

The new Brookwood interchange (Shute Road) on U.S. 26 in Hillsboro is about a lot more than cars and trucks.

It's about jobs.

Cars and trucks, of course, play a role. Workers and materials have to get to and from the workplace. But ODOT's new interchange isn't just a way of easing transportation problems in Washington County's busy high tech corridor. It also is a way to attract future jobs.

Take, for example, Majestic Realty Co., based in City of Industry, California. The developer moved quickly when it saw plans for the new interchange along the Sunset Highway. Phillip Brown, executive vice president for Majestic, says the Brookwood project played a huge role in the company's decision to build its new 303,000-square-foot industrial building on the south side of the highway.

"The interchange has been a great selling tool for us," Brown says. "It's great to know that the state is keeping up with the traffic demands as the area continues to grow."

The interchange, where Northwest Helvetia Road meets Brookwood Parkway at the Sunset Highway, provides a critical transportation link along one of the most important employment corridors in the state. The old ramps jammed up with employees in the mornings and afternoons. Vendors and suppliers frequently found their delivery trucks stuck in traffic.

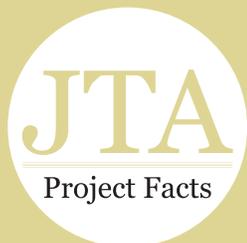
The project constructed a new loop exit ramp, added lanes on the overcrossing, extended the northbound right turn lane and added sidewalks and bike lanes.

Majestic Realty's new building at the Brookwood interchange is just the start. Once it's complete, the company plans two new industrial buildings around the interchange and maybe some smaller support services such as banks and restaurants.



Phillip Brown

"We've always been really bullish on Washington County and the Sunset Highway corridor," Brown says. "We have a lot to do out there."



Jobs and Transportation Act Funds:
\$53.9 million

Project Total:
\$53.9 million

Completion: 6/2016