

OR140 and Brett Way Improvements

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Project overview

- Extend Brett Way from Summers Lane east to Homedale Road.
- Construct a roundabout at the intersection of Homedale Road and the Southside Bypass (Hwy 140).
- Construct a bus pull out at the rail-crossing on OR 140 west of Summers Lane.

Why this project is needed

The current configuration of Summers Lane and Brett Way pose serious safety concerns. Between January 1, 2002 and April 30, 2011 there have been 24 crashes, 28 injuries and 1 fatality at the intersection of Summers Lane and the Southside Bypass. Extension of Brett Way would allow the elimination of through traffic on Summers Lane between Brett Way and the Southside Bypass. Extension of Brett Way will also open new opportunities for development for the city by allowing for more traffic capacity and better connectivity.

Improvements are also needed at the intersection of Homedale Road and OR140 (Southside Expressway). This intersection has a high crash rate and with planned extension of Brett Way will see increases in traffic volumes further compounding safety issues. Improvements are necessary to address these safety issues and aid in the overall functionality of the transportation system.

Buses are required by law to stop at railroad crossings. The existing rail crossing on OR 140 requires buses to stop in the travel lanes to perform the required stop. This requires other vehicles traveling on the highway to also stop. This is a safety and capacity concern for the highway users. The project will install a bus pullout lane for each direction of travel and install new railroad crossing arms to cross all lanes of travel. The installation of the new bus pullout lanes will allow buses to pull off the highway, stop and then safely merge back into traffic. The bus pullout will also allow traffic to keep flowing along the highway when buses are required to stop, decreasing back-ups and improving capacity of the highway.

How the city, county and ODOT plan to solve these problems?

The project would complete the construction of Brett Way between Summers Lane and Homedale Road and construct intersection improvements at the intersection of Homedale Road and OR140. The new extension of Brett Way will consist of two 12 ft. travel lanes, two 5 ft. shoulders. The roadway extension will also include a new rail crossing, closing the existing rail crossing on Summers Lane. The new crossing would include actuated grates, a feature that is missing from the Summers Lane Crossing. Once Brett Way is constructed, Summers Lane will be closed either side of the railroad tracks.

Project Timeline

Project design: 2016 - 2020
Contract bid let: Fall 2020
Construction: Winter 2020 - Fall 2021

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