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## Open house for U.S. Highway 199 Expressway project set for Thursday

GRANTS PASS — The public is invited to an open house on Thursday, August 25, from 5 to 7 p.m. at the Grants Pass YMCA, 1000 Redwood Avenue, for the U.S. Highway 199 Expressway project.

Since January, citizen teams have met monthly, developing conceptual alternatives for the expressway from the south “Y” interchange west to Midway Avenue. This section of U.S. 199, currently designated as an Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) Safety Corridor, has a higher crash rate than the statewide average for similar highways.

An Environmental Analysis will be used to formulate project alternatives and reach a preferred alternative. Construction is scheduled to begin in 2009.

ODOT staff will be available at the open house to answer questions and to gather input from local residents and businesses.

“This project is focused on improving safety,” said ODOT Project Leader Eryca McCartin. “We’ll have several displays that will help the public understand the different elements of this project.”

Accommodations will be provided to persons with disabilities. Alternate formats are available upon request. If a sign language interpreter is needed, please call Public Information Specialist Gary Leaming (541) 774-6388 at least 48 hours prior to the meeting.

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