

# Westside Economic Alliance Transportation Committee

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# Who We Are

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# Agenda

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- ▶ Urban Mobility Strategy
- ▶ Project Background
- ▶ Project Values and Benefits
- ▶ Community Influence
- ▶ Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) Program
- ▶ Next Steps

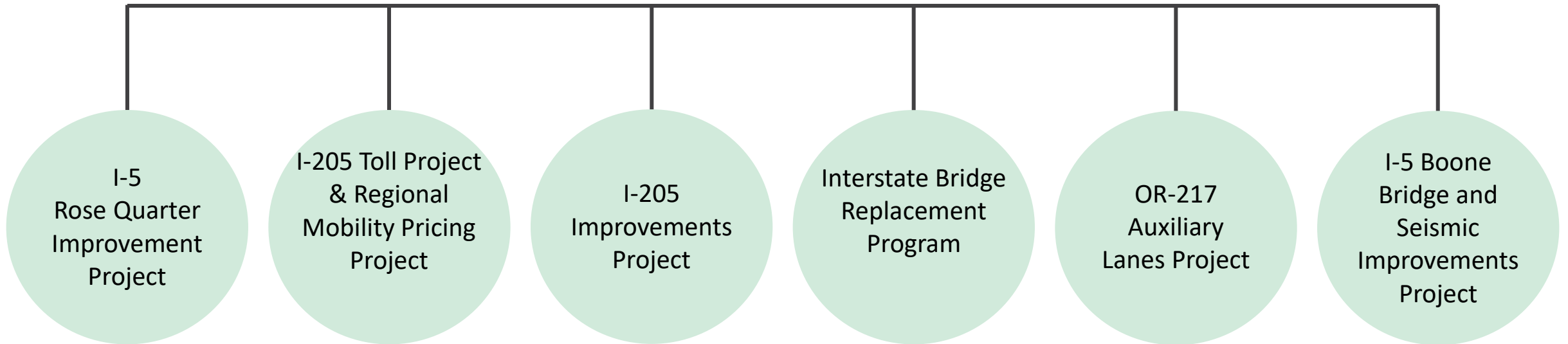


The I-5 Rose Quarter Improvement Project is one component of the Oregon Department of Transportation's Urban Mobility Strategy, which includes projects such as the I-205 Improvements Project, the Interstate Bridge Replacement Program and the Regional Mobility Pricing Project.



# Urban Mobility

STRATEGY



# What is the I-5 Rose Quarter Improvement Project?







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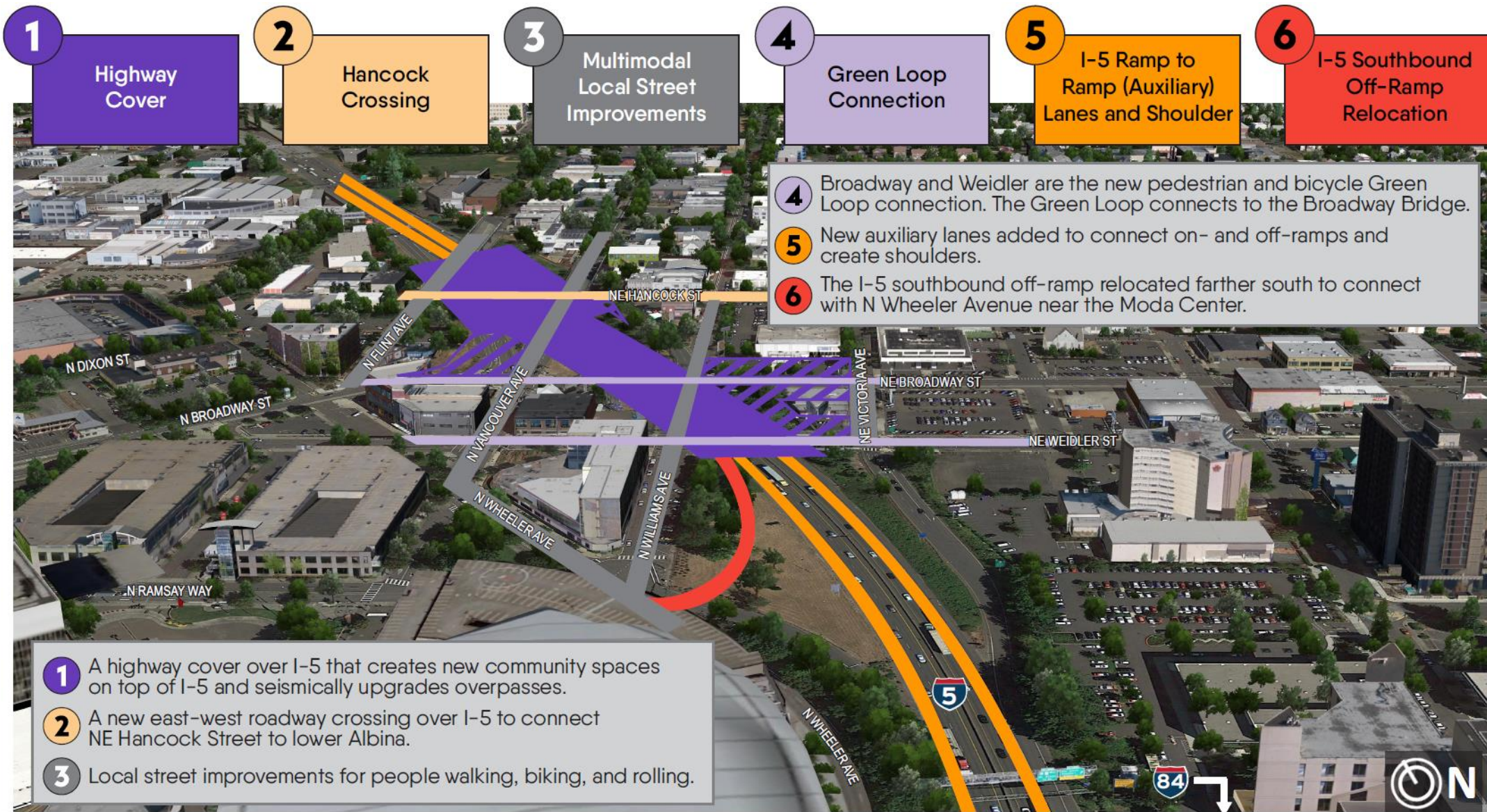
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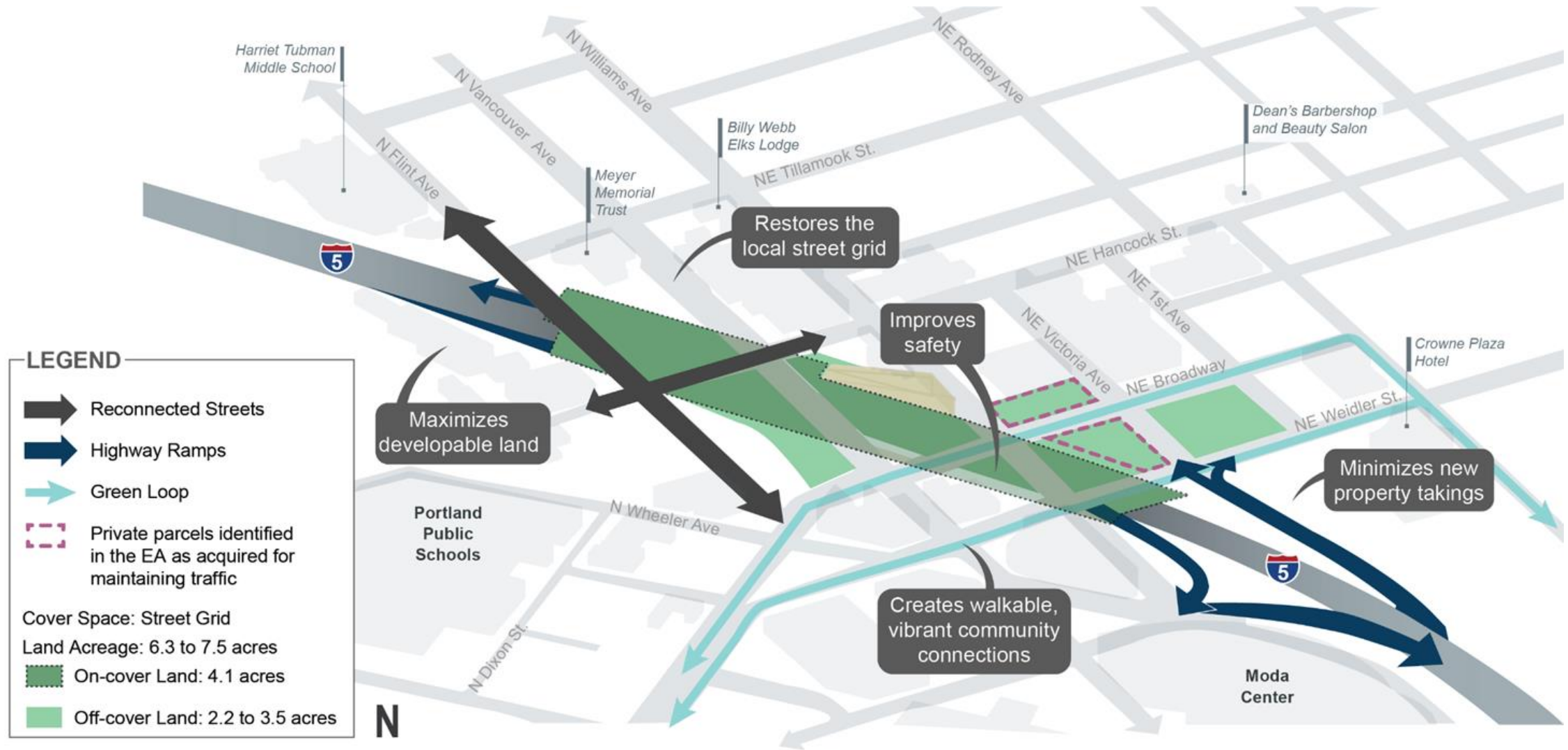




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# Proposed Hybrid 3 Concept



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## Oregon House Bill 2017

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- Oregon Legislature passed HB 2017 in 2017
- Funding towards I-5 Rose Quarter Improvement Project design and construction
- \$30 million per year starting in 2022



## Project Need

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- 12 hours of congestion each day
- Top traffic bottleneck in Oregon
- 28th worst freight bottleneck in the nation
- Highest crash rate on Oregon urban interstate
- Safety concerns on I-5 and local streets

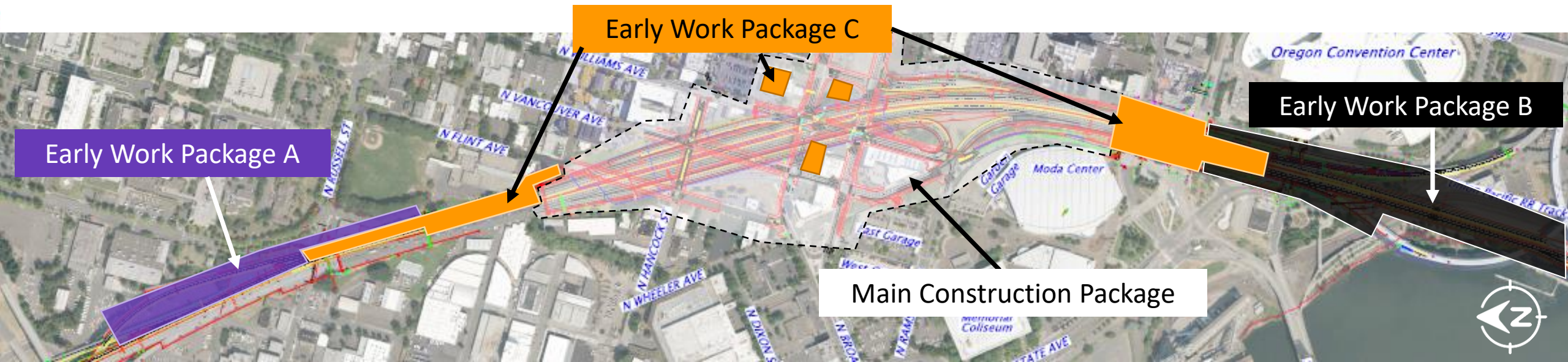



## Project Opportunities

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- Improve traffic flow and safety
- Buildable cover over I-5
- Provide jobs and workforce opportunities
- Multimodal connectivity
- Build partnerships and community trust

# Project Timeline



	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029
Proposed Hybrid 3 Concept Environmental Review									
Main Construction Package		Design				Construction			
Early Work Package A	Design			Construction					
Early Work Package B	Design			Construction					
Early Work Package C		Design		Construction					



# Environmental Assessment Updates

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- ▶ ODOT and Federal Highway Administration are conducting an updated Environmental Assessment process for the Proposed Hybrid 3 Concept.
- ▶ Updating the Environmental Assessment is an important step to advance the Proposed Hybrid 3 Concept highway cover design and is a step we anticipated.
- ▶ The project timeline is on schedule for construction to begin next year (by late 2023).

# Project Values and Benefits



# Project Values

- ▶ **Restorative Justice** for the Albina Community to accelerate social, racial and economic equity sustaining positive tangible change specifically for Portland's Black community.
- ▶ **Community Input and Transparent Decision-Making** to have community-informed and involved decision-making through a community-connected, transparent and inclusionary process.
- ▶ **Mobility Focus** to increase connectivity for the traveling public and local community.
- ▶ **Climate Action and Improved Public Health** to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and meet local, regional and statewide climate action goals.



# Project Benefits



- New **community spaces**
- **Catalyst** for future development
- Re-establish the **local street grid**
- Collaboration through **partnerships**
- Building **long-term career** prospects
- Millions of dollars in **Disadvantaged Business Enterprise opportunities**



- **Safer streets** for people walking, biking or rolling
- **Smoother traffic flow** on I-5
- Saving drivers nearly **2.5 million hours** of travel time annually
- Up to **50% reduction** in crashes
- **Emergency responders** moving through traffic more quickly
- More efficient **freight movement and supply chain connections**

# Community Influence



# Connections with Community



- ▶ Advisory Committees
- ▶ Open houses



- ▶ Neighborhood events
- ▶ Discussion groups



- ▶ Stakeholder interviews
- ▶ Canvassing

- ▶ Notifications in Black community media outlets
- ▶ Briefings to community-based organizations
- ▶ Workforce industry events



# What We've Heard

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- ▶ More community involvement and representation
- ▶ Economic development and wealth opportunities
- ▶ Concerns about ongoing displacement and gentrification
- ▶ Restorative justice and community cohesion
- ▶ Climate action and health outcomes
- ▶ Safety and mobility improvements

# Economic Diversity (DBE) Program



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## Features

- ▶ Focus on apprentice graduation
- ▶ Anti-harassment program
- ▶ Mini-CMGC and technical assistance program

## Goals

- ▶ **18 to 22%** goal range
- ▶ **20%** apprenticeship goal by trade (**15%** *for Operating Engineers*)
- ▶ **25%** minority male and **14%** female workforce
- ▶ **Over \$200 million** in opportunities



# Next Steps



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## ▶ **Early 2022**

- » Develop intergovernmental agreements and project performance measures.

## ▶ **Summer/Fall 2022**

- » Advance highway cover design, update Environmental Assessment, and conduct technical analyses.
- » Public comment period (anticipated July)

## ▶ **Late 2022/Early 2023** – Finalize early work package design

## ▶ **Late 2023** – Begin construction

# Thank You!

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