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**Concerning the ODOT-PBOT Project:
I-5 Southbound Off-Ramp at North Broadway Project.**

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Oregon Walks supports the **I-5 Southbound Off-Ramp at North Broadway Project** and asks that Final Design and Construction continue per the proposed schedule and that all elements are included, especially project elements 2 through 6.

These elements improve safety for people who walk along and cross these multi-lane city streets. Elements 2 through 6 include: (2) traffic signal replacement at N. Broadway and N. Vancouver Ave, (3) Sidewalk reconnect on the north side of N. Broadway from N. Vancouver Ave to N. Flint, (4) ADA ramps, (5) Curb extension at the southeast corner of the intersection of N. Broadway and N. Wheeler Ave, and (6) a Pedestrian Hybrid Beacon at the crosswalk to the streetcar platform. (Fact Sheet, http://www.oregon.gov/ODOT/HWY/REGION1/Documents/I5atNBroadway_Fact%20Sheet_November_2014.pdf)

Then, in the fall of 2016, anyone walking or using a wheelchair to get to the Broadway/Wheeler streetcar platform will travel with a little less fear. Today, a person walking along North Broadway from N. Vancouver Avenue to Ross Avenue has few safe crossing opportunities. Nimble, reckless, and rushed pedestrians do dash across N. Broadway at Flint, Wheeler, and to the streetcar platform. We look forward to safer, and worthwhile crossing options

If we as a city want to encourage people to walk and to use transit, this location does matter. It is a link in our pedestrian network. It patches together a walk across the Broadway Bridge to events in the Rose Quarter and the homes, jobs and shopping in the Lloyd District and North Portland.