

**Region 2**  
**2010-2013 Development STIP**  
**Modernization Project Criteria Summary Report**

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**Project Name:** US-101: Camp Rilea Road – Surf Pines Road

**Key Number:** 14864

**Project Location:** Camp Rilea Road (MP 9.87) to Surf Pines Road (MP 16.44) (*Note: There is a two mile equation in this project. The actual project length is 4.57 miles.*) The project starts at the end of the passing lanes just south of Camp Rilea Road and ends at the start of the 3-lane section north of Gearhart.

**Total Estimated Project Cost for the Identified Milestone:** \$2,000,000

**Project Description:** The US-101 corridor is the main north – south connector for the north Oregon coast. It is designated as a Priority 1 Lifeline Route and serves an important function in providing access to the Port of Astoria and other economic interests in the cities of Astoria and Warrenton. The corridor is experiencing development pressures at Sunset Beach, Surf Pines, Westlake, and Camp Rilea; and higher than average crash rates are occurring within the limits of the project. An Environmental Assessment will be completed to determine the best ways to add capacity and reduce crashes. The project will fulfill the requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA).

**Project Eligibility**

*Supports Development STIP definition:* The need for improvement to US-101 within the project limits has been identified, but a final solution has not been determined. This is a Development Section, Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (D-STIP) project. It funds development of the NEPA environmental documents needed to complete this milestone. Additional project development work is dependent upon available funding.

*Addresses unmet need identified in an existing plan, or mode and function of a need, or is a statewide significant or federal discretionary project:* This project is identified in the Clatsop County Transportation System Plan and is consistent with the Oregon Transportation Commission's eligibility requirements for modernization projects.

*Milestone to be completed:* The funding identified for the project will be used to complete the NEPA environmental milestone needed to allow construction of the project.

## **Project Prioritization**

*D-STIP suitability, milestones already completed:* Completion of the project involves preparation of draft and final NEPA documentation, the comprehensive plan amendments needed to allow project construction, and other related project development work.

Project development work which has been accomplished for the project provides for use of digital terrain models and electronic design files of concept plans.

*Support of OHP policies (which ones and why):* Development of the NEPA environmental documents for this project supports the functional classification of US-101 as an important State highway. It will allow the management objective of safe and efficient high-speed, continuous-flow operations to be possible through future highway construction (OHP Policy 1A). This project supports Policy 1B by developing access management strategies at strategic intersections to improve the safety and efficiency of the highway. The decision to improve this section of highway was made in cooperation with the City of Astoria, City of Warrenton, and Clatsop County. The NEPA analysis will evaluate the need to consolidate private and public approaches, improve traffic operations and safety, add travel lanes, and remove barriers to freight movement (Policies 1F, 1G, and 2F). As part of the analysis, appropriate actions needed to mitigate the impacts of the project on the natural and built environment will be determined. Mitigation actions will be incorporated into construction phases of the project (Policy 5A).

*Funding scenario:* This is a large project that can be constructed in phases. At this time, no funding scenario has been secured. Funding will consist of various sources, with some portion being funded by the County per the conditions of approval. Once the concept has been developed through the NEPA process, it can be assessed whether to fund this project as a whole or break it up into phases.

*Leverage of other funds or benefits:* Clatsop County will take jurisdiction over Glenwood Village Road, as well as provide financial contribution for the new frontage road.

*Support of additional ACT criteria:* The Northwest ACT criteria includes: 1) Improves Safety; 2) Economic Benefits; 3) Improves Congestion; and 4) Community Partnership. All four of these criterions are supported by this project.

## **Additional Information**

*Conditions of Approval:* Clatsop County must take jurisdiction over Glenwood Village Road, which is currently a private roadway. An intergovernmental agreement with Clatsop County with financial contribution from the County for a new frontage road will be needed. An access management plan must be adopted by the County prior to construction.