

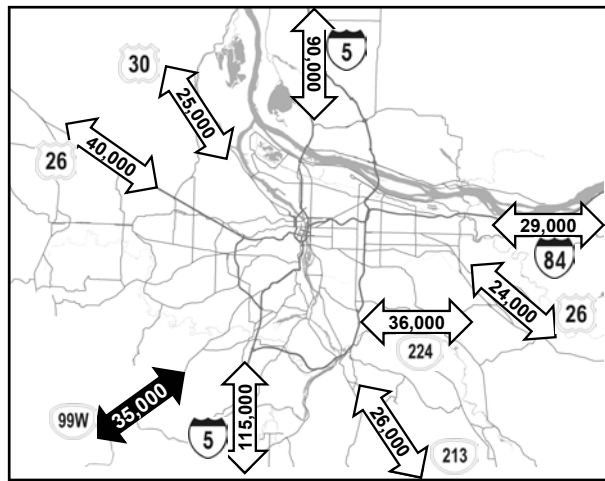
Project need

Any solution considered should address the need to:

- **Provide more efficient travel into and out of the study area.** Traffic on Highway 99W has grown by 3.5 percent each year to a total volume of almost 50,000 each day.
- **Improve connections between I-5 and Hwy. 99W.** Almost 20 percent of trips in the corridor are through trips, or trips that do not start or end in the corridor.
- **Improve freight access to the highway system.** About 16 percent of trips on Tualatin-Sherwood Road are trucks which is significantly more than average on a similar road.
- **Reduce congestion on existing arterials.** The peak period, known as rush hour, is already lasting for more than two hours in the morning and evening on Tualatin-Sherwood Road. If improvements are not made in the corridor, rush hour conditions will persist for more and more of the day.

The project will consider ways to address these needs while meeting the project's goals and objectives. The project's goals include:

- Provide transportation improvements that address present and future demand for travel to and between I-5 and 99W in the Tualatin, Sherwood and Wilsonville areas.
- Provide transportation improvements that sup-



This figure shows the number of vehicles that enter or leave the region each day on various highways. A significant proportion of trips entering or leaving the region use Hwy 99W.

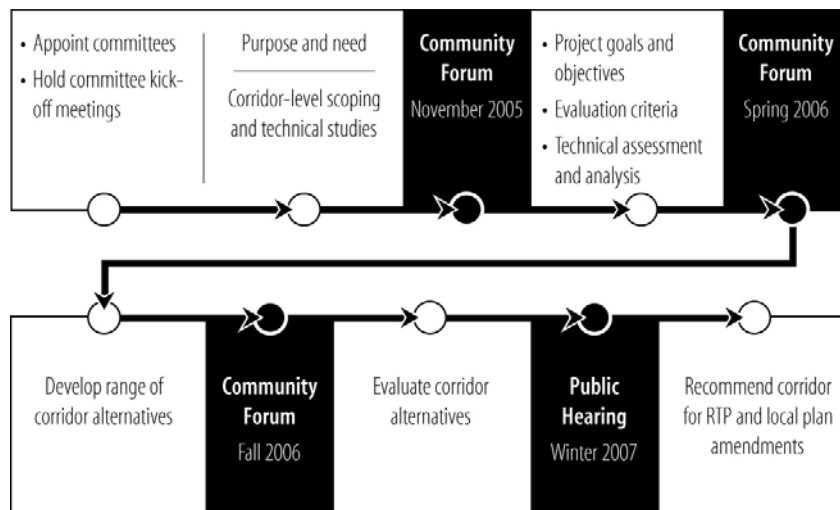
- port state, regional, and local land use planning.
- Provide transportation improvements that avoid, minimize or effectively mitigate adverse impacts to natural and cultural resources.
- Provide a timely and cost-effective project solution that performs throughout its expected design-life.

Though the project alternatives have not been defined yet, the alternatives are likely to include options that range from only improvements to existing streets and demand management solutions to options that look at new roadway connections.

Timeline and schedule

The current phase of the project will result in the selection of a corridor where transportation solutions should be located. This corridor will be adopted into transportation and land use plans.

After this corridor selection process is complete, a design-level environmental impact statement will be completed and a design for the transportation improvement will be selected.



During the corridor selection phase, the project team will hold open houses at key milestones. Concerns and issues that should be explored during the process and goals for the project were discussed at the November 2005 open house.

Future open houses will focus on identification and evaluation of alternatives. The project will host a public hearing in spring 2007 before a corridor is selected.