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### Other Oregon Department of Transportation Projects in the Immediate Area:

#### I-205 Glenn Jackson Bridge Joint Replacement Project

An ODOT contractor is scheduled to begin work early next year on a project to replace 20 deck joints on the Interstate 205 Glenn Jackson Bridge. ODOT will allow the contractor to close two lanes at a time in one direction of the I-205 Glenn Jackson Bridge for a maximum of 20 weekends (10 for each direction). The weekend closures will begin at 10 p.m. on Friday and end at 5 a.m. on Monday morning. Ramps connecting I-205 to SR 14 also will be temporarily closed during some stages. Construction will be completed by October 2010. For project updates, please visit:

[www.oregon.gov/ODOT/HWY/REGION1/GlennJackson/](http://www.oregon.gov/ODOT/HWY/REGION1/GlennJackson/)



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## ODOT and the Port of Portland Select Preferred Alternative

The Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) and the Port of Portland consulted with groups representing neighborhoods, business, trucking, freight, watershed health, pedestrians and bicyclists as they narrowed the alternatives to address congestion at the Airport Way Interchange from a list of more than 50 to a single preferred alternative (see map on next page). Throughout the Alternatives Analysis phase, members of these groups and others have shared their comments as project advisory committee members, at open houses, through online surveys, in stakeholder interviews and at more than 20 project briefings. Early in the

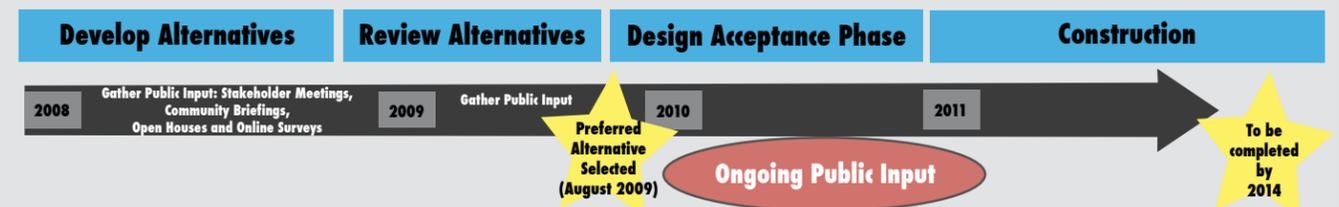
project planning phase, public input helped establish project goals, objectives and evaluation screening criteria. This last spring, as the team completed traffic modeling, public input helped refine bike and pedestrian connectivity and the proposed northbound ramp configuration.

"Community input has greatly improved the planning process, and ODOT and the Port will continue to consult with community members and groups throughout the design and construction phases of this project," said ODOT Project Manager Matt Freitag.



Stakeholder reviewing the project area at Open House #3

### Airport Way Interchange Project Schedule



Now that ODOT and the Port have selected a Preferred Alternative, they are ready to move onto the preliminary design phase of the project, referred to as the Design Acceptance Package (DAP). In this phase, project planners will engineer the Preferred Alternative to 30% design level. This will provide a clearer idea about construction costs, right of way acquisitions and bike and pedestrian access and connectivity. The DAP phase is scheduled for completion in spring 2010.

### Checking in with Community Partners

After considering public comment from a stakeholder advisory committee, stakeholder briefings and an open house, ODOT and the Port have selected a Preferred Alternative to address congestion at the Airport Way Interchange. This alternative will improve the flow of traffic on Airport Way and access to I-205 north from Airport Way.

The proposed improvement will create a new free-flowing right-turn ramp from westbound Airport Way to northbound I-205 (see "A" on map). As a result, eastbound drivers turning left to I-205 north at the intersection (see "B" on map) will have two turn lanes and no longer have to share signal time with westbound to northbound right turning vehicles. This will reduce the traffic queue from right-turning traffic that regularly blocks left-turning vehicles from entering the northbound ramp.

Before entering I-205, the new ramp will merge with the existing ramp carrying traffic from the eastbound to northbound left turn (see "C" on map). During periods of heavy traffic, these ramps will be controlled by meter signals located just south of the point where the two ramps come together. During metered operation, electronic signs will advise drivers on the left-turn ramp to form two lanes at the ramp meter. So as not to negatively affect traffic flow on I-205, the meters will let one vehicle at a time proceed from the two ramps, forming one lane of traffic that is then added to I-205 at the south end of the Glenn Jackson Bridge.

This fall, ODOT and the Port of Portland will begin the final design phase of the project to be completed by summer 2011. Construction could begin as early as the end of 2011.



### To learn more about this project :

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### Bike & Pedestrian Connectivity

ODOT and the Port have been consulting with the City of Portland as well as bicycle and pedestrian advocates to improve trail and bike access in the Airport Way Interchange area as part of the planning process. In particular, they are discussing ways to improve connectivity from the northeast quadrant of the Airport Way Interchange to the multi-use paths along I-205 and Marine Drive to the north. ODOT and the Port will continue to address this issue during the preliminary design phase.