

OR 126 at 52nd and Main Streets: Help identify solutions to traffic & safety problems

Project Overview

OR 126, which is 40 years old, is not designed to safely and efficiently support the people and goods that need to travel through and within the growing Springfield area. The Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT), the City of Springfield and Lane County are working together to prepare an Expressway Management Plan for OR 126 between I-5 and Main Street to solve these problems.

Over the past three years, the project team has worked to understand the problems on the highway and develop design concepts to improve the intersections at 52nd and Main Streets. In 2007, the project's Ad Hoc Steering Committee selected several interchange and intersection concepts to advance for more detailed design work.

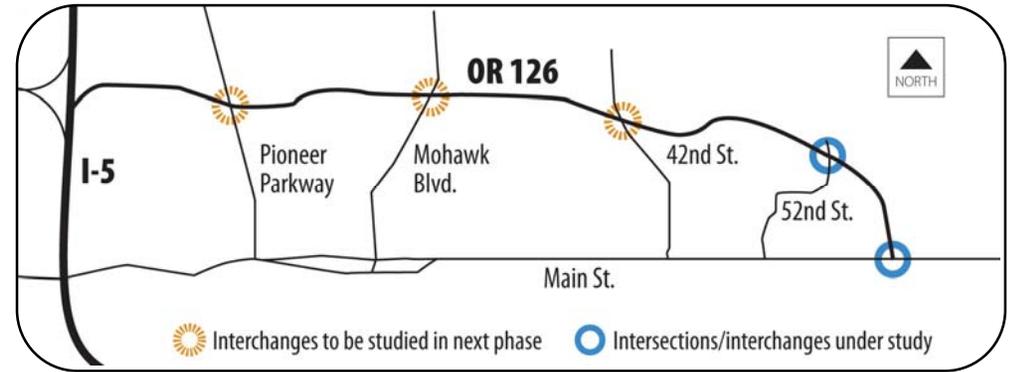
Get Involved

Attend an open house
Wednesday, March 18, 2009
5:00 to 7:00 p.m.
Thurston High School Library
(333 58th Street, Springfield)

Drop in any time. Children are welcome to attend.

- Learn more about the project details and schedule.
- Review previous work done for this project.
- View and comment on the five recommended design concepts (at 52nd Street and Main Street).

During this phase of the project (Phase 3) the project team will refine and select preferred designs for improvements at 52nd Street and Main Street, including potential changes to driveway access in the area. A subsequent project phase will complete similar work for the Pioneer Parkway, Mohawk Boulevard, and 42nd Street interchanges. Because funding for improvements over a long stretch of a highway is rarely available at one time, the completed Expressway Management Plan will serve as a blueprint for improvements that will be implemented as funding is available.



Concepts

In 2007, the following concepts were suggested for more study based on traffic operations, safety, and impacts to community, businesses and the environment.

At 52nd Street, these include:

- 2 concepts - keep a signalized intersection (traffic light), but add additional turn lanes
- 2 concepts - replace signal with a grade-separated interchange that has on- and off-ramps

At Main Street, these include:

- 1 concept - keep a signalized intersection, but add additional turn lanes
- 3 concepts - replace signal with a grade-separated interchange that has on- and off-ramps
- 2 concepts - keep signal at this location, but provide an exit for southbound left turns from OR 126 to Main Street and a bridge over Main for north-south traffic

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If you would like more information about the project or if you would like to have your name added to the project mailing list, please contact:

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Learn more about the project at: www.oregon.gov/ODOT/HWY/REGION2/OR126EMP

The open houses will feature opportunities to discuss the project with the project management team and:

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The Expressway Management Plan will identify needed improvements on OR 126 and strategies – such as access management - to ensure that public investments in the highway are protected over time. The project is expected to be completed in 2010.

The meeting location is accessible to persons with disabilities. A request for an interpreter or for accommodations for persons with disabilities should be made at least 48 hours before the meeting to Savannah Crawford at (541) 747-1354.

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