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U.S. 26 Safety Project Open House Set For Feb. 23

The Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) is inviting the public to an open house to review and provide feedback on the recommended option to improve safety on a 1.5-mile section of U.S. 26 (Mt. Hood Highway) between Wildwood and Wemme. **The public open house, which is part of the environmental assessment process, will be held Thursday, Feb. 23, from 4:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., at the Mt. Hood Village Evergreen Room, 65000 East U.S. 26, in Welches.**

In the section of U.S. 26 between mileposts 38.7 and 40.0, the highway narrows to four lanes without a center median. The project will construct a center median lane which will provide a refuge for motorists turning onto or off of the highway. The recommended project option was selected from four design alternatives and a no-build option that were presented to the public at an open house in Sept. 2005.

At the Feb. 23 meeting, project staff will be available to discuss preliminary findings of the environmental studies under way. Visual simulations of the completed project also will be available. This project is slated for construction in 2008.

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