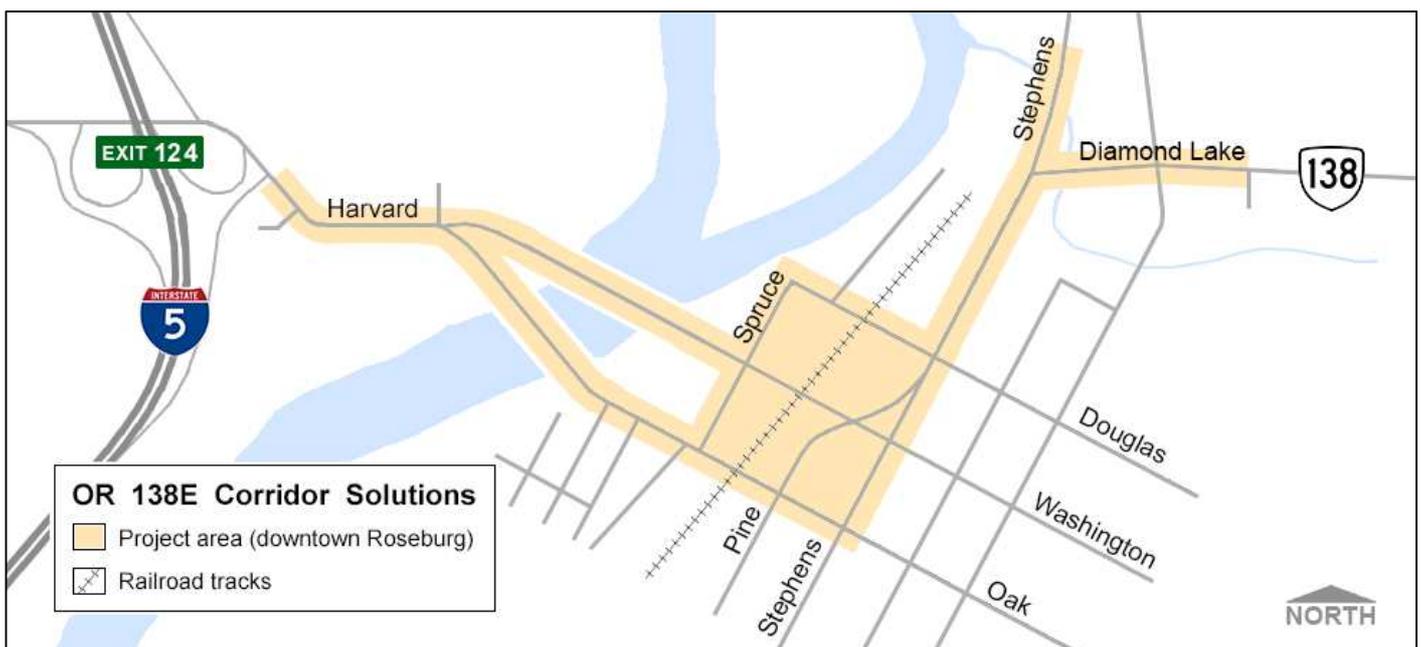


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Welcome!

The *OR 138E Corridor Solutions* project promotes economic development and community livability, improves safety and the flow of traffic through downtown Roseburg, and adds features that benefit tourists, bicyclists, pedestrians and the disabled.



- **Location:** Downtown Roseburg
- **Construction Budget:** \$10.8 million (estimate)
- **Bid let date:** May 21, 2015
- **Construction schedule:** July 2015 to September 2016

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What is the problem?

The OR 138E corridor is one of the main routes through downtown Roseburg, and it experiences frequent congestion. Freight movement is impacted by tight turning radii. A high number of crashes occur along the corridor. Gaps in the bicycle and pedestrian facilities make alternate modes of travel difficult and unsafe.



What is the solution?

In addition to helping freight and vehicle traffic move efficiently from Interstate 5 through the downtown area, this project will improve safety within the project limits, add capacity to encourage growth, and improve bike/ped facilities by adding features for alternate modes of travel.

What happened to the plan for a new bridge?

A few years ago, ODOT looked at several options to improve safety and the flow traffic between Diamond Lake Boulevard and I-5. One idea that captured the public imagination was an enormous bridge that would span the Umpqua River, directly connecting Diamond Lake Boulevard with Harvard Avenue.

There was just one problem. It would have cost \$70 million.

Since ODOT only had about \$10 million in funding, we began looking at smaller and more cost-effective ways to improve safety and the flow of traffic.

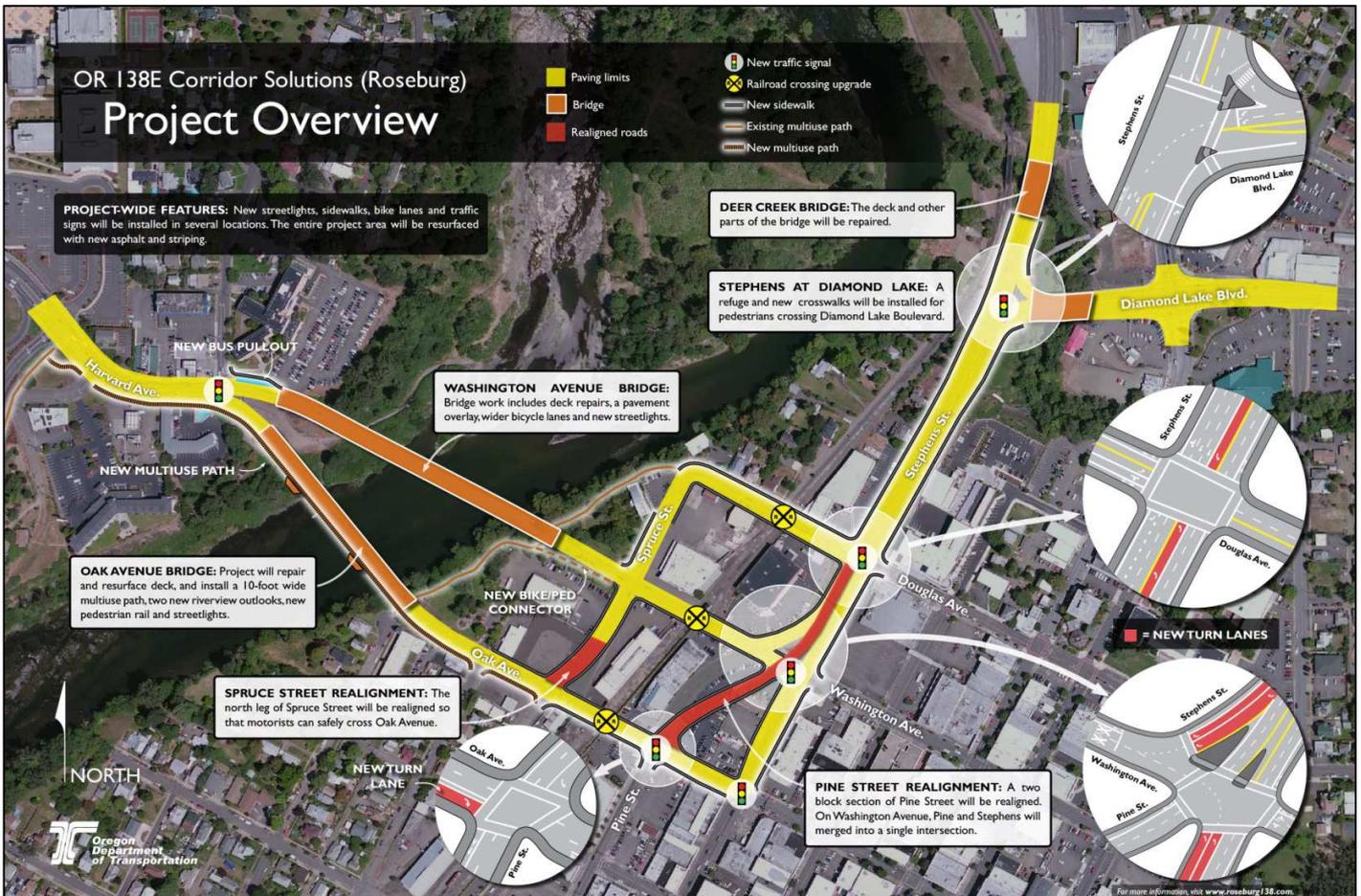


Although we won't be building a new bridge, this project contains several improvements that will make it easier and safer to travel through downtown Roseburg.

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Main project elements



The main goal of this project is to make it easier and safer to travel through downtown Roseburg.

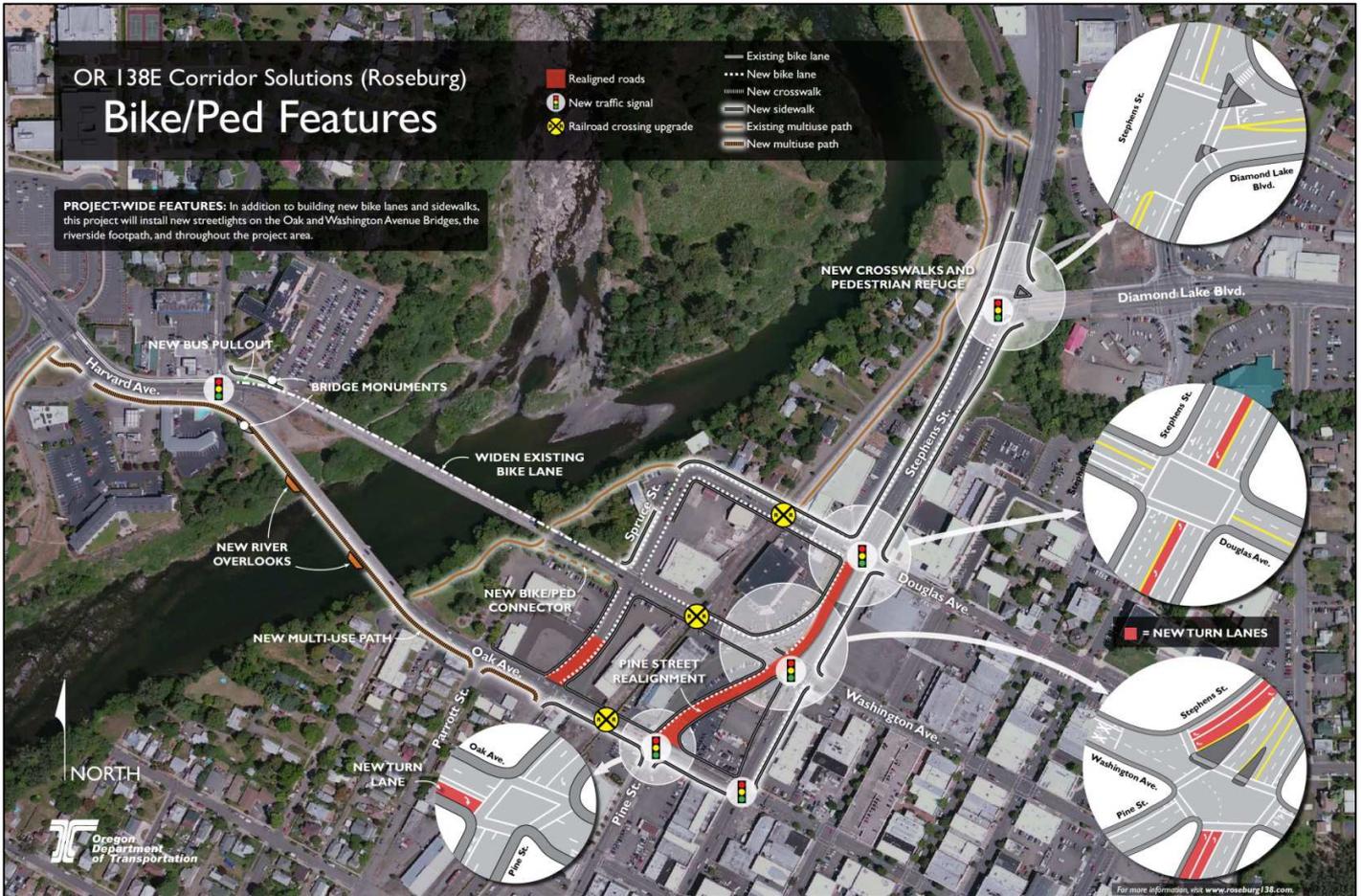
What will this project do?

- **Pine Street:** Realign two blocks of Pine Street and consolidate the north end of the downtown couplet, where Pine and Stephens meet Washington, into a single intersection;
- **Spruce Street:** Realign Spruce Street at the Oak Avenue intersection;
- **Travel lanes:** Reconfigure the travel lanes on Stephens and Oak so motorists don't have to make as many lane changes;
- **Adjusting corners:** Improve the turning radius at the Pine and Stephens intersections with Douglas, Washington and Oak;
- **Turn lanes:** Construct new or additional turn lanes at several locations;
- **Traffic signals:** Upgrade six signals and add camera sensors;
- **Signage:** Replace old traffic signs and add overhead directional signs throughout the project limits;
- **Bus stop:** Create a bus turnout at the west end of the Washington Avenue Bridge;
- **Paving:** Resurface three bridges, repair drainage, fix potholes and repave the entire corridor.

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Additional features



This project has several features that make it easier to travel around Roseburg on foot, bicycle or by wheelchair. There are also several “enhance” features aimed at making Roseburg a more enjoyable place for tourists to visit and for locals to rediscover.

Improvements for bicyclists and pedestrians

- **Multiuse path:** A 10-foot wide multiuse path will be built along Harvard and Oak Avenue, connecting the Fairgrounds path with downtown Roseburg.
- **Oak Avenue Bridge:** The existing walkway on the Oak Avenue Bridge will be widened to 10 feet. It will include two riverview overlooks, decorative rail, streetlights and monuments.
- **Bike lanes:** New bike lanes will be installed in several areas, and some will be widened.
- **Railroad crossings:** Upgrades will make it easier for bicyclists, pedestrians and wheelchair users to get across the tracks.
- **Streetlights:** To improve safety, new lighting will be provided throughout the project area and along Riverside Park.
- **Sidewalks:** Old and damaged sidewalks and ADA ramps will be replaced, and new sidewalks added in several areas.
- **Crosswalks:** The Stephens crosswalk at Diamond Lake Blvd. will be adjusted to make it easier for pedestrians to cross.

Crash reduction features

Red-light runners: Most crashes downtown involve drivers running red lights. This project includes several features that address this problem.

- At the new Pine/Stephens intersection at Washington, the traffic signals will be better positioned for drivers to see them.
- Some drivers and motorcycle riders run red lights when the signal appears to be stuck on red. The new signals will use camera detection, which tends to be more reliable than pavement sensors.
- Some signals will be equipped with “tattle-tale” beacons (*see photo*), which help police officers identify red-light runners.



Sideswipe crashes: Many crashes occur when drivers abruptly change lanes. This project will reconfigure the striping on Stephens and Oak to help reduce the need to change lanes. Along with overhead directional signage, these efforts are expected to help reduce the number of sideswipe crashes.

How will construction affect me?

Traffic impacts: Motorists should expect frequent single-lane closures (both day and night), which may cause congestion and delays at peak travel times.

No daytime detours: All roads will be at least partly open during daylight hours and no detours are planned.

Nighttime detours: Some work may be scheduled at night. If any night detours are necessary, the public will be notified in advance.

Alternate routes: To avoid congestion and delays, motorists are advised to use alternate routes and avoid peak traffic times.

Pedestrians: Some sidewalks will be closed for replacement, but one side of the street will usually be passable.

Bicyclists: Construction may impact bike lanes. Bicyclists are encouraged to use alternate routes and side roads.

Noise: Downtown residents and businesses should expect daytime and nighttime noise consistent with road work.

How can I stay informed?

The best way to avoid delays is to find out what's going on and plan ahead. Here are a few options for getting the latest information.

- **Project website:** Visit www.roseburg138.com for project updates.
- **Email updates:** Sign up for e-mail updates at www.roseburg138.com.
- **TripCheck:** Learn about road conditions throughout Oregon by visiting www.tripcheck.com or dialing 511.
- **Social media:** You can follow us on Twitter and Facebook [@OregonDOT](https://twitter.com/OregonDOT).
- **Local news media:** ODOT will send news releases and updates to the Roseburg media (newspaper, radio, TV).
- **Smartphone apps:** Although ODOT doesn't endorse any product, several apps provide real-time traffic information.
- **Give us a call:** Got a problem or question? Call 541-957-3601.



You can find all of these suggestions at www.roseburg138.com.

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Downtown Roseburg is open for business

Road construction can be hard on a community, especially local business owners.

ODOT and the City of Roseburg want to remind you that the downtown area will be open for business during construction.

When traveling downtown, you will still be able to get to wherever you want to go, but it may take a few extra minutes.



Please support your neighbors and your local downtown merchants.

*Thank you for visiting our Open House
for the OR 138E Corridor Solutions project*