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**Region 4** *Wasco, Sherman, Gilliam, Jefferson, Wheeler, Deschutes, Crook, Klamath and Lake Counties*

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## **ODOT Invites Public to Redmond Open House**

The Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) invites the public to an open house to gather and share information concerning the future of the US 97 highway corridor through Redmond. The meeting will be held on **June 15 from 5:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. in the Ochoco Room at the Deschutes County Fairgrounds.**

ODOT representatives will give a short presentation on the Redmond Reroute Interchange Area Management Plan and present three proposals of long-range plans for the extension of the US 97 Reroute south of its planned end at Highland Avenue to Deschutes Market Road. An option for an eastside beltway between Pershall Way and OR 126 will also be presented at the open house.

### **About the Proposed Projects**

*US 97- Redmond Reroute Interchange Area Management Plan.*

In order to maintain mobility and safety for the next 20 years, long-range planning is underway to determine future improvements needed to state and local roads in the vicinity of the proposed interchange at the north end of the US 97 Redmond Reroute.

*US 97 "Corridor Plan," from South Redmond to Deschutes Junction*

Long-range planning is underway to guide future improvements needed in the US 97 corridor to maintain mobility and safety for the next 20 years. The study area is divided into two sections: the urban portion inside the city of Redmond, and the rural highway between the south city limit and Deschutes Market Road. Several options are currently under consideration and will be presented during the Open House.

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The final study recommendations will be amended into the City of Redmond, Deschutes County, and Oregon State Transportation plans.

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