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Re: Redwood Highway Freight Route and Expressway Designation

Dear Laurel,

I am writing on behalf of Terry Harbour to update you on two proposed amendments to the Oregon Highway Plan (OHP) affecting Redwood Highway (a.k.a. US 199). The Oregon Transportation Commission (OTC) will consider designating Redwood Highway as a Freight Route, and classifying the Redwood Highway Spur (the Parkway) as an Expressway at its August 17, 2005 meeting.

Redwood Highway is proposed to be designated as a Freight Route from I-5 Exit 55 (mile point Y-0.69) to the Oregon/California border (mile point 41.69). A portion of Redwood Highway is already classified as an Expressway from the South Y-Interchange to the Apple River Bridge. The Redwood Highway Spur is proposed to be classified as an Expressway to fill the gap between I-5 Exit 55 (mile point Y-0.69) to the South Y-Interchange (mile point 1.99). This will provide continuity between Redwood Highway's Freight Route designation and Expressway classification.

The Redwood Highway Spur Expressway classification is consistent with the OHP Policy 1C.3 to treat Freight Routes as Expressways within Urban Growth Boundaries where existing facilities have limited access or where corridor or Transportation System Plans indicate limited access. The Spur also meets the OHP Expressway criteria for limited access, and does not have a Special Transportation Area (STA) designation.

I hope you find this information helpful. Terry will be back in the office after July 27, 2005. Please feel free to contact him at (541) 957-3501 if you have any questions or need additional information. I can be reached at (541) 957-3692 if you need immediate assistance.

Respectfully Yours,

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Attachment

Cc: Jim Huber, Grants Pass Planning Director