

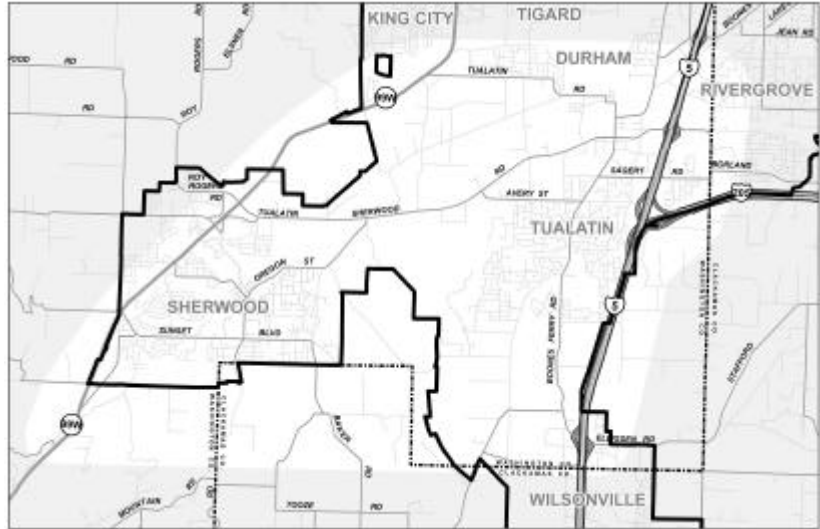
I-5 TO 99W Connector Project

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Project update: Fall 2005

Project overview

Regional and local transportation plans have recognized the need for a transportation improvement between I-5 and Highway 99W for more than a decade. With more people and freight going to destinations in Tigard, Tualatin, Sherwood and Wilsonville, as well as through these areas to access the highway system, the streets and highways in the area have become congested.



Study area

Washington County, Metro and the Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) are jointly leading the I-5 to 99W Connector Study to address this regional problem. The Oregon Transportation Commission has recently designated this as a project of statewide significance.

The complexity of determining what type of transportation facility is needed and where it should be located has changed over time. It will require a thorough and detailed study with rigorous analysis and ample opportunities for public involvement and jurisdictional coordination.

The I-5 to 99W Project Steering Committee, comprised of elected and appointed officials from the cities of Tualatin, Sherwood and Wilsonville, Washington and Clackamas counties, the Oregon Department of Transportation, the Federal Highway Administration and Metro, will provide policy oversight and direction. They will consider the comments and ideas of

the Stakeholder Working Group, a committee comprised of residents, business and farm representatives and other stakeholders, before making decisions.

The Project Steering Committee has proposed that any solution considered should address the need for:

- providing more efficient travel into and out of the study area
- improving connections between I-5 and Highway 99W
- improving freight access to the highway system and reducing congestion on existing arterials
- enhancing the viability of the area's town centers

For more information about the project and upcoming meetings:

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Decision Making

Project decisions will be made by the Project Steering Committee, a committee comprised of officials from Washington and Clackamas counties, the Oregon Department of Transportation, Metro, the cities of Wilsonville, Tualatin and Sherwood and the Federal Highway Administration.



The Collaborative Environmental and Transportation Agreement for Streamlining (CETAS) is a group of federal and state regulatory agencies which evaluates project impacts and concurs with project findings. CETAS must concur with the Project Steering Committee recommendation.

The Stakeholder Working Group, which includes community members from a range of groups with an interest in the study and the Executive Management Team, which includes senior managers from the affected agencies and

jurisdictions, will provide advice and feedback to the Project Steering Committee.

The Project Steering Committee, Stakeholder Working Group and Executive Management Team will be supported by the Project Management Team and Technical Resource Groups which include technical staff from the affected agencies and jurisdictions and members of the consultant team.

Timeline

