I-5 Aurora Donald Interchange (Exit 278) Phase 1

City of Aurora Briefing
March 12, 2019
Agenda: “Why are we here?”

- Existing conditions
- Project scope
- Project schedule
- Stakeholder engagement
- Current alternatives
- Next steps
- Q & A
Project Area and Issues

- **Bents Road**: Busy intersection in close proximity to the interchange provides access to 30-acres of truck facilities. *Planned Realignment to Bents Court in the TSP for many years.*

- **Ehlen Road**: Busy Marion County arterial serving as east-west connector with high truck traffic percentage and minimal access control.

- **Farm Land**: Zoned for interchange district, prime for development pending the Bents Road realignment and interchange project.

- **Bents Court**: Busy intersection provides access to multiple commercial businesses. *Bents Road proposed to realign to this intersection.*

- **Flying J**: Busy truck stop with direct access to Ehlen Road close to interchange.

- **Environmental Classification**: Relatively minor ROW impacts, environmental impacts, and public interest controversy will likely confirm a CAT-X NEPA classification.

- **Right-of-Way**: Existing ROW is very tight for an interchange replacement.

- **Exit Ramps**: Traffic queues back up on to the I-5 mainline during peak periods (SB and NB).

- **Travel Centers of America**: Busy truck stop including restaurant, gas stations, and truck parking.

- **BPA**: North-south transmission line and towers located on west side of the freeway.

- **Freeway Bridges**: 50-year-old bridges are functionally obsolete (inadequate clearance) and structurally obsolete seismic.

- **Century Link**: Fiber optic duct bank that crosses under freeway and ramps.

- **Aurora Acres RV Resort**: Prime 9-acre redevelopment property.

- **Delores Way**: Busy intersection in close proximity to the interchange provides access to the RV park and several businesses.

- **Drainage**: The interchange is in a hole, which has a single 24-inch outlet pipe to nearby creek.
Importance of the Interchange

- 32,000 vehicles use the interchange each day
- Major access for businesses and agricultural land in north Marion County
- Busy rest stop with important trucking facilities for I-5
Project Scope

Full Interchange
- Interchange Area Management Plan
- Preliminary Design

Phase 1 Improvements
- Final Design
- Construction

Future phases and funding unknown
Project Schedule

Through March 2019
Understand conditions, survey and field work, traffic data. Review various concepts.

Through June 2019
Develop two alternatives for comparison.

Summer Through 2019
Design of Phase I
Select Preferred Alternative

2020 - 2021
Construction plans, Phase 1 Bid Let in 2021
OTC Approval of IAMP
Continued briefings and public information
Stakeholder Engagement

Community

- Stakeholder Working Group
- Coordination with nearest businesses, property owners
- Public meetings

Briefings

- Marion County, Cities of Donald and Aurora
- MAC, MWACT, and others
SPI
SINGLE POINT
INTERCHANGE
Next Steps

Develop alternatives and compare

• Traffic safety, operations, and performance
• Mobility for users
• Land use and private property impacts
• Environmental and social impacts
• Ability to phase the project
• Cost effectiveness

Share and discuss alternatives with public

Return to this group in a couple months

ODOT to select preferred alternative - summer 2019
Q & A

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Thank you!