



Oregon Department of Transportation

NEWS RELEASE

Northwestern Oregon: Region 2

Clatsop, Tillamook, Yamhill, Polk, Marion, Linn, Lincoln, Benton and Lane Counties

November 5, 2007

For More Information: Adam Torgerson,
503-986-2880

ODOT, City of Salem to hold open houses on Salem River Crossing Project

SALEM—The public is invited to two open houses hosted by ODOT and the City of Salem to see the preliminary alternatives for a new vehicular bridge across the Willamette River in Salem, learn how the alternatives perform against the project goals and objectives, and help choose a small number of new bridge alternatives to study in more detail.

- Thursday, November 8, 5:00 – 8:00 p.m., Highland Elementary School gymnasium, 530 Highland Ave. NE, Salem. Presentations at 5:30 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.
- Wednesday, November 14, 5:00 – 8:00 p.m., Roth's Hospitality Center, Oregon Room, 425 Glen Creek Road NW, Salem. Presentations at 5:30 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.

The same information will be presented on both days and presentations will be made at each of the open houses at 5:30 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. Project managers and Task Force members will be available throughout the evenings to discuss the project, answer questions and receive comments.

The Salem River Crossing Project is being conducted by the City of Salem and ODOT to develop solutions for crossing the Willamette River in the Salem-Keizer metropolitan area that meet transportation needs, are compatible with the built and natural environments and have broad community and regional support. The project will build on results of previous studies and will include development of an environmental impact statement (EIS) and a funding strategy to move any identified solutions toward implementation.

The task force of 22 citizens was appointed by the City of Salem and ODOT to help develop recommendations for river crossing solutions. Members of the task force include leaders of neighborhood and civic groups on both sides of the river, public agency staff and representatives of interest groups with a stake in the project.

For more information on Salem River Crossing, please visit the project website at www.salemrivercrossing.org.

ODOT