



### SPOTLIGHT: I-205 ABERNETHY BRIDGE UPGRADES

View from the improved Abernethy Bridge, widened to include the additional third travel lane and auxiliary lane.

The project upgrades the Abernethy Bridge to withstand a major earthquake, shown here with new strengthened columns.



# I-205 IMPROVEMENTS

## Stafford Road to OR 213



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### IMPROVING OUR ECONOMY BY PROVIDING OREGONIANS SAFER, MORE RELIABLE ACCESS TO WORK AND CRITICAL SERVICES, EVEN AFTER AN EARTHQUAKE OR OTHER MAJOR DISASTER.

Over 100,000 vehicles a day use the seven mile stretch of I-205 from Stafford Road in West Linn to OR 213 in Oregon City. This bottleneck is the last two-lane section of I-205 and drivers experience nearly seven hours of traffic backups and congestion each day.

The Oregon Department of Transportation is addressing these issues as part of the I-205 Improvements Project. It's part of a regional effort to comprehensively reduce congestion and crashes, while also making travel times shorter and more predictable. Project improvements will also allow I-205 to remain open and passable following a major earthquake.

#### PROJECT BENEFITS

- **Reduced Congestion and Travel Times.** Widening I-205 will make travel faster and more predictable, reducing daily congestion by 4.75 hours.
- **Fewer Crashes.** Improved interchanges and on-and off-ramps will make travel safer, resulting in fewer crashes.
- **Earthquake-Ready Bridges.** The Abernethy Bridge and eight other I-205 bridges will be upgraded or replaced to withstand a major earthquake, supporting this critical lifeline route in providing supplies and services to the region after a disaster.

#### CONSTRUCTION BEGINS IN 2022

During construction, existing travel lanes on I-205 will be maintained during daytime hours. There will be nighttime and weekend travel impacts, including closures and detours. You can stay informed about the project and traffic impacts by email, available once construction begins.

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Looking south at I-205 Abernethy Bridge. The project is part of a regional plan to support a healthy Oregon economy by comprehensively improving traveler safety and congestion.



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## EARTHQUAKE-READY BRIDGE REPLACEMENTS

Adding a third lane on I-205 requires rebuilding West A Street and Sunset Avenue structures that cross over I-205. These bridges, along with the Tualatin River, Borland Road and Woodbine Road bridges, will all be rebuilt to withstand a major earthquake.

## TRAVELER INFORMATION SIGNS (INSTALLED)

Five traveler information signs were installed in the project area in 2020 to help travelers get where they're going more safely and efficiently. These signs display traffic flow information, roadway conditions and advisory speed limits.

## TRAVELER INFORMATION SIGNS (PLANNED)

Two additional traveler information signs are planned to help travelers get where they're going more safely and efficiently.

## EARTHQUAKE-READY BRIDGE UPGRADES

The project will upgrade the Abernethy, Main Street, 10th Street and Blankenship Road Bridges to withstand a major earthquake. Once complete, the Abernethy Bridge will be the first earthquake-ready interstate structure across the Willamette River, making I-205 the regional north-south lifeline route after a disaster.

## ADDITION OF A THIRD LANE

- The project will add the missing third lane in each direction on the seven-mile stretch of I-205 between Stafford Road and OR 99E and add a northbound auxiliary "entrance-to-exit" lane between OR 99E and OR 213.
- Widening I-205 requires removing part of the rock slope on the northbound side of I-205 between the Sunset Avenue overcrossing and the OR 43 interchange.

## INTERCHANGE IMPROVEMENTS

To improve safety and travel-time predictability the project will:

- Remove the current I-205 northbound on-ramp from OR 43. Travelers will instead use a roundabout to access I-205 northbound. The roundabout will reduce crashes and conflicts with movements to and from OR 43.
- Remove the Broadway Street overcrossing.
- Realign or widen OR 99E on-and-off ramps.

## SOUND WALLS

Sound walls are planned at two locations near Blankenship Road and one location near the southbound lanes of I-205 at exit 9, as determined by a vote among eligible residents and property owners.



### PHASE 1: 10TH STREET TO OR 213

- Design complete: End of 2021
- Construction (anticipated): 2022

### PHASE 2: STAFFORD ROAD TO 10TH STREET

- Design complete: 2025
- Construction (anticipated): 2025