# **I-205 IMPROVEMENTS**

Stafford Road to OR 213



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## **WORKFORCE AND BUSINESS OPPORTUNITIES**

The I-205 Improvements project will improve our economy by providing Oregonians safer, more reliable travel to access work and critical services, even after an earthquake or other major disaster. We are taking a phased approach to building the project. Construction of Phase 1A is scheduled to begin in spring 2022. The construction cost estimate is \$375 million, including ODOT costs.



#### **OUR COMMITMENT**

We are committed to working with our industry and tribal partners and encouraging disadvantaged business enterprises (DBEs) to participate in the project through Office of Civil Rights programs and project outreach.

#### The project is:

- Implementing numerous strategies to position DBEs for success and build an **apprenticeship to journeyman pipeline** for local, women and minority workers on the I-205 Improvements Project
- Hosting "Meet the Primes" matchmaking DBE events

- Asking the project contractor to provide small business capacity strengthening, technical assistance and performance metrics to further DBE program goals
- Applying to FHWA's Enhancing Workforce Development Opportunities Contracting Initiative, a pilot program
  that allows for local hiring preference among select zip codes in the larger metropolitan area. The goal of the
  program is to promote equitable jobs and workforce development, particularly for economically or socially
  disadvantaged workers. If approved we will work closely with Federal Highway Administration, Bureau of Labor
  and Industries, and community workforce organizations to leverage any and all opportunities to advance equity
  hiring goals as part of this project.

#### PROJECT DIVERSITY PROGRAMS + OPPORTUNITIES

• Potential DBE Opportunities: We have identified over 100 potential DBE and small business construction opportunities as part of the project. These opportunities cover a wide range of construction, such as concrete, electrical, and vegetation. All COBID-certified DBEs are encouraged to review the list and see which may apply to your firm's specialty and attend a Meet the Primes networking event!

- **DBE Participation:** This project will set a firm DBE goal in fall 2021.
- Tribal Employment Rights Ordinance (TERO):
   The Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde will set the project's TERO goal in fall 2021.
- Workforce: We are supporting workforce development initiatives in order to employ a diverse, skilled workforce through our On-the-Job Training/Apprenticeship program and a partnership with BOLI.



#### ATTEND A MEET THE PRIMES EVENT THIS SUMMER AND FALL

We are hosting a networking session for DBEs and workforce providers to meet prime contractors, hear about upcoming ODOT construction opportunities, and the project. Check for dates, times and a registration link on the Workforce and Business Opportunities page at www.i205corridor.org.

### FOR MORE INFORMATION

Workforce and Business Opportunities: www.i205Corridor.org

For other DBE information, visit:

www.oregon.gov/ODOT/Business/OCR/Pages/Disadvantaged-Business-Enterprise.aspx

Interested contractors can contact Allen Hendy, ODOT Project Manager, with questions or for more information:

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