



I-5 ROSE QUARTER IMPROVEMENT PROJECT PROJECT OVERVIEW

Construction is underway on the I-5 Rose Quarter Improvement Project, a critical investment to improve safety, reduce congestion, and support long-term community revitalization in the Albina neighborhood. ODOT is working with key partners to advance the project toward completion and deliver lasting benefits for Oregon.

Building a Bright Future for Albina through Community Partnerships

The project is part of a growing network of investments in the district that are helping reconnect Albina and build a vibrant future for the Rose Quarter.

ODOT is collaborating with Albina Vision Trust, the City of Portland, Rip City Management, Oregon Trucking Association, Oregon Metro, and advisory committees with deep roots in the community, including the Historic Albina Advisory Board and the Community Oversight Advisory Committee, so local priorities help determine what comes next.

By addressing both regional and local needs, the I-5 Rose Quarter Improvement Project will:

- Reduce crashes and congestion at the state's top traffic bottleneck
- Improve the movement of goods and people
- Improve multimodal transportation and emergency response times
- Invest in a reconnected Albina neighborhood and Rose Quarter
- Create jobs and economic opportunity for Oregonians

Improving Reliability Along a Key Freight Corridor

Traffic congestion at the Rose Quarter—where I-5, I-84, and I-405 converge—affects the movement of goods up and down the West Coast, slowing freight shipments and making travel times unpredictable for businesses that rely on I-5.

By creating additional space for vehicles to merge and improving traffic flow through the corridor, the I-5 Rose Quarter Improvement Project will help reduce crashes and make travel times more reliable for freight carriers, commuters, and emergency responders.

The project is also adding seismic retrofitting to I-5 bridge structures and improving seismic resiliency for the long-term.

These improvements will improve corridor safety, support Oregon businesses, and help keep goods moving efficiently through the region.

Project Benefits

Traffic Safety

- The section of I-5 through the Rose Quarter was built decades ago with short merge lanes, limited shoulders, and outdated design features that contribute to crashes and congestion.
- Crash rates in the project area are 3.5 times higher than similar urban interstate segments in Oregon.
- The project will reduce crashes and improve safety by extending merge areas, adding shoulders, and improving traffic flow.

Freight & Mobility

- The Rose Quarter is the top traffic bottleneck in Oregon and the 27th worst freight bottleneck in the nation, with 12 hours of daily congestion. Congestion costs the regional economy an estimated \$250 million annually.
- Auxiliary lane and shoulder improvements will improve reliability for freight carriers, commuters, and emergency responders. When complete, the project will save an estimated \$236 million in passenger travel time and \$11.5 million in truck travel time over 30 years.

Reconnecting Communities

- For decades, I-5 has divided the Albina neighborhood, severing local connections and displacing residents, businesses, and community institutions.
- The project restores connections over I-5 with a new Hancock Street east-west crossing, a new pedestrian and bicycle bridge, and upgraded sidewalks, lighting, and accessible curb ramps. A new highway cover will reconnect local streets and create new community space.

Workforce & Jobs

- The project is creating jobs today while strengthening the region's construction workforce and supporting long-term economic growth. In 2025–2026, construction is creating approximately 70,000 hours of work and \$10 million in payroll for craft laborers across skilled trades.
- The project targets 12% state-registered apprentices by trade and is structured to create subcontracting and mentorship opportunities for small and emerging contractors.

Public Health & Environment

- A new stormwater treatment facility near North Mississippi Avenue will capture and filter roadway runoff before it reaches the Willamette River.
- Improved walking and biking infrastructure expands access to active transportation and reduces exposure to traffic-related safety risks.

Community Revitalization & Economic Development

- The project is part of a growing network of investments in the Albina district, including community-led redevelopment by Albina Vision Trust, the 1803 Fund's Albina Riverside and The Low End, the Williams & Russell housing development, and the planned Moda Center renovation.
- Infrastructure improvements delivered by this project lay the foundation for broader, community-driven renewal across the district.