from Dowell Road to Midway Avenue to improve safety and eliminate crossing turn movements. The intersections of US 199 at Midway Avenue and US 199 at Hubbard Lane will be improved to allow U-turns. The existing signals at US 199 at Redwood Avenue and at US 199 at Fairgrounds Road will be removed. A new signal will be installed at US 199 and Hubbard Lane. The estimated cost for the project is \$39.4 million (2010 dollars).

In addition to these construction activities, this project will include construction of detention ponds and water quality treatment facilities to meet storm water requirements. This project results in a No Adverse Affect determination and a Section 4(f) De Minimis finding for historic resources within the project area. A Compensatory Wetland Mitigation Plan will be developed to offset project impacts to wetlands.

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