



HWY OR 99W SOUTH CORVALLIS FACILITY PLAN

ACCESS MANAGEMENT KEY PRINCIPLES

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PURPOSE

The State of Oregon requires highway facility plans include “key principles” to address how properties abutting a state highway will be evaluated to retain or obtain access to the state highway during and after plan implementation. These key principles should support the overall facility plan goals and objectives and also focus specifically on the economic development importance of highway access to abutting properties¹. The project management team will consider all public input, including access-related input, from stakeholders and interested parties through various engagement opportunities throughout the facility planning process.

The Highway OR 99W South Corvallis Facility Plan (Facility Plan) will evaluate alternatives and provide design recommendations for OR 99W (Southwest 3rd Street) within the study area between Western Boulevard and the urban growth boundary near Airport Avenue. Although the scope of this project precludes any recommendations for access closures (public or private), key principles will guide considerations related to access management, such as medians or intersection modifications, during Facility Plan development.

This memorandum proposes key principles for the Facility Plan, based on the project's goals and objectives. Considering and balancing these key principles will be required when evaluating potential transportation improvements and design alternatives that may impact specific access locations in the future. Where access management issues arise as a result of developing and selecting design alternatives, the key principles listed below will help stakeholders understand how access management decisions will be made.

KEY PRINCIPLES:

1. Improve safety for all modes of travel with particular emphasis on people walking and biking.

¹OAR Chapter 734 Division 51, Section 7010

2. Consider the current and future economic needs of properties along the corridor, including the need for direct highway access, when considering new traffic control such as medians or intersection modifications.
3. Support the facility's role within a diverse and growing district with varying residential, employment, and public land uses by aligning roadway cross-sections with design principles based on the current and future urban context of specific segments (using the framework of ODOT's Blueprint for Urban Design).
4. Support the role of the facility as a gateway to the City of Corvallis by creating opportunities for aesthetic treatments such as artwork, landscaping, or signage.
5. Follow guidance in applicable state and local plans, including Imagine Corvallis 2040 Plan and Strategic Operational Plan, the Corvallis Comprehensive Plan and Transportation System Plan, and the South Corvallis Urban Renewal District Plan and South Corvallis Specific Area Plan.