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## **SECOND PUBLIC MEETING SET FOR U.S. 26/OR 47 INTERCHANGE PROJECT**

The Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT), working in conjunction with Oregon State Parks and Washington County, is now in the planning phase for a new interchange at Staley's Junction – the intersection of U.S. 26 (Sunset Highway) and Oregon 47 in rural Washington County.

### **Necessity of the interchange**

The turning movement from southbound Oregon 47 to eastbound U.S. 26 has been identified as a significant safety concern. In addition, the new L.L. "Stub" Stewart State Park is slated to open in spring 2007. This new state park will, no doubt, generate increased traffic volumes at the intersection of U.S. 26 and Oregon 47.

### **Meeting format**

The second public meeting will give residents and community members the opportunity to learn more about the project, discuss how plans have progressed since the first public meeting in January and review potential interchange concepts. The meeting will be held **Tuesday, August 8 from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the Buxton Community Hall**, 22770 NW Fisher Road in Buxton. This is an informal meeting; community members can drop-in at any time Tuesday evening. Construction on the new interchange is scheduled for 2009.

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