

**Region 1**  
**2008-2011 Construction STIP**  
**Modernization Project Identification and Summary Report**

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**Project Name:** OR 217: Sunset Hwy – Tualatin Valley Hwy

**Key Number:** 06025

**Project Location:** OR 217 from Tualatin Valley Highway to US 26 (milepost 0 to milepost 1.47).

**Total Estimated Project Cost:** \$37,676,000

**Project Description:** The project will provide an additional northbound travel lane, reconstruct ramps at Tualatin Valley Highway, Walker Road, and US 26 interchanges, and install soundwalls where needed.

Significant congestion occurs in this section of Hwy 217, a primary transportation and freight route between the western suburbs, downtown Portland, the region's air, rail and marine port facilities and other highways of statewide and regional significance such as I-5, I-84, and I-405. Congestion is due to high traffic volumes and substandard ramp design and locations that cause backups and weaving problems for vehicles attempting to enter US 26. Associated with congestion problems are related safety issues.

**Project Eligibility:** This project is part of the combined highway/light rail Westside Corridor Project. The proposed project is covered under a 1991 Westside Corridor Project Environmental Impact Statement. The 1991 Environmental Impact Statement identified the region's preference for development of a light rail route from downtown Portland to Beaverton and Hillsboro, with related highway improvements to US 26 and Hwy 217. Completion of the Westside projects has been a long-standing priority for ODOT, Washington County, and Beaverton.

To date \$150 million in highway improvements have been made and another \$69 million are scheduled over the next four years. Hwy 217: Tualatin Valley Highway to US 26 is the final project to be funded and constructed.

**Project Prioritization:** A Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) has been published for this project. A TEA-21 reauthorization request has been made for \$26.9 million. With federal funding, ODOT will be ready to begin final engineering, right-of-way acquisition and construction.

Highway 217 is a highway of statewide significance and is a key transportation and freight route in the Portland region. It serves the western suburbs of Portland and is the primary south/north route connecting this area to downtown Portland, the region's air, rail and marine port facilities, and other highways of statewide and regional significance including, US 26, I-5, I-84, and I-405.

This project is identified in the Washington County Transportation Plan, the 2000 Metro Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) on the Financially Constrained Projects (project #3001), and the Portland to Cannon Beach Junction (US 26) Corridor Plan (1999). The Washington County Board of County Commissioners recommended consideration for funding of this project through the regional MTIP/STIP process in December 1998 (Washington County Resolution No. 98-228).

**Conditions of Approval:** None.