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Citizen members sought for Highway 199 Expressway upgrade

GRANTS PASS — The Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) is looking for volunteers to help recommend ways to address safety and congestion problems on Highway 199, as part of a Highway 199 Expressway Upgrade project. Meetings are set to begin February 10 in Grants Pass.

The volunteers would serve on a Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC), which will meet monthly in the coming two years to develop recommendations for a four-mile stretch of the highway from Tussey Lane to Midway Avenue. CAC members would represent a variety of interests in the project areas, such as business, neighborhoods, transit, schools, senior citizens and commuters.

The primary responsibilities of the CAC members will be:

- Attend monthly CAC meetings, about 15 over a two-year period;
- Assist in identifying project and community issues;
- Discuss the project with friends and neighbors, and represent their interest to the CAC;
- Provide guidance on project goals and objectives;
- Discuss, evaluate and assist in the development of potential solutions;
- Make recommendations to the Project Development Team.

The CAC meetings are vital to the project and attendance at all meetings is mandatory. Meetings will be on the second Thursday of the month, beginning February 10, 2005, 6-8:30 p.m., in Grants Pass and open to the public.

If you are interested in serving on the CAC, call Vicki Guarino at the Rogue Valley Council of Governments, (541) 664-6678 ext. 241 or by email vguarino@rvcog.org for an application or additional information.

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