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Newberg-Dundee

BYPASS PROJECT

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The Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT), working closely with the local communities, is proposing to build the Newberg Dundee Bypass, an 11-mile, four-lane, access-controlled expressway around the cities of Newberg and Dundee. The purpose of the Bypass is to:

- Reduce congestion on Oregon 99W through Newberg and Dundee by redirecting traffic to the Bypass.
- Improve downtown livability in Newberg and Dundee, and the overall flow of traffic through this area.

State Agency Coordination Rule Notice

Oregon's State Agency Coordination Rule (OAR 731-051-0075) requires coordination between state and local government agencies to ensure large transportation projects comply with statewide planning goals and are compatible with local comprehensive plans. On March 7, 2012, ODOT issued the Phase 1 recommendation document, describing how Phase 1 of the Newberg Dundee Bypass project is in compliance with the Coordination Rule, including findings detailing

coordination activities that have occurred so far and those that must be completed prior to construction of the Bypass. ODOT has posted the recommendation document on the project website (www.NewbergDundee.org). The determination that ODOT complied with coordination responsibilities under the Coordination Rule is a final land use decision and is subject to review before the Land Use Board of Appeals consistent with ORS 197.830.

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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

Tier 2 Final Environmental Impact Statement to be Published

The Tier 2 Final Environmental Impact Statement (Tier 2 FEIS) for the Newberg Dundee Bypass project has been drafted and will be published after final approval by the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and ODOT. The Tier 2 FEIS is one of the last steps in the project's planning phase required by the National Environmental Policy Act.

The Tier 2 FEIS describes the Bypass project's positive and negative effects to the community and environment, including an analysis of the impacts of the full Bypass project (known as the Preferred Alternative) and the impacts of the project's first phase (*see Preferred Alternative and Phase 1 Improvements, on page 2*). Information on how to receive a copy of the FEIS will be posted on the project website prior to its publication (www.NewbergDundee.org).

After a 30-day waiting period following release of the Tier 2 FEIS, FHWA will publish a Record of Decision. The Record of Decision is the formal decision document that will select the Tier 2 FEIS Preferred Alternative and list required mitigation measures to reduce the project's environmental impacts. Following release of the Record of Decision, ODOT will complete more detailed engineering design, implement a finance plan, complete right of way acquisition, and begin Phase 1 construction of the Newberg Dundee Bypass. Phase 1 of the Bypass project is scheduled to begin construction in 2014 and to be completed by 2016.

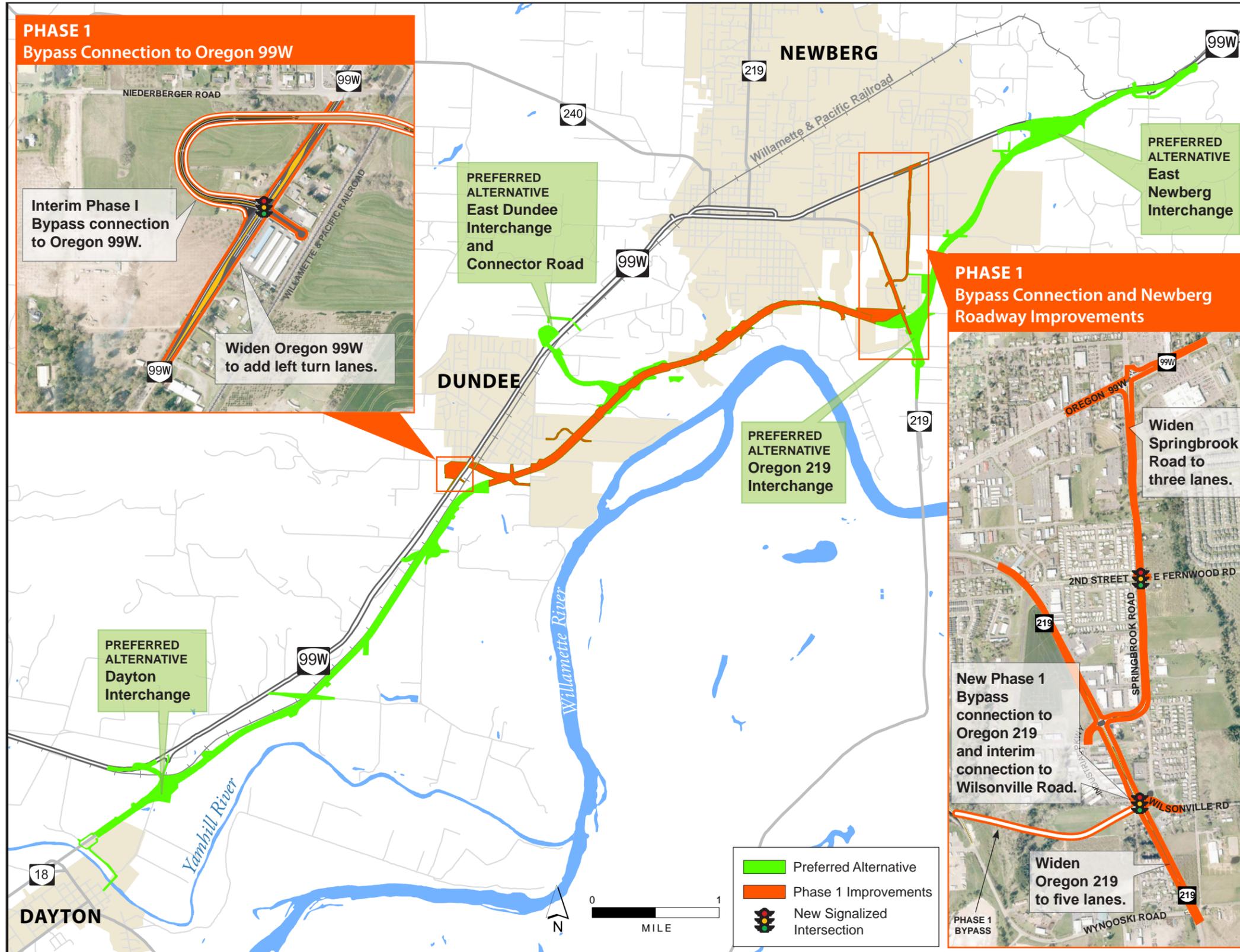
LOCAL LAND USE AMENDMENTS TO MOVE FORWARD IN 2012

In 2011, Yamhill County and the cities of Newberg, Dundee, and Dayton adopted a series of local land use approvals related to the Bypass project. These actions addressed local road relocations that will accommodate the Bypass and adjusted the Bypass Corridor right of way footprint to reflect changes in the project design.

In the spring of 2012, ODOT will prepare two additional local land use amendment requests to support the Phase 1 interim Bypass connection to Oregon 99W, south of Dundee. ODOT will request a Yamhill County goal exception to allow the interim connection to be built on land zoned for exclusive farm use and will request the City of Dundee include this connection in their Transportation System Plan (TSP). ODOT will also request an amendment to the City of Newberg TSP for the connection of Wilsonville Road to Oregon 219.

Although needed for Phase 1 of the Bypass project, these two connections are considered interim because they will be removed when later phases of the project extend the Bypass to Oregon 18 in Dayton and to Oregon 99W in Newberg.

ODOT's Preferred Alternative with Phase 1



Preferred Alternative and Phase 1 Improvements

The Bypass project Preferred Alternative is an 11-mile, four-lane, access-controlled expressway around the cities of Newberg and Dundee. The Preferred Alternative includes four interchanges to provide access to and from the Bypass – one at each end of the Bypass and two more serving Dundee and Newberg (*see map*). The project will reduce congestion on Oregon 99W through Newberg and Dundee, while making the downtown areas of Newberg and Dundee safer and more enjoyable places for pedestrians.

The Bypass project will be built in phases. In 2009, the Oregon Legislature passed the Oregon Jobs and Transportation Act (JTA), which provided \$192 million for the Newberg Dundee Bypass Project. Although not enough to complete the entire Preferred Alternative, the JTA is a significant source of funding toward construction of Phase 1 of the project. Phase 1 of the Bypass is a two-lane, access-controlled expressway extending from Oregon 219 in Newberg and connecting to Oregon 99W just south of the City of Dundee (*see map*).

ODOT held open houses in Dundee and Newberg in September of 2011, to present Phase 1 roadway design information and receive feedback from the community. Over 200 people attended the events, where they could ask detailed questions about both the Bypass design as well as Phase 1 improvements to existing roadways in Newberg and to Oregon 99W south of Dundee. Feedback was generally positive, with most expressing a desire to see the project quickly move forward to construction.

Once the Record of Decision is published, the planning phase of the Bypass project will be complete (*see Tier 2 Final Environmental Impact Statement to be Published, page 1*). Phase 1 of the project is scheduled to begin construction in 2014 and be completed by 2016. Additional phases of the Bypass project will be constructed as funding becomes available.

PROPERTY ACQUISITION CONTINUES

As of the end of 2011, ODOT had acquired over 40 properties needed for completion of the Bypass project, with additional property acquisitions expected to occur over the next couple of years. If you have questions regarding property acquisition or whether your property is completely or mostly inside the project area, please contact David Thiessen, ODOT Senior Right of Way Agent, at 503-986-2618. Mr. Thiessen can provide information on the right-of-way acquisition process, including the rights and benefits provided to businesses, homeowners, and tenants impacted by property acquisition.