



## What is the problem?

The Purpose and Need Statement, developed by the community Task Force and Oversight Team, defines the problems that the project is expected to address.

### Purpose

The proposed action would improve mobility and safety for people and freight for local, regional, and through travel across the Willamette River in the Salem-Keizer metropolitan area while alleviating congestion on the Marion and Center Street bridges and on the connecting highway and arterial street systems.

### Need Statements

- ◆ Improve existing and future mobility and safety of passenger vehicles
- ◆ Improve existing and future mobility and safety of freight vehicles
- ◆ Improve existing and future reliability of public transportation
- ◆ Improve existing and future mobility and safety of pedestrians and bicyclists
- ◆ Minimize traffic disruptions and enable emergency vehicle response in case of restricted access to and/or closure of the existing bridges because of an emergency or other incident
- ◆ Develop a financial strategy for implementation

## What are the concepts to fix the problems?

The community Task Force and project management team has started thinking about crossing locations, connections to existing roads, bicycle and pedestrian improvements, and transit, as well as demand and system management strategies. Like a jigsaw puzzle, these pieces need to fit together to solve the problems outlined in the Purpose and Need Statement.

Preliminary concepts will be presented at the June 26 and 27, 2007 open houses and online. We want to get all of the ideas on the table. Tell us what you think is missing!

## How do I get involved?

- ◆ Visit the Web site: [www.salemrivercrossing.org](http://www.salemrivercrossing.org). Check for a current on-line survey.
- ◆ Call the project phone line: (503) 763-6318.
- ◆ Send comments and questions to the Project Managers: **Dan Fricke** (ODOT Region 2/455 Airport Road SE, Building B/Salem, OR 97301-5395) or **Julie Warncke** (City of Salem/555 Liberty Street SE, Room 325/Salem, OR 97301-3503).
- ◆ Attend an **open house, community Task Force, or Oversight Team meeting**. More information available on the project Web site.
- ◆ **Request a speaker** for your community group or organization. We would be happy to talk about the project, just call the project phone line or send a comment on the Web site.