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Public Meeting June 9 to explain project improving 1st Avenue in Hillsboro

Thursday, June 9, 2005, at 7 p.m. in Room C113 of the Hillsboro Civic Center, 150 E. Main Street, Hillsboro, the Oregon Department of Transportation and the city of Hillsboro will hold a public meeting to explain details of an improvement project beginning in June along 1st Avenue (Oregon 219) between Oak Street (Oregon 8) and Maple Street in downtown Hillsboro.

Project Details

- ◆ Adding a traffic signal on 1st Avenue at Walnut Street, with a dedicated left-turn lane and signal for motorists turning onto Walnut Street. 1st Avenue will be widened to accommodate the left turn lane
- ◆ Removing one railroad track crossing and rebuilding the remaining four crossings with concrete panels south of Walnut Street. Replacing the existing asphalt panels with concrete panels should help improve the crossing surface. The northern railroad signals and crossing arms will be replaced
- ◆ Replacing the sidewalks between Walnut Street and the railroad tracks
- ◆ Paving and restriping 1st Avenue in the project area

Project Traffic Impacts

- ◆ Work hours will be Monday through Friday, 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. with any lane closures confined to between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m.
- ◆ Local and business access will be maintained
- ◆ Construction should be complete by December 2005

- ◆ Throughout the summer, lane closures will occur intermittently on 1st Avenue between Oak and Maple Street with flaggers controlling traffic
- ◆ Temporary sidewalk closures on 1st Avenue will require pedestrians to be detoured across the street to the opposite sidewalk
- ◆ Oak Street and Walnut Street will have occasional traffic impacts
- ◆ Railroad reconstruction work will take place over three separate weekends in August and September and will require **closure of 1st Avenue between Walnut Street and Maple Street to through traffic**. A signed detour for through traffic will be in place during these three weekend closures, **local and business access will be maintained**
- ◆ While removing some contaminated soil near the railroad tracks, utility workers are required to wear protective clothing. The contaminated soil will be contained, tested and disposed of properly. There is no danger to the public

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