What will this project cost?

The original project costs for the build-out of the FEIS was estimated at $170 to $220 million in 2014. The current Bend North Corridor project will utilize available funding to design and construct a portion of this alternative. Portions of the preferred alternative have allocated funding. This preferred alternative is identified in the City of Bend’s Transportation System Plan for near and mid-term phasing.

What is the funding for this project?

The INFRA Grant will provide $60.4 million with an additional $73 million from ODOT, local and private sources, totaling $133.4 million in total project funds. Now that this project is funded, ODOT is looking at refining estimates and scope from the FEIS to best estimates and scope from the FEIS to best utilize funds.

What is the scope and purpose of this project?

The project limits begin at Empire Avenue and extend to Bowery Lane along US 97. The project will assess the need for a realignment of US 97 to the east of its existing location, increase freight mobility, support economic vitality, increase safety to reduce crashes, reduce congestion and improve traffic flow within the corridor.

Where can I find the project design?

We expect concept plans to be finalized at the end of this year. Conceptual designs will be shared on the website and we will follow up in that time frame.

How will this project be constructed and phased? What delays and detours can I expect during construction?

Since we are still developing concept plans, it is too early to tell. We hope to work on those details with the community and contractor to minimize impacts while maximizing value.

Who is contributing to this project?

This project is being funded through a combination of local (city and county), state (ODOT), federal (INFRA Grant), and private (developer) funds that will all contribute to the final product.

What is the time-line?

Since project funding has been determined, ODOT is revisiting phasing concepts derived from the FEIS preferred alternative and adapting plans to utilize the new allocated funding.

Tentative project schedule (subject to change):

2019 – Begin protective right of way purchases
2019/2020 – Advanced right of way
September 2021 – Award a design-build contract

Will my property be affected?

The FEIS map shows likely property impacts. For specific questions regarding right of way impact, please contact:

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