

# Highway 138 Corridor Solutions Study



## Summary of Discussion

### Steering Committee (SC)

Kick-Off Meeting

2:00 to 4:00 P.M.

January 30, 2006

#### **Attendees**

Tim Freeman, Council President, Roseburg City Council

Mike Baker, Project Manager, Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT)

John Raasch, ODOT Environmental Project Manager

Chris Blevins (sitting in for James Buford), ODOT Roadway/Bridge Design Manager

Jennifer Danziger, David Evans and Associates (DEA), Inc. Senior Project Manager

John Wiebke, DEA Project Manager

Robb Paul, Douglas County Public Works Director

## **Introductions and Project Overview**

Following introductions of those present, Mike Baker (ODOT) opened the meeting by providing a brief summary of the December 5<sup>th</sup> CAC kick-off meeting. Afterward, Jennifer Danziger (DEA) and John Wiebke (DEA) gave a PowerPoint presentation describing the Purpose, Need and Goal statements that evolved from the three December committee meetings and that are outlined in Technical Memo #1. The contents of Technical Memo #2 were summarized, beginning with a review of documents pertinent to the Study such as the City and County TSPs, Oregon Highway Plan, Roseburg Comprehensive Plan and City Ordinance, OR 138E Access Management Plan, Oregon Rail Plan, Downtown Master Plan and Waterfront Concept Plan. Next, a summary of the environmental reconnaissance and existing land uses was presented that included Goal 5 resources, FEMA floodplain information, historic and archaeological resources, air quality, socioeconomic and environmental justice, hazardous materials, wetlands, existing land uses, and Section 4(f) resources was presented. The presentation then shifted to traffic analysis and a discussion of the results of traffic counts and origin-destination license plate surveys, collision data collected, and existing deficiencies in the transportation system.

The presentation concluded with a brief summary of the next task, which will entail analyzing future conditions based on the no-build scenario. The consultant team will conduct the 20 year forecast from 2005 to 2025 and then extrapolate the projections out to 2030.

## **Project Discussion Items**

Committee members addressed the following questions, comments and concerns:

- Downtown businesses have strong concerns regarding a “flyover” as cited in the newspaper article.
- The City of Roseburg Waterfront Concept Plan will not be adopted and can be dropped from the list of existing plans summarized in Technical Memo #2.
- Historic sites listed by SHPO are protected resources that cannot be developed or impacted without justification.
- A potential bridge could protect the downtown waterfront area.
- The crashes at Winchester/Diamond Lake Blvd does not appear to be accurate and may include crashes prior to the recent improvements.
- Very little discussion occurs in Technical Memo #2 regarding Garden Valley Boulevard.
- Development within Roseburg’s designated Enterprise Zones along the Diamond Lake Boulevard corridor are hampered by the lack of adequate transportation facilities.

## **Next Steps**

The next meeting will be held on February 27, 2007 and will discuss the Task 5 future condition (2030) no build analysis.