

I-205 WIDENING & SEISMIC IMPROVEMENTS

Stafford Road to OR99E



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PROJECT OVERVIEW

SUPPLYING SAFETY AND TRAVEL-TIME PREDICTABILITY TO A REGIONAL ECONOMIC ENGINE

The preliminary design phase is underway to widen Interstate 205 and improve the Abernethy Bridge. The project helps relieve congestion and improve safety by adding a third lane in each direction on the seven-mile stretch of I-205 between Stafford Road and OR 99E. It also seismically upgrades the Abernethy Bridge, which crosses the Willamette River between West Linn and Oregon City and all other I-205 bridges within the project-area limits.

PROJECT TIMELINE

**PRELIMINARY DESIGN
JULY 2017 - SEPTEMBER 2018**

The purpose of this phase is to determine how and when the project could be constructed. In February 2018, ODOT will present methods and cost to construct improvements along I-205 and discuss the potential of moving forward with this project.



FINAL DESIGN & CONSTRUCTION

Funding discussions regarding final design and construction will occur with the Oregon Legislature in the 2018 Legislative Session.

THE ISSUES

- The two-lane section of I-205 between the Abernethy Bridge and the Stafford Road interchange creates a bottleneck that causes congestion and crashes, creating delays for travelers and freight.
- Closely spaced on-ramps on I-205 northbound on the Abernethy Bridge contribute to safety and travel-time predictability issues.
- The Abernethy Bridge and eight bridge sites in the project area are seismically vulnerable in the event of a major earthquake.



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ODOT IS KICKING OFF THE I-205 WIDENING AND SEISMIC IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT!

This project addresses congestion, traveler safety, and seismic resiliency on seven miles of I-205 between Stafford Road and OR 99E. More than 100,000 vehicles use this section of I-205 each day and drivers experience 5 1/2 hours of congestion daily. This corridor is vital to our region.

629 
CRASHES IN THIS CORRIDOR 2010-2014

5 1/2 
HOURS CONGESTION PER DAY

\$5.5 MILLION 
ANNUAL COST OF INJURIES, PROPERTY DAMAGE, AND DELAY FROM CRASHES

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SEISMIC UPGRADES
 The project upgrades the **Abernethy Bridge** and the **eight other I-205 bridges** in the project area to withstand a major earthquake. I-205 is designated as a **statewide north-south lifeline route**, which means it must be operational quickly after a disaster renders other roadways unusable or impassable. This critical route will provide supplies and services to the region.

I-205 WIDENING

- The project adds a **third lane** in each direction on the seven-mile stretch of I-205 between Stafford Road and OR 99E.
- Widening I-205 requires **blasting in order to remove the rock** from the rock slope located in West Linn on the northbound side of I-205 between the Sunset Avenue overcrossing and just south of the OR 43 interchange. We will conduct additional analyses next year to determine impacts of the blasting, potential mitigations and duration of the work.

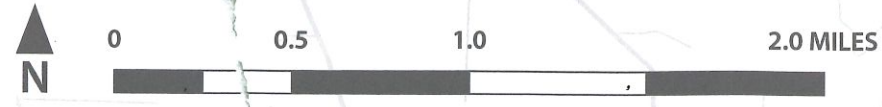
INTERCHANGE IMPROVEMENTS

In order to improve safety and travel-time predictability on I-205, the project makes changes to **on- and off-ramps and intersections around interchanges.**

- OR 43 interchange:** the project removes the current I-205 northbound on-ramp from OR 43 northbound. Northbound traffic will instead use a new left turn to access the existing on-ramp loop to I-205 northbound. Consolidating these two separate northbound access points eliminates the merging and weaving that currently occurs and reduces rear end crashes. The Broadway Street bridge overcrossing will also be removed. See inset below.
- Analysis is still underway for other intersection improvements at OR 43 and OR 99E. We will present these findings later in the design process.

BRIDGE REPLACEMENTS
 Widening I-205 requires **rebuilding West A Street and Sunset Avenue**, which cross over I-205. The Tualatin River bridges will also be rebuilt.

TRAVELER INFORMATION SIGNS
 The project includes ODOT RealTime **traffic information signs** to help travelers get to where they're going more safely and efficiently. These signs can display traffic flow information, roadway conditions and advisory speeds limits.



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