



U.S. 97: J Street Intersection (Madras South Y) Project

Status Report, Summer 2011

Background

Through a Cooperative Improvement Agreement, the City of Madras and the Oregon Department of Transportation teamed up to prepare a design for the intersections of J Street and U.S. 97 in Madras. The design has been guided by the City of Madras' Transportation System Plan.

The problems the City and ODOT are solving are the increased congestion and safety issues at the intersections of U.S. 97 and J Street. These intersections currently become congested during the peak travel times of a day, and traffic volumes are expected to increase on both roadways in the future.

Current Status

During the evaluation of these intersections, a broader master plan was developed that addresses long-term traffic needs, enhancements and storm drainage improvements for a larger area around the southern end of the Madras couplet. The cost estimate for all elements in that master plan is \$18 million.

ODOT and the City have secured \$6 million to construct the first phase of the master plan. This phase will focus on the realignment of northbound U.S. 97 and operational improvements at the J Street intersections with U.S. 97 (see map). ODOT and the City continue to look for additional funding to complete the master plan.

Timeline for the First Phase

Acquire Right of Way – Fall 2011 thru Summer 2013

Develop Preliminary, Advanced and Final Plans – Spring 2012 thru Fall 2013

Bid Opening – Fall/Winter 2013

Construction – 2014

Stakeholder (Public) Involvement

A fourth open house is planned Spring 2012 once the preliminary plans are completed. In addition, ODOT will continue to work with property owners to acquire the needed right of way for the first phase.

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The first phase focuses on the realignment of northbound U.S. 97.

