

The U.S. 97-Murphy Road Project makes it safer and easier to get around the south end of Bend by constructing an east-west arterial and removing traffic signals at two intersections of U.S. 97 at Pinebrook Boulevard and at 3rd Street.

“We need more east-west crossings,” says Mike Lovely, President of the SW Bend Neighborhood Association. “This is another step in the right direction.”

The highway and road changes improve opportunities for transportation companies wanting to ship fruit and

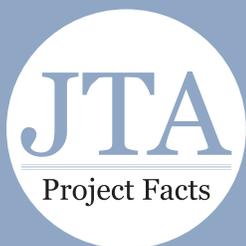
other commodities along U.S. 97 by eliminating time-consuming and energy-wasting stopping points. Removing the two sets of signals also reduces congestion and crashes at these locations, which suffered some of the highest crash numbers in central Oregon.

This project is also helping to provide additional land for development in Bend. The land south of Murphy Road on the west side of Bend is now available for a “mixed-use district,” providing opportunities for a variety of smaller-scale, pedestrian-oriented commercial uses located in ground floor street frontages, with residences and offices above.



Mike Lovely

“It’s been a vast improvement in our neighborhood,” Lovely says.



Jobs & Transportation Act funds:
\$25 million

Project Total:
\$32.2 million

Completion: 2016