

I-205 Toll Project

MEMORANDUM



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2 **INTRODUCTION**

3 This memorandum describes the methods that will be used in the I-205 Toll Project (Project)
4 Environmental Assessment (EA) analysis to evaluate transportation impacts of the Project
5 alternatives. The analysis and results will be documented in a technical report and summarized
6 in the EA that will be developed to comply with federal guidelines and regulations, including
7 the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and local and state policies, standards, and
8 regulations.

9 The transportation analysis will evaluate impacts from the construction and operations of the
10 Project and will identify mitigation measures as needed. The transportation analysis assumes
11 that Project toll revenues will be used to construct the I-205 Improvements: Stafford Road to
12 OR 213 Project.

13 **AREA OF POTENTIAL IMPACT**

14 An area of potential impact (API) is a geographic boundary within which impacts to the human
15 and natural environment could occur with the Project alternatives. The Transportation API is
16 defined as the area that comprises locations where state and local roadways, bicycle and
17 pedestrian facilities, and transit services could potentially experience adverse and/or beneficial
18 impacts associated with the potential alternatives. While, the API will be the primary focus of
19 the impact analysis, the modeling tools used will extend beyond this area and will be used to
20 assess or confirm whether any regional rerouting impacts may be expected to occur outside of
21 this focus area. Depending on those results, the API may be modified. However, regardless of
22 those results, regional measures will be included beyond the API to capture indirect effects in
23 the transportation technical memorandum.

24 The Transportation API was identified by examining the anticipated traffic volume changes (for
25 daily, a.m. peak hour, and p.m. peak hour) from preliminary Metro regional travel demand

1 model results for 2040 model scenarios.¹ It generally extends north-south along I-205 from the
2 I-5 interchange near Tualatin to the 82nd Drive interchange near Gladstone, as shown in Figure
3 1. The Transportation API typically ranges from 0.75 to 3 miles on either side of I-205 and
4 includes I-205 interchange ramp terminal intersections, key intersections, and key corridors in
5 the I-205 vicinity.

6 To more comprehensively capture the potential impacts of re-routing due to tolling on I-205,
7 key intersections that may experience notable changes in traffic volumes are included within
8 the Transportation API, including intersections in unincorporated Clackamas County, Oregon
9 City, West Linn, and Gladstone. The 34 study intersections within the Transportation API
10 illustrated in Figure 1 are listed below.

- 11 1. Stafford Road and Borland Road
- 12 2. Stafford Road and I-205 Northbound Ramps
- 13 3. Stafford Road and I-205 Southbound Ramps
- 14 4. Stafford Road and Ek Road
- 15 5. Stafford Road and Johnson Road
- 16 6. 19th Street and Willamette Falls Drive
- 17 7. 10th Street and Willamette Falls Drive
- 18 8. 10th Street and Salamo Road
- 19 9. 10th Street and I-205 Northbound Ramps
- 20 10. 10th Street and I-205 Southbound Ramps
- 21 11. Rosemont Road and Salamo Road
- 22 12. Hidden Springs Road and Santa Anita Drive
- 23 13. Hidden Springs Road and Willamette Falls Drive
- 24 14. OR 43 and Willamette Falls Drive
- 25 15. OR 43 and I-205 Northbound Ramps
- 26 16. OR 43 and I-205 Southbound Ramps
- 27 17. OR 43 and McKillican Street
- 28 18. 7th Street and Main Street
- 29 19. OR 99E and I-205 Northbound Ramps
- 30 20. OR 99E and I-205 Southbound Ramps
- 31 21. OR 99E and 15th Street
- 32 22. 15th Street and Washington Street
- 33 23. OR 99E and 10th Street
- 34 24. Abernethy Road and Washington Street
- 35 25. OR 99E and Arlington Street
- 36 26. OR 99E and Gloucester Street
- 37 27. OR 99E and Jennings Avenue
- 38 28. OR 213 and I-205 Northbound Ramps

¹ Project alternatives and model scenarios are described in the Draft Comparison of I-205 Screening Alternatives Technical Report (WSP 2020).

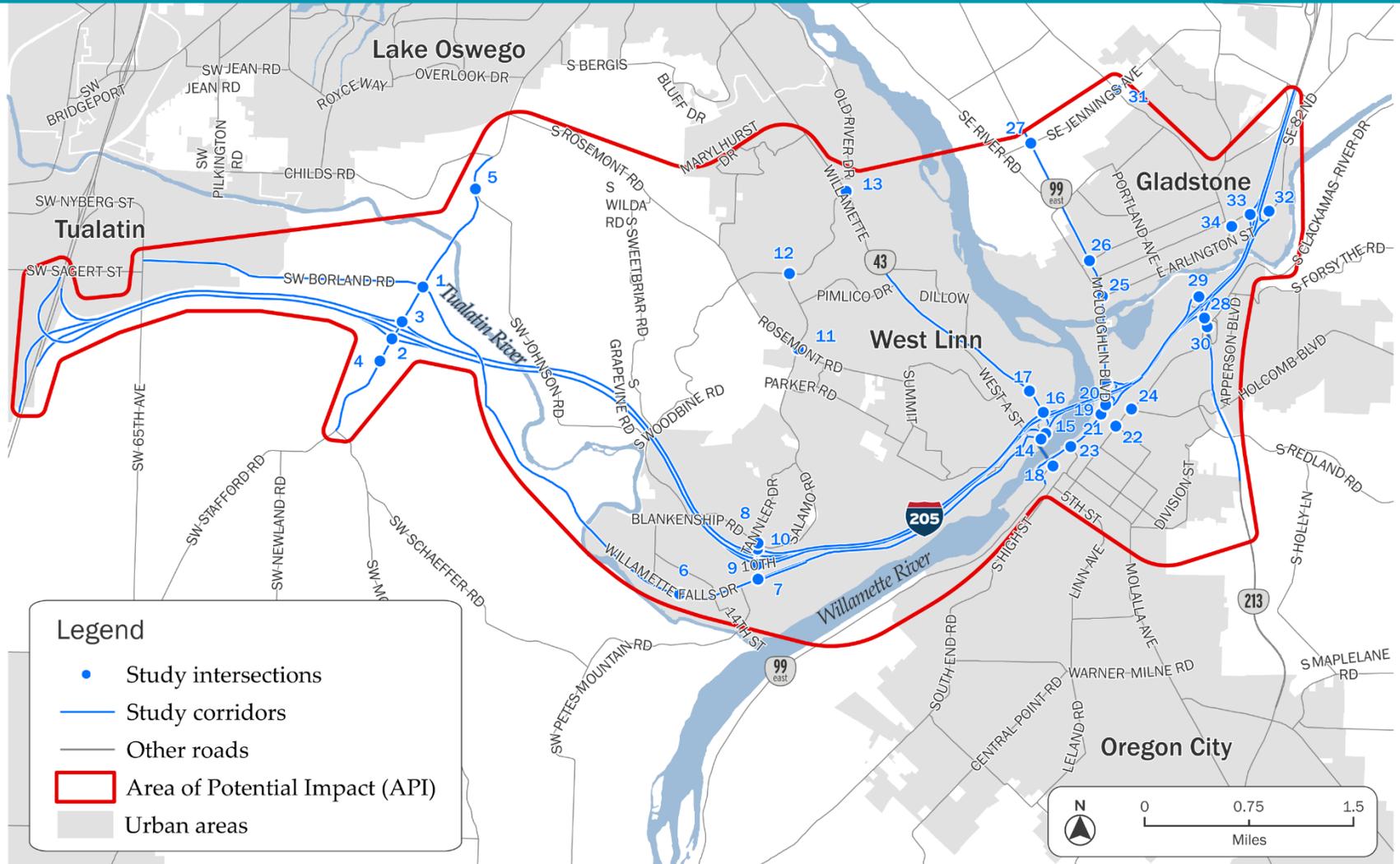
- 1 29. OR 213 and I-205 Southbound Ramps
- 2 30. OR 213 and Washington Street
- 3 31. Oatfield Road and Jennings Avenue
- 4 32. 82nd Drive and I-205 Northbound Ramps
- 5 33. 82nd Drive and I-205 Southbound Ramps
- 6 34. 82nd Drive and Princeton Avenue

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8 A qualitative assessment of travel effects outside of the Portland metro area will be informed by
9 using ODOT's Statewide Integrated Model to assess the extent of potential changes in statewide
10 travel patterns due to tolling.

11 Prior to preparation of the Transportation Technical Report, this API and study intersections
12 would be re-evaluated. Specifically, further evaluation based on potential impacts caused by
13 rerouting would be required to determine if there would be a need to include other roadways
14 within the API, including OR 99E through Canby. The API and study intersections will be
15 reassessed and potentially modified once the alternatives to be studied in the EA have been
16 identified and 2045 results for regional and Subarea Dynamic Traffic Assignment (DTA) model
17 runs have been reviewed, in coordination with ODOT. The API and/or study intersections
18 would be amended to add locations where changes in traffic volumes could significantly impact
19 traffic mobility standards. The future year models will be used to identify locations based on
20 meeting all of the following criteria:

- 21 • Volume to Capacity (V/C) ratio >0.7 in model build scenario AND
- 22 • Greater than 10 percent volume increase in peak hour AND
- 23 • Greater than 100 vehicles increase in peak hour

1 **Figure 1. Preliminary Transportation API**



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1 **GENERAL STUDY APPROACH**

2 The analysis and documentation process for examining transportation effects will follow a
3 transportation planning analysis format typically used to support environmental
4 documentation efforts. Key tasks associated with the analysis include the following (in
5 sequential order):

- 6 • Review existing data and collect and compile new data (traffic counts, collision data,
7 facilities inventory, etc.).
- 8 • List assumptions included in the Metro regional travel demand model.
- 9 • Utilize land use growth assumptions from the Metro 2018 Regional Transportation Plan for
10 interim year and future year No Build model scenarios.
- 11 • Assess existing transportation conditions (intersection traffic operations, active
12 transportation facilities, transit routes, crash history, etc.) with consideration of seasonal
13 variations.
- 14 • Consider transportation-related input from stakeholder interviews as available (i.e.,
15 feedback from businesses, agencies, emergency responders and the public regarding the
16 state of the corridor including current challenges and opportunities for improvement).
- 17 • Develop forecasts for 2027 interim year and 2045 future year traffic volumes.
- 18 • Analyze and document interim year and future year traffic No Build and Build conditions.
- 19 • Monitor regional and national trends related to changes in commute travel patterns due to
20 COVID-19 pandemic.
- 21 • Identify/develop mitigation as necessary.

22 **TRANSPORTATION DATA**

23 To conduct a comprehensive assessment of transportation conditions associated with the
24 Project, a variety of transportation data will be collected and/or compiled from available
25 existing resources including the following:

- 26 • A.m. and p.m. peak hour intersection turning movement volumes including bicycle,
27 pedestrian, and heavy vehicle counts
- 28 • Twenty-four-hour tube counts on key roadways
- 29 • Updated vehicle classification volumes for I-205
- 30 • Signal timing and phasing data for the signalized study intersections
- 31 • Roadway geometry data and pedestrian/bicycle facilities at study intersections and on study
32 corridors

- 1 • Historical crash data for I-205 and other study corridors identified as being significantly
- 2 impacted by the Project
- 3 • Freight volumes and documentation on future freight system demands on I-205, as available
- 4 • Transit routes and ridership in the API
- 5 • Key emergency responders within the Project vicinity
- 6 • Geographic information system (GIS) data representing parcel boundaries, right of way,
- 7 critical areas, topography, and utilities, as available
- 8 • Origin-destination data of corridor users
- 9 • Project area aerial imagery
- 10 • Travel time data along I-205 and other study corridors identified as being substantially
- 11 affected by the Project

12 Because of the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, new data collection may not be reflective of
13 typical weekday peak hour conditions. Hence, the transportation analysis may utilize available
14 historical data where appropriate.

15 Data used in the 2018 Documented Categorical Exclusion (DCE) prepared for the I-205
16 Improvements Project will be reviewed to confirm its relevancy and applicability to this study.

17 **Existing Conditions Traffic Volume Development**

18 Due to significant changes in travel behavior and traffic volumes during the COVID-19
19 pandemic, the project team will look for alternative sources to collecting year 2020 traffic count
20 data. Traffic volume information will be compiled using existing resources in accordance with
21 Analysis Procedure Manual (APM).² The existing conditions analysis will represent pre-COVID
22 conditions in 2020 or 2019, as available. Once the API and study intersections are finalized, data
23 sources and post processing methodology for each study corridor/study intersection would be
24 coordinated with ODOT and documented in the transportation technical report.

25 Turning movement counts gathered through the data collection/gathering process will be post-
26 processed using the methodology described in the APM (ODOT 2020) to determine the 30th
27 highest hour (30HV) volumes. The overall process for developing the 30HV volumes is as
28 follows:

² Appendix 3E - Traffic Volume Development During Disruptive Events of the ODOT Transportation Planning and Analysis Unit (TPAU) (ODOT 2020).

- 1 1. Document raw count volumes, types, and durations
 - 2 2. Identify a system peak hour
 - 3 3. Apply growth factor based on historical data (for counts collected prior to 2020)
 - 4 4. Apply seasonal factor for ODOT design hour (30HV)
 - 5 5. Balance the a.m. and p.m. peak hour volumes
 - 6 6. Round the a.m. and p.m. peak hour volumes
- 7 Turning movement counts will also be used to determine heavy vehicle percentage and bicycle
8 and pedestrian volumes at each study intersection.

9 **Future Conditions Volume Forecasting**

10 Future weekday a.m. and p.m. peak hour traffic volume forecasts will be developed for the
11 interim year (2027) and future year (2045) for No Build conditions and Build conditions.
12 2045 volumes will be developed from future year model results from the I-205 Subarea DTA
13 model.³ The Metro regional travel demand model may also be used for any locations located
14 outside of the DTA subarea, as needed.

15 Standardized methods described in the APM and the National Cooperative Highway Research
16 Program (NCHRP) Report 765 will be used to post-process raw model link volumes. The
17 difference or growth between base year and 2045 year model output will be calculated and
18 compared on a relative percentage or increment basis. Once the difference is applied to the
19 existing volumes to develop 2045 post-processed volumes, interim year 2027 volumes can be
20 derived by linear extrapolation.

21 For the final 2045 volume set, each intersection's and/or freeway's inbound link volumes are
22 balanced with the outbound link volumes. For intersections, the weekday peak hour turning
23 movement volumes are then created using the existing year turning movements as an initial
24 guide. The resulting volumes are then balanced between adjacent intersections, as appropriate.

25 In addition, for consistency purposes the Project's future year (2045) analysis results will be
26 compared with the I-205 widening project results for future year No Build conditions. Any
27 significant discrepancies between the two projects will be noted in the transportation technical
28 report.

29 **ANALYSIS TOOLS**

30 The weekday peak hour intersection traffic operations analysis for the study intersections will
31 be performed using Synchro (version 10) software with results reflecting the Highway Capacity
32 Manual (HCM) reporting methodology (TRB 2016). Synchro is an analysis software package
33 developed by Trafficware that is widely used for evaluating intersection operational

³ The DTA model will be based on demand from the Metro regional travel demand model. The modeling approach is addressed in the I-205 Modeling Methodology Memorandum.

1 performance and supporting design decisions. Key data input items required by Synchro
2 include motor vehicle traffic volumes, vehicle composition, traffic control, signal timing and
3 phasing, lane geometry, transit stops, and non-motorized volumes (bicycle movements and
4 pedestrian volumes). Typical performance measures and outputs generated by Synchro include
5 average vehicle delays, volume to capacity (v/c) ratios, queues, and level of service. Where v/c
6 ratios exceed 0.90, SimTraffic would be used to report queues.

7 To assess complex corridor operations such as I-205 segments with complex
8 weave/merge/diverge geometry, Vissim 11 microsimulation software may be used to capture
9 vehicular queuing or merge/diverge movements. Any Vissim microsimulation will be
10 performed in compliance with the ODOT's Vissim Protocol (ODOT 2011). This protocol is
11 intended to standardize the analysis process when Vissim micro-simulation is used as a basis
12 for planning and/or design decisions.

13 The I-205 Subarea DTA model in Dynameq software will be used to develop future year (2045)
14 volumes at the study intersections. The Metro regional travel demand model may also be used
15 for any locations located outside of the DTA subarea, as needed.

16 **ANALYSIS SCENARIOS**

17 The following scenarios will be analyzed as a part of this study:

- 18 • Existing Year 2020 Conditions
- 19 • Interim Year 2027 No Build Conditions
- 20 • Future Year 2045 No Build Conditions
- 21 • Interim Year 2027 Build Conditions (up to three alternatives)
- 22 • Future 2045 Build Conditions (up to three alternatives)

23 The No Build scenarios will assume no tolls on I-205 and no construction of the I-205
24 Improvements from Stafford Road to OR 213 Project.

25 **ANALYSIS PARAMETERS**

26 Transportation analysis parameters will be determined from varying sources and
27 methodologies. Data will be gathered via collected volume data, aerial photos, GIS, ODOT
28 inventory, collision reports, and other sources. Table 1 lists analysis parameters and potential
29 data sources.

1 **Table 1: Analysis Parameters**

Parameter	Analysis Element	Potential Data Sources
Intersection/ Roadway Geometry	Number of lanes, lane configuration, presence of crosswalks, cross-sectional information	Field work, aerial photos, Google street view, ODOT TransGIS
Operational Data	Posted speeds, intersection control	Field work, aerial photos, Google street view
Peak Hour Factor	Peak Hour Factor	Calculated from traffic counts
Traffic Volumes (including heavy vehicle percentages etc.)	30 HV, Design Hour Volumes (DHV)	Traffic counts, Travel demand/traffic modeling
Traffic Operations	v/c, level of service (LOS), Delay, 95th percentile queues, travel time reliability	Calculated using HCM 6 methodology for signalized intersections and un-signalized intersections
Crash Data	Intersection/segment crashes, Safety Priority Index System (SPIS)	ODOT Crash Data Reporting Unit, ODOT TransGIS
Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities Data	Multimodal Assessment, location and type of facilities	Aerial imagery, ODOT provided data
Transit Data	Transit Assessment, transit routes, frequency/span, reliability, speed, transit centers, park-and-ride facilities	Aerial imagery, ODOT provided data, information from transit operators
Freight	API freight routes and volumes	ODOT functional classification designations (?), traffic counts

2 **TRAFFIC ANALYSIS**

3 A defined set of performance measures will be relied on to assess the potential impacts of the
4 Project on motor vehicle travel. The impacts will be assessed by comparing the traffic analysis
5 results for all alternatives including the No Build Alternative, with respect to vehicular
6 movements and congestion. These performance measures are described briefly below.

7 **Volume to Capacity Ratios**

8 The principal performance measure ODOT uses when evaluating motor vehicle operating
9 characteristics on the state highway system is the v/c ratio, which is a measure of how close to
10 capacity an intersection or roadway segment is operating. The APM states that a v/c ratio
11 reflects the ability of a facility to serve motorized vehicle traffic volume over a given time
12 period under ideal conditions such as good weather, no incidents, no heavy vehicles, no
13 geometric deficiencies. The v/c ratio is the degree of utilization of the capacity of a segment,
14 intersection or approach. Since volumes cannot exceed capacity, v/c ratios that exceed 1.0 are
15 not defined. Under those (future) conditions the measure is considered to be a *demand* to
16 capacity ratio. In general, a lower v/c ratio indicates smooth operations and minimal delays. As
17 the ratio approaches 1.0, congestion increases and performance is reduced. At 1.0, the capacity
18 is fully utilized (ODOT 2020).

1 **Average Vehicle Delay**

2 This measure will represent average vehicle wait times in seconds per vehicle specifically at
3 intersection locations. Vehicular delays will be used to gauge overall intersection congestion
4 levels based on predefined ranges and thresholds used to determine level of service. Delays will
5 be provided from the Synchro analysis and/or Vissim analysis and will reflect HCM reporting
6 methodologies.

7 **Level of Service (LOS)**

8 Level of Service (LOS) is a performance measure or index reflected in the HCM that is
9 commonly used in transportation studies to represent congestion levels for facilities such as
10 arterials, rural highways, freeways, and intersections.

11 LOS for intersections is based on average vehicle control delay (seconds per vehicle) with letter
12 “grades” of A through F representing little to no delay and very high delays, respectively. LOS
13 will be provided from the Synchro analysis and/or Vissim analysis and will reflect HCM
14 reporting methodologies.

15 **Queuing**

16 Traffic backups or queuing will be estimated for all relevant approaches at each of the study
17 intersections. Queues will be based on 95th percentile queue lengths reported in
18 Synchro/SimTraffic and/or Vissim.

19 **Travel Time**

20 Travel time is a measure of the length of time a segment, facility or route can be traversed in a
21 given time period. It is most often reported for a given direction during the peak period and
22 expressed as the average travel time of all vehicles. Average travel time during peak period will
23 be reported from the regional travel demand modeling results and/or Vissim. (ODOT 2020).

24 **Travel Time Reliability**

25 Travel time reliability considers (1) the range of potential travel times roadway users may
26 experience, (2) the consistency of travel times, and (3) the ability of a roadway to provide a
27 desired travel time. Travel time reliability will be measured using a Travel Time Index (TTI). A
28 TTI is calculated as a travel time divided by the free-flow travel time or posted-speed travel
29 time. (ODOT 2020).

30 **Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT)**

31 Vehicle miles traveled (VMT) is a measure used extensively in transportation planning for a
32 variety of purposes. VMT is the amount of vehicle travel on a system in terms of both vehicle
33 volume and distance. VMT is the relationship of the total vehicle volume on the specified links
34 multiplied by the total link lengths. (ODOT 2020). Regional VMT will be provided from the
35 regional travel demand modeling results.

1 **Vehicle Hours Traveled (VHT)**

2 Vehicle hours traveled (VHT) is calculated from data on speed and miles traveled to measure
3 overall vehicle travel time in a given roadway or study area (API) (U.S. Department of
4 Transportation Volpe Center). VHT depends both on demand (VMT) and delay (travel time).
5 Regional VHT will be provided from the regional travel demand modeling results.

6 As the Project involves a robust multi-resolution modeling approach that covers regional,
7 corridor and intersection level transportation analysis, performance measures as listed in Table
8 2 below will be produced to assess each facility within and outside the transportation API.

9 **Table 2: Performance Measures**

Category	Performance Measures	Scenario/Time Periods	Tool and/or Data Source for Assessment of Measure
API Intersection Performance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> v/c ratios LOS Delay Queuing 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a.m. and p.m. peak hour 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Synchro
API Corridor Performance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Travel Times LOS Queuing Safety (described in following section) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a.m. and p.m. peak hour 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Synchro and/or Vissim
Selected Major Roadways	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Change in average weekday daily traffic 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Daily 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Regional travel demand model
Highway Traffic Operations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Vehicle throughput on I-205 segments between Stafford and OR 213 Person and freight throughput Travel time Travel time reliability Hours of congestion 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a.m. and p.m. peak hour Daily 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Vehicle throughput: traffic counts, regional travel demand model (daily) and DTA (peak hours) Person and freight throughput: Regional travel demand model (daily) and DTA (peak hours) Peak hour travel time: DTA Travel time reliability: MCE and/or Regional Integrated Transportation Information System (RITIS). Hours of congestion: Regional travel demand model

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Category	Performance Measures	Scenario/Time Periods	Tool and/or Data Source for Assessment of Measure
Regional Transportation System Performance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Regional and study area vehicle miles traveled (VMT) for freeway and non-freeway travel Regional and study area vehicle hours traveled (VHT) for freeway and non-freeway travel 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a.m. and p.m. peak hour Daily 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Regional travel demand model
Implementation and System Expansion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Relative effort associated with implementation Flexibility to respond to changes in traffic conditions in the project vicinity Potential to expand system in future to a broader tolling system including other state facilities or different tolling structures Eligibility under preferred federal tolling authority program Potential to intergrate the toll system with other transportation systems (transit, parking, RUC, etc.) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> N/A 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Best professional judgement
Regional and environmental justice communities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Value of travel time savings 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Daily, AM/PM peak hour, Off-peak 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> MCE
Safety	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Change in roadway safety conditions 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Daily, AM/PM peak hour, Off-peak 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Highway Safety Manual Part C Methodology, MCE
Diversion Effects	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Regional person trips by mode 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Daily 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Regional travel demand model

Category	Performance Measures	Scenario/Time Periods	Tool and/or Data Source for Assessment of Measure
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Qualitative level of rerouting Change in average weekday daily traffic on selected major roadways (locations to be determined after reviewing model volume-difference plots) Change in peak period vehicle trips 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a.m. and p.m. peak hour Afternoon and evening off-peak Daily 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Regional travel demand model and DTA
Pedestrian	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Simplified multimodal level of service (MMLoS) for pedestrians for study corridors within the API 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> N/A 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ODOT's MMLoS calculation tool
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Availability of pedestrian infrastructure adjacent to I-205 segments between Stafford Road and OR 213 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> N/A 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Qualitative
Transit	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Change to travel time on transit-service roadways adjacent to I-205 between Stafford Road and OR 213 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a.m. and p.m. peak hour 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> DTA
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Adequacy of transit service on I-205 segments between Stafford Road and OR 213 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> N/A 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Qualitative
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Transit ridership on I-205 segments between Stafford Road and OR 213 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Daily 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Regional travel demand model
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Simplified MMLoS for transit users for study corridors within the API 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> N/A 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ODOT's MMLoS calculation tool
Bicycle	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Availability of bicycle infrastructure adjacent to I-205 segments between Stafford Road and OR 213 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> N/A 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Qualitative
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Simplified multimodal level of service (MMLoS) for bicyclists for study corridors within the API 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> N/A 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ODOT's MMLoS calculation tool

1 **SAFETY ANALYSIS**

2 **Existing Conditions**

3 The safety analysis will consist of an assessment of the five most recent years of crash data
4 obtained from ODOT's Crash Analysis and Reporting Unit for study intersections and study
5 corridors in the project area. The safety analysis will include:

- 6 • Crash rate calculation for study intersections and study corridors
- 7 • 90th percentile crash rate comparison
- 8 • Identification of patterns in the crash data indicating potential for safety improvements
- 9 • Identification of safety focus locations based on critical crash rate and excess proportion of a
10 specific crash-type screening methods
- 11 • Identification of pedestrian- and bicycle-involved crashes
- 12 • Location of top 10 percent Safety Priority Index System Sites (SPIS)
- 13 • Qualitative assessment of community safety concerns

14 **Future Conditions**

15 The safety analysis for future conditions will include calculating predicted crash frequencies for
16 the study intersections and study corridors using the Highway Safety Manual (HSM) Part C
17 methodology (AASHTO 2010). This methodology will assess the Build Alternatives' potential
18 effect on safety conditions within the API for all modes at intersections and along identified
19 study corridors that change with the Build Alternatives.

20 Additionally, information from MCE toolkit can be used to inform the assessment at regional
21 scale. MCE can calculate safety benefits (fatal, injury, property-damage only crashes) based on
22 link data from Regional Travel Demand Model. The methodology is based on Highway Safety
23 Manual.

24 **MULTIMODAL ANALYSIS**

25 The multimodal analysis will be focused on assessing how well the API serves people traveling
26 on foot, by bicycle, or on transit—and if the quality of that service is likely to be affected by the
27 Project.

28 A detailed review will be performed of in-process ODOT projects within the API that would
29 potentially address multimodal facilities.

30 A transit assessment will also be performed to look at the frequency of transit along the corridor
31 as well as boarding and alighting data to determine gaps in service based on likely trip
32 generators. A simple walkshed analysis based on station locations and presence of sidewalks

1 will also determine where gaps in simple accessibility may exist along the identified corridors
2 within the API preventing pedestrians from accessing their nearest transit locations.

3 The existing and future conditions will also analyze the level of comfort for bicyclists,
4 pedestrians, and transit users through the following methods:

- 5 • Simplified multimodal level of service (MMLOS) for bicyclists as outlined in the APM for
6 study corridors within the API
- 7 • Simplified MMLOS for pedestrians as outlined in the APM for study corridors within the
8 API
- 9 • Simplified MMLOS for transit users as outlined in the APM for study corridors within the
10 API
- 11 • Qualitative assessments of the walkability and bike-ability for study corridors within the
12 API

13 **MITIGATION APPROACH**

14 Prior to the beginning of the transportation analysis, jurisdictional mobility targets/standards
15 will be identified for all study intersections and study corridors. Study intersections and study
16 corridors will be evaluated against their respective jurisdictional mobility targets/standards for
17 all analysis scenarios. Should the Project impact result in unacceptable levels of traffic
18 operations, potential mitigation treatment options considered for addressing corridor
19 deficiencies or “hot spots” will be identified based on the following criteria:

- 20 • If the Build Alternatives’ results in operational levels that exceed the local jurisdictional
21 standard for a given study intersection or study corridor
- 22 • If the future conditions safety analysis results in significant safety concerns at study
23 intersections or along identified study corridors compared to the No Build Alternative

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