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Open House on March 5 to examine congestion on Airport Way

Congestion on Airport Way can be frustrating for drivers who often experience traffic delays as long as 45 minutes from the airport terminal to the I-205 interchange. Airport Way provides the only access for Southwest Washington and Portland residents to the Portland airport, which is also the region's only international airport. Airport Way also is a major business and employment corridor. Congestion on Airport Way has been a problem since 1998, with traffic having continuously increased during the past 10 years.

To address this regional problem, the Port of Portland and the Oregon Department of Transportation have begun a study and are poised to implement a solution by the end of 2014. Public input is a critical component of this study and project partners have been consulting with regional stakeholders, individuals and groups who are impacted by the congestion or may be affected by proposed solutions.

ODOT and the Port are hosting an Open House on **Wednesday, March 5, from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the Sheraton Portland Airport Hotel**, 8235 NE Airport Way in Portland. The purpose of the meeting will be to discuss people's experiences with traffic on Airport Way and to help identify the issues that need to be considered as the project addresses northbound traffic from Airport Way to I-205.

To learn more about the Airport Way Interchange project or download a project map, visit the project web site at www.oregon.gov/ODOT/HWY/REGION1/airportway

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