

Kuebler Road near Interstate 5 is one of the fastest growing areas in South Salem, and is rapidly becoming more congested. While the west side of I-5 has seen significant residential development, the Mill Creek area to the east has undergone rapid business growth.

When completed in late 2016, the I-5 Kuebler Road Interchange Project should significantly improve traffic flow and safety.

Neighbors say it will also make the area more attractive to business.

“This project means more jobs will come as the Mill Creek industrial site expands,” says TJ Sullivan, Chair of the South Gateway Neighborhood Association. “Businesses looking to expand to that area need to see that their goods and services aren’t going to be delayed. The better the transportation system, the more likely they are going to locate to an area.”

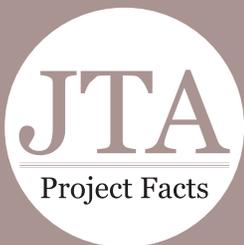
The City of Salem has already completed construction work that allows freight trucks to move much easier. The work widened the Aumsville Highway within the Mill Creek industrial area.

Salem Public Works Director Peter Fernandez points out the distinct economic benefits from both projects.



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“The interchange is the front door to the 500-acre industrial site,” Fernandez says. “It provides a development opportunity to the vacant properties adjoining it. The lands around this interchange are the last along I-5 to develop in Salem. This area is a fast growing part of the community.”



Jobs and Transportation Act Funds:

Phase I: \$18.5 million

Phase II: \$4 million

Project Total:

Phase I: \$23.7 million

Phase II: \$6.2 million

Completion: 2017