

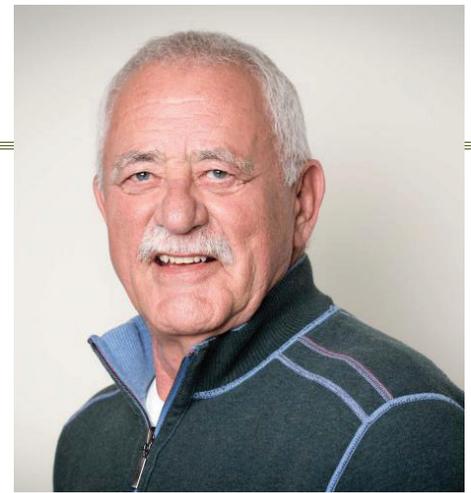
"This project means a lot to our communities," says Mike Ragsdale, Executive Director of the Newberg Downtown Coalition. "It does more than reduce traffic in Newberg and Dundee. It goes well beyond that."

Travelers from Portland to Lincoln City know OR 99W's legendary reputation for gridlock through Newberg and Dundee. The project builds an 11-mile bypass around these two communities, making it easier and safer for travelers to reach their final destinations. It will also return the downtowns of Newberg and Dundee to local citizens.

"Both communities are talking about transforming their downtowns into a pedestrian community," Ragsdale says. "It means economic development. It is increased livability."

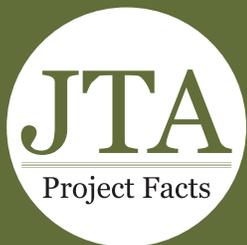
Phase 1 of the project constructs the first four miles of the bypass, from OR 219 in Newberg to OR 99W in Dundee. Ten bridges will be built along the way.

The project is more than two years into construction and more than half complete. It's expected to reduce daily traffic in Newberg and Dundee by at least 20 percent. Large truck traffic should decrease even more. Business leaders believe reduced travel times will make the area more economically competitive.



Mike Ragsdale

"We see increased retail and jobs being created," Ragsdale says. "People are currently coming to Newberg because they know the bypass is coming and they want to be in ahead of it."



Jobs and Transportation Act Funds:
\$192 million

Project Total:
\$248.3 million

Completion: Fall 2017