Background/Issue
Like most Oregon cities, the Terrebonne community in Deschutes County is bisected by a state highway— in this case US 97. As US 97 highway traffic volumes have significantly increased in the last 10+ years, it has become very difficult for side street traffic to enter or cross the highway, or for pedestrians to cross it. A critical concern for Terrebonne residents is to provide safe crossings and access to/from US 97, particularly for school children at B and C Avenues.

The Lower Bridge Way/US 97 intersection, on the north end of Terrebonne, is a primary example of the safety and operational concerns being experienced in the area, notably as it represents a key US 97 access point for residents of the Crooked River Ranch residents in Jefferson County. Lower Bridge Way between US 97 and 43rd Street is one of the highest volume roads in Deschutes County, given travel to and from Crooked River Ranch. The intersection with US 97 has been an ongoing concern over the years due to the high speed and volume of traffic on US 97, and the attendant difficulty of making turning moves onto or from Lower Bridge Way.

Project Scope
From Deschutes County Transportation System Plan:

“Improvements to US 97 in the Terrebonne area will focus on non-widening options such as access management ....”

“The intersection of Lower Bridge Way/US 97 will have either a simple overpass or a grade separated interchange.”

The Project will improve the US 97 highway corridor through Terrebonne from Lower Bridge Way to NW 10th Street, focusing on safety for all modes, and in support of the 2010 Terrebonne Community Plan, with coordinated improvements between an overcrossing improvement at Lower Bridge Way and the Safety and Operations improvements through Terrebonne.
Project Information

Project Funding
Total cost for both the Lower Bridge Way overcrossing and improvements through Terrebonne are estimated at $20 - 30 million.

Project Schedule
Work to Date
- 2010 Terrebonne Community Plan Developed (Deschutes County)
- Project included in the 2012 Deschutes County Transportation System Plan
- Refinement Planning / 30% Design work

Current Status
- ODOT-Deschutes County and Jefferson County Commissioners are working together on additional interchange concepts to meet the project intent
- ODOT will be re-engaging the community and stakeholder group in late spring 2021 to update status, obtain feedback, and work through next steps
- The project goal of providing an interchange at Lower Bridge Way and other safety improvements within Terrebonne remains the priority

Timeline
- Project planning - 2018 - 2021
- Design and Right of Way - 2021 - 2022
- Construction - 2023 – 2024

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