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Highway 199 Expressway teams to vote on design alternatives

GRANTS PASS — The Highway 199 Expressway teams will meet Thursday, Jan. 31 and Friday, Feb. 1 to decide which alternatives to build between Tussey Lane and Midway Avenue. The Citizens Advisory Committee will meet Jan. 31 from 6 to 8:30 p.m. and the Project Development Team will meet Feb. 1 from 9 to 11:30 a.m. Both meetings will be held at the Rogue Community College Board Room, 3345 Redwood Highway.

“These decisions will be the capstone of three years of work by the citizen and technical teams, which have spent countless hours studying the problem on Redwood Highway,” said Oregon Department of Transportation Project Leader Jayne Randleman.

The teams will discuss comments and responses to the Supplemental Environmental Assessment (SEA) that was published Dec. 5, 2007. Together, with the original environmental document, the SEA examines three design alternatives to solve congestion and safety problems on U.S. Highway 199 between Tussey Lane and Midway Avenue.

At the end of their respective meeting, each team is scheduled to select a design alternative for construction. The west side alternative from Rogue Community College to Midway Avenue will be constructed later this year. The east side alternatives, while currently not fully funded, are anticipated to be constructed in the near future.

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