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March 3 open house scheduled for Highway 199 Expressway project

GRANTS PASS — The Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) will host an open house on Thursday, March 3, from 5 to 7 p.m. at the Grants Pass YMCA, 1000 Redwood Avenue, for the public to meet with project staff and view displays for the Highway 199 Expressway project.

The open house is part of a \$10 million Environmental Assessment (EA) which began last month for the segment of U.S. Highway 199 west of the South “Y” west to Midway Avenue. This highway section, currently designated as a Safety Corridor, has a higher than normal crash rate and is subject to increasing congestion.

The EA will be used by ODOT to formulate project alternatives and to reach a project decision, taking into account the merits of the project and the potential impacts to the human and natural environment. The study will conclude with the selection of an alternative for implementation. Construction is scheduled to begin in 2009.

The next Citizens Advisory Committee meeting (CAC) meeting is Thursday, March 10 from 6 to 8:30 p.m. at the Rogue Community College Board Room, Building H, 3545 Redwood Highway. The meeting is open to the public.

The CAC, along with the Project Development Team (PDT) which meets Friday, March 11 from 9 to 11 a.m. at the same location, will meet monthly over the next two years to develop recommendations for a four-mile stretch of U.S. Highway 199 from Tussey Lane to Midway Avenue. Redwood Avenue is also included in the study area.

Accommodations will be provided to persons with disabilities. Alternate formats are available upon request. If a sign language interpreter is needed, please call ODOT Public Information Specialist Gary Leaming (541) 774-6388 at least 48 hours prior to the meeting.

