

U.S. 20: Safety Upgrades

Albany to Corvallis

Project Description

This project improves safety along U.S. 20 between Albany and Corvallis by adding safety upgrades like new and longer left turn lanes, wider shoulders, guardrails and rumble strips.

Purpose And Need

The 2012 Road Safety Audit and the 2016 U.S. 20 Safety Study both suggest safety improvements along this corridor to address the high volume of crashes and poor visibility. More than 18,000 vehicles, as well as bicyclists, use this two-lane highway daily.

Proposed Solutions

The project will have two phases. Phase 1 includes buffered right turn lanes, median acceleration lanes and bike striping improvements at intersections. Proposed improvements for Phase 2 may include center two-way left turn lanes in the northern and southern sections of the corridor.

Anticipated Benefits

Between Granger Avenue and Independence Highway the project will:

- Create safer merges for left turning vehicles entering the highway to go eastbound and provide better visibility for right turning vehicles.

At Garland Nursery:

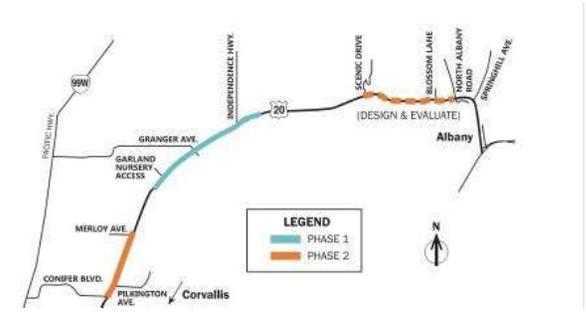
- Raise the outside edge of the pavement, widen the shoulders and add rumble strips to reduce the number of vehicles leaving the road.

From Conifer Boulevard to Merloy Avenue and Scenic Drive to Blossom Lane the project will:

- Add two-way left turn lanes to reduce collisions and keep traffic moving. Widen shoulders and add guardrail to reduce the number of vehicles leaving the road.

Cost

Total Funding	\$28,197,600
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Phase 1: Design 2020 - 2021 ; Construction 2022

Phase 2: Design 2022 ; Construction est. 2023

