

To: MPO Citizen Advisory Committee
From: Savannah Crawford, ODOT Region Planner
Subject: Item 5: Overview of Beltline Facility Plan

Action Recommended: *Presentation of the design concepts under consideration. Discussion and feedback.*

Project Overview

The Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT), the City of Eugene, and Lane County are working together to prepare the OR 569 Beltline Facility Plan - River Road to Coburg Road. This segment of Beltline Highway has become increasingly congested during peak travel times with traffic volumes expected to increase in the future. Vehicle conflicts on Beltline at River Road, River Avenue, Division Street, the Willamette River Bridge, the Delta Highway, and Coburg Road continue to create safety issues.

This plan will identify areas of concerns, evaluate alternatives, and implement strategies, with the end purpose of developing recommendations for long-range improvements (20+ years) to the functionality of the Beltline Highway between River Road and Coburg Road.

Project Status

The planning project began fall 2008 and scheduled for completion summer 2010. The beginning phase of this project completed the following tasks: formed three stakeholder committees, conducted stakeholder interviews, facilitated three community workshops, and gathered traffic, safety, land use, and environmental data.

Based on input received from the above processes, the current phase of the project developed evaluation criteria and an array of alternative concepts that range from no-build, low-build, medium-build, to highway-corridor concepts. The project team presented this range of alternative concepts and evaluation to the three project committees late 2009/early 2010 and at a community workshop on March 16th.

The next steps include narrowing the concepts based on the evaluation and feedback received from project committees and public. The remaining concepts are anticipated to be forwarded into the environmental process for further evaluation.

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