Welcome

Please sign-in!
WHAT TO EXPECT FROM THIS MEETING:

- Learn more about the project and how the community has been involved
- Review key findings of the project’s Environmental Assessment and provide comments
- Talk with the project team
- Learn about opportunities to stay involved and next steps
ODOT and the City of Portland developed a transportation plan (the I-5 Broadway/Weidler Facility Plan) in conjunction with the City's N/NE Quadrant Plan.

**I-5 Broadway/Weidler Facility Plan**
Sets goals and actions for transportation in the area, with a focus on supporting the City's envisioned land use goals.

**N/NE Quadrant Plan**
Sets goals and actions for land use and development in North and Northeast Portland.

Near term improvements were made to the I-5 Rose Quarter / City Center south-bound exit to improve safety in the area.

ODOT, FHWA and the City of Portland initiate an environmental study of the project after the Oregon Legislature prioritizes funding the project in House Bill 2017.
Since 2017, the project has been in an environmental study phase. Project design will begin in spring 2019, when the environmental work is complete. Construction is anticipated to start in 2023, lasting four to five years.
Community involvement is an important part of this project. Throughout the environmental study phase, the public was involved through group presentations, public events, a Community Liaisons Group, surveys and more.

Prior to the environmental study phase, the project was formed through a two-year community engagement process, which included 19 Stakeholder Advisory Committee meetings, 14 subcommittee meetings, 4 open houses, 2 design workshops and 3 community walks.
COMMUNITY LIAISONS GROUP

This group included twelve community members representing local businesses, community organizations and interests in the area. The group met four times between September 2017 and November 2018 and provided insight and feedback on how best to reach the local and broader community about this project.

OUTREACH ACTIVITIES

- Community Forum
- Open House
- Community Walk & Bike Ride
- Business Canvassing
- Pastors’ Breakfast
- What’s Happening in Our Streets?
- Black Community Outreach Event
- Event Tabling: Juneteenth, Good In the Hood, Sunday Parkways
- Committee, community and neighborhood group presentations
KEY ISSUES AND CONCERNS

- Various views on how to address congestion in the project area
- Improve local street infrastructure for bicyclists and pedestrians
- Create better neighborhood connections
- Increase safety for all travel modes
- Minimize construction and environmental impacts
- Concern about the high project cost and responsible use of funds
- Ensure the project brings economic benefits to the area
REVIEW AND COMMENT PERIOD: FEBRUARY 15 - APRIL 1, 2019 AT 5 P.M.

The environmental findings were published in the project’s Environmental Assessment on February 15, 2019. The environmental study describes why the project is proposed and examines the project’s potential social, economic and environmental impacts for fifteen different topics:

- Transportation
- Air Quality
- Noise
- Climate Change
- Environmental Justice
- Parks - Section 4(f)
- Historic Resources - Section 106
- Archaeological Resources
- Hazardous Materials
- Land Use
- Socioeconomics
- Water Resources
- Historic Resources - Section 106
- Right of Way
- Utilities
- Aquatic Biology

* This open house focuses on the highlighted topics that have received the most public interest to date.
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Visit www.i5RoseQuarter.org to download the Environmental Assessment. Information is available in alternative formats upon request. There are many ways to provide your input:

ONLINE OPEN HOUSE OR PROJECT WEBSITE
February 15 - April 1, 2019 at www.i5RoseQuarter.org

IN-PERSON OPEN HOUSE
March 7, 2019 from 5:30 pm - 8 pm
Lefthand Annex
101 N Weidler St, Portland

PUBLIC HEARING
March 12, 2019
Oregon Convention Center Rm. A108
777 NE MLK Jr Blvd, Portland, OR
• 4:30 pm – 6 pm: Sign up to speak
• 5 pm – Event begins: Presentation followed by public comments

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WHERE TO FIND A HARD COPY OF THE EA:

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123 NW Flanders St
Portland, Oregon 97209

FHWA Oregon Division
530 Center Street NE, Suite 420
Salem, OR 97301

Matt Dishman
Community Center
77 NE Knott St
Portland, OR 97212

Multnomah County Library Branches:
• Central – 801 SW 10th Ave
• North Portland – 512 N Killingsworth St
• Albina – 3605 NE 15th Ave
RECOGNIZING THE PAST: This project provides an opportunity to make new community connections and reduce the physical and psychological barrier of I-5.

A THRIVING NEIGHBORHOOD

In the early 1950s, this neighborhood had a well developed street grid system and connected community serving a large segment of Portland's Black residents. It was a thriving arts-oriented district with shops and houses, and the heart of Portland’s jazz scene.

THE BUILDING OF I-5 AND OTHER DEVELOPMENT

In the early 1960’s, during an era of highway building nationwide, the building of I-5, combined with other developments and urban renewal, disconnected the community and resulted in displacement of its residents. The well-connected street grid was disrupted, leaving limited options for crossing I-5 and the historically black Albina neighborhood physically separated from other neighborhoods.
PROJECT PURPOSE

Improve the safety and operations on I-5 between I-405 and I-84, of the Broadway/Weidler interchange, and on adjacent surface streets in the vicinity of the Broadway/Weidler interchange and to enhance multimodal facilities in the project area.

THE NEED

SAFETY ISSUES ON I-5
- Highest crash rate in the state
- Lack of standard safety shoulders
- Closely spaced on- and off-ramps

POOR LOCAL STREET CONNECTIONS
- Difficult connections between the highway and local streets
- High concentration of traffic spilling into local streets
- Lack of connections between the east and west sides of I-5

CONGESTION ON I-5
- Some of the highest traffic volumes in the state
- Up to 12 hours of congestion each day
- Heavy traffic on critical north-south link in the region and state

DIFFICULT HIGHWAY TRANSITIONS
- Closely spaced interchanges
- I-5 Broadway/Weidler Interchange configuration is not typical and difficult to navigate
Imagine a more connected Rose Quarter area

With separated bike lanes and wider sidewalks, safer and more reliable I-5 travel and new connections, the I-5 Rose Quarter Improvement Project will help realize this vision.

A BETTER CONNECTED COMMUNITY
The project creates new connections across I-5 and more space for people walking and biking, so everyone can travel more safely and conveniently through the Rose Quarter area. These improvements include:

1. A bicycle- and pedestrian-only bridge over I-5, from NE Clackamas Street to the Rose Quarter
2. New, upgraded pedestrian and bicycle paths in the area of Broadway/Weidler and Vancouver/Williams
3. Covers over the highway where bridges cross over I-5
4. Improved pedestrian and bicycle access to transit – Portland Streetcar, TriMet bus and MAX lines
5. A direct road connection over I-5 between N Hancock Street to N Dixon Street

A SAFER AND MORE RELIABLE I-5
Three Interstates (I-5, I-84, and I-405) intersect in the short distance between the Morrison Bridge and the Fremont Bridge, creating the biggest bottleneck in the state of Oregon. This outdated design with closely spaced interchanges and no shoulders has resulted in this section of I-5 having the highest crash rate in the state. With the following improvements, we can reduce frequent crashes, improving safety and reliability for travelers.

6. New ramp-to-ramp lanes (auxiliary lanes) along I-5
7. Full shoulders along the highway
8. Relocating the I-5 southbound on-ramp from NE Wheeler Avenue to NE Weidler Street

GREATER ECONOMIC GROWTH
This project is an opportunity to reconnect the Lower Albina area and enhance connectivity to north and northeast neighborhoods. By making travel easier, providing more options, and creating more space for people to move through, the project will support opportunities for redevelopment, both public and private. This project is currently looking at ways to tie in contracting opportunities for local small and minority-owned businesses that will be part of the design and construction work.

9. Redevelopment potential
10. New east-west connection to Lower Albina
Proposed Project - Conceptual Drafts - Subject to change based on technical analysis and public input

Existing Overpasses over I-5

Existing Intersection of N Williams Ave and NE Weidler St

Existing I-5

Proposed Highway covers over I-5

Proposed Intersection of N Williams Ave and NE Weidler St

Proposed Clackamas Bicycle & Pedestrian Bridge over I-5
Once the Environmental Assessment is formally submitted to the Federal Highway Administration, they will review it along with public comment prior to developing the NEPA decision document. Following this process we will continue to engage the community as the team begins design in late spring 2019 and throughout the construction period.

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