



The National Environmental Policy Act is a federal law requiring agencies seeking federal funding or approval to assess potential impacts of their projects on the natural, human and built environments. Depending on the level of expected impact from a project, agencies must document a Categorical Exclusion, Environmental Assessment (EA) or Environmental Impact Statement.

In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act, ODOT is preparing a Supplemental EA of the impacts of the I-5 Rose Quarter Improvement Project to receive funding and approval from the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA). The process also includes an opportunity for the public to provide input and comment on the Supplemental EA.

A BRIEF HISTORY

- 2017** ● ODOT and FHWA begin the environmental review process for the I-5 Rose Quarter Improvement Project.
- 2019** ● ODOT and FHWA publish an EA for the project and hold a 45-day public comment period.
- 2020** ● ODOT submits a Revised EA and the FHWA issues a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI), which is a decision document stating that the environmental review requirements have been met and the project will not have significant impacts on the environment.
- 2020 - 2021** ● Two independent project reviews are conducted: one for the highway cover design (Independent Cover Assessment) and one for the analyses of air quality, noise and greenhouse gas emissions (Environmental Peer Review). Both independent reviews were initiated in response to community feedback and at the direction of the Oregon Transportation Commission (OTC). Each review group was tasked with analyzing uniquely important elements of the project. The results are a series of findings and recommendations given to ODOT.
- 2021** ● Based on the Independent Cover Assessment and significant community input, a new highway cover design known as the Proposed Hybrid 3 Cover Concept is recommended to enhance the project's effectiveness and align more closely with community values. The OTC approves further evaluation of the proposed concept. In response, the FHWA rescinds the 2020 FONSI due to the design changes requiring further analysis. ODOT initiates supplemental technical studies evaluating the benefits and impacts of the Proposed Hybrid 3 Cover Concept.
- 2022** ● **WE ARE HERE!** The I-5 Rose Quarter Improvement Project team is preparing a Supplemental EA for the project, including evaluation of the Proposed Hybrid 3 Cover Concept. This will include another public comment period in fall 2022.
- 2023** ● FHWA is expected to conclude its environmental review process and make a decision on the Project in early 2023. ODOT anticipates beginning construction in late 2023.

LOOKING AHEAD

ODOT's commitment to supporting a better connected, more inclusive Albina community and safer, more efficient I-5 requires continued community outreach efforts, community involvement and transparent decision-making. The upcoming public comment period is a critical part of the Supplemental EA.

You're encouraged to share your input on the project, including the new proposed highway cover design concept. The Supplemental EA and related technical reports will be published on the I-5 Rose Quarter Improvement Project website.



To stay informed on when the public comment period goes live, join our mailing list by scanning the QR code above.



FOR A DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF THE PROJECT'S ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW PROCESS, [SEE OUR FAQ'S.](#)

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