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## GLENCOE ROAD INTERCHANGE PROJECT OPEN HOUSE

The Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT), in cooperation with Washington County and the city of North Plains, is currently in the development phase of work on a project to replace the U.S. 26 (Sunset Highway) interchange at Glencoe Road and improve Glencoe Road between the U.S. 26 interchange and West Union Road. The selection of design alternatives and the environmental assessment will be complete by summer 2007. Final project design will follow. Construction will commence once funding becomes available.

### Fourth Project Open House

The fourth in a series of project open houses is scheduled for **Wednesday, Nov. 8 from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. in the North Plains Elementary School, 32030 NW North Ave. in North Plains**. This is an informal meeting; community members can drop-in at any time Wednesday evening. The open house will give community members the opportunity to review the preferred interchange design concept and the local access and circulation plan.

### Interchange Design Selected

In October, the Stakeholder Working Group (SWG), which includes community members, property and business owners and advocacy group representatives, recommended that a diamond interchange concept be forwarded for additional environmental review. The diamond interchange was selected, from an initial pool of 33 concepts, as the option that best balanced traffic operations with community and environmental impacts.

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The project development team, ODOT staff, Washington County, City of North Plains and Federal Highway Administration approved the SWG recommendation.

### **Concerns Surround Current Interchange**

The current interchange cannot adequately serve traffic volumes, which have grown to 22,000 vehicles each day. The existing on- and off-ramps lack sufficient length to safely accommodate long queues of vehicles, frequently creating backups on U.S. 26. In addition, sight distance on the overpass is poor and it lacks pedestrian and bicycle facilities. The Glencoe Interchange Project will modernize the interchange to meet future traffic needs.

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