

I-5 TO 99W Connector Project

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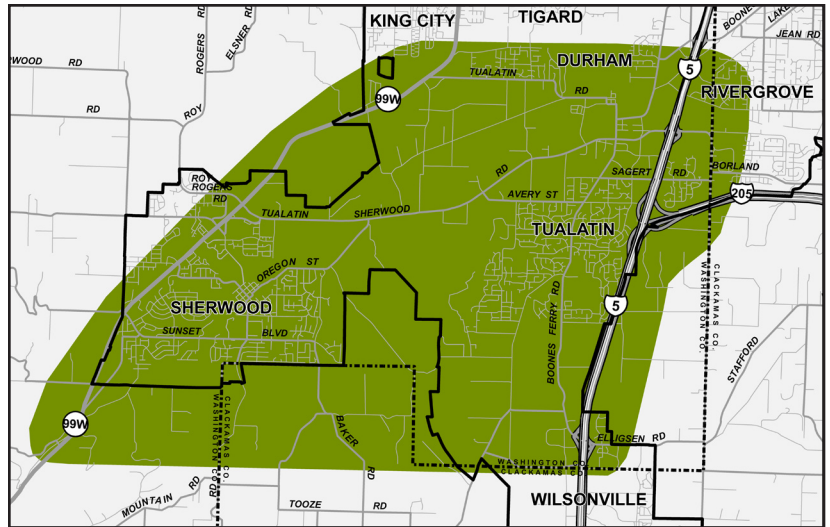
What's new

Thanks to great participation, more than 250 ideas for potential connector corridors, improvements to the local street network, new arterials and other solution ideas were submitted at public open houses and committee meetings in November and December. In January, staff consolidated these ideas into a set of 25 conceptual solution elements.

The conceptual solution elements are now in the process of being screened to remove from further consideration those that did not meet the purpose and need or failed many of the screening criteria. Those that do pass through the screening process, will be provide the basis from which a range of alternatives will be developed. Those alternatives will be studied in great detail to determine the best possible solution.

The range of alternatives may include the following options in addition to a variety of potential locations for a new corridor:

- Transportation Demand Management (TDM) and Transportation System Management (TSM) alternative – this alternative will look at how demand on the system could be reduced (i.e. increased transit use, flexible work hours, carpooling), and how the system could function better with intersection improvements and other operational changes.
- Enhanced Existing System alternative – this alternative will look at improvements to the area's roadways including improvements that are included in local and regional transportation plans as well as other improvements to the existing transportation system. This option will not include a major highway connector between I-5 and Highway 99W.



Project overview

Regional and local transportation plans have recognized the growing need for a connection between I-5 and Hwy 99W for more than a decade. The I-5 to 99W Connector Project is looking for the best way to meet this need.

Traffic demand in the southwestern portion of the region has grown substantially leading to increasingly congested conditions. This growth comes from more people living, working and moving freight in Tualatin, Sherwood and Wilsonville, and from growth throughout the region, particularly in Marion and Yamhill counties.

Metro's Regional Transportation Plan and Sherwood and Tualatin's transportation plans identify the need for a transportation solution in this area to address the growing east-west travel demand. The Oregon Transportation Commission designated this as a project of statewide significance, further confirming its importance.

The project's study area, shown on the map, is the area where transportation solutions are being considered. The project will identify transportation and environmental impacts and benefits for areas beyond the study area including transportation impacts to I-5 and Highway 99W.

For more information about the project and upcoming meetings:
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