

COTTAGE GROVE CITY COUNCIL  
MEETING MINUTES  
MAY 23, 2022

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Jeff Gowing called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm in the Council Chambers at City Hall.

**ROLL CALL**

City Recorder Mindy Roberts called the roll. The following were

PRESENT IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS: Mayor Gowing, Councilors Candace Solesbee, Mike Fleck, Jon Stinnett, and Greg Ervin.

PRESENT VIA GOTOMEETING: Councilor Chalice Savage

COUNCIL ABSENT: Councilor Kenneth Michael Roberts

YOUTH REPRESENTATIVE: Kadence Solesbee

STAFF PRESENT IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS: City Manager Richard Meyers, Assistant to the City Manager Jake Boone, City Recorder Mindy Roberts, Public Works & Development Director Faye Stewart and Police Chief Scott Shepherd

STAFF PRESENT VIA GOTOMEETING: None

CITY ATTORNEY: Ross Williamson

MEDIA PRESENT: Damien Sherwood, The Sentinel, Ryleigh Norgrove, The Chronicle and Cameron Reiten, KNND Radio

**ITEMS TO BE ADDED TO THE AGENDA**

None

**APPEARANCE OF INTERESTED CITIZENS FOR ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA**

Johanna Zee 1386 Cottonwood Place, Cottage Grove Oregon expressed concern about the integrity of the upcoming election and the security and visibility of the drop-off ballot box. She also cautioned Council against declaring a climate crisis and asked them to take each situation as it comes up.

Amy Merryday 205 Adams, Cottage Grove Oregon expressed disappointment that the Budget Committee did not appropriate money to support the homeless youth.

Ona Secord 117 Quincy Ave., Cottage Grove Oregon expressed concern about the lack of cleanliness and drug use in Coiner and Bohemia Park.

**PUBLIC HEARINGS**

None

**CONSENT AGENDA**

- (a) Approval of April 25, 2022 City Council Minutes
- (b) Approval of May 6, 2022 Agenda Session Minutes
- (c) Approval of May 9, 2022 City Council Minutes
- (d) Approval of OLCC Liquor License Annual Renewals

**IT WAS MOVED BY COUNCILOR FLECK AND SECONDED BY COUNCILOR ERVIN TO APPROVED THE CONSENT AGENDA.**

The vote on the motion was as follows:

VOTE	Councilor Roberts	Councilor Stinnett	Councilor Savage	Councilor Fleck	Councilor Solesbee	Councilor Ervin	Mayor Gowing
AYES		X	X	X	X	X	X
NAYS							
ABSTAIN							

**RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES**

None

## BUSINESS FROM THE CITY COUNCIL

(a) Council Update from the Oregon Department of Transportation on the Urban Upgrades Project

Public Works and Development Director Faye Stewart introduced Pat Woodhurst Assistant Resident Engineer Area 5 with the Oregon Department of Transportation. Pat Woodhurst gave a brief PowerPoint presentation regarding the upcoming project on Hwy 99 between the Woodson Bridge and the Cottage Grove Connector overpass. The PowerPoint outlined the location of the project, scope of work and stages of the work schedule. Pat Woodhurst also introduced Joel Zeni the Oregon Division Manager with Suulutaaq, Inc. the Prime Contractor for the project.

An audience member asked if she could have a copy of the presentation.

Mayor Gowing told her that it will be available with the minutes and reminded her that Public comment is not taken during a presentation.

Councilor Fleck said it looks like access to the businesses has been addressed and asked what happens if a business comes forward with issues.

Pat Woodhurst said that is an important aspect, they can address it quickly and Joel has done projects similar to this and they worked through any problems.

Joel Zeni added that they will reach out to the owners and come up with a plan that would best serve the business.

Councilor Ervin thanked ODOT for focusing on Cottage Grove and getting the project underway.

Councilor Stinnett commented that it would be helpful if there was a mechanism for communication as the stages progress.

Jim Gamble Region 2, District 5 Manager with the Oregon Department of Transportation approached the podium and said that Region 2 has ODOT Construction Projects online with an interactive map and updates.

Mayor Gowing said that ODOT has been good to work with on the project and also at reaching out to business owners.

(b) Reconsideration

Mayor Gowing opened the floor to Public Comment on the Agenda Item. He announced that there are 24 people signed up to speak and he requested that people keep their comments to the five minute limit.

Bruce Kelsh 78340 Halderman Road, Cottage Grove Oregon addressed Council regarding Council's recent move to reconsider the previous motion and suggested to Council that the information and results from the Town Hall are being ignored.

Jackie Lester 77914 Chisolm Trail Drive, Cottage Grove Oregon spoke in support of the proposed shelter project with contracted management and building a local network of community health workers to work one-on-one with individuals.

Rob Dickinson 31755 Gowdyville Road, Cottage Grove Oregon encouraged Council to move forward with the proposal of developing transitional housing for the homeless at the Hwy 99 site.

Suzanne Keaveny 328 Quincy Ave., Cottage Grove Oregon spoke in support of the City creating a homeless shelter and asked Council to not disregard the sentiment of the Town Hall.

Bernie Donner 204 Quincy Ave., Cottage Grove Oregon encouraged the City to do the bare minimum of code changes and enforcement and to allow the broader community to address the housing issue.

Arwen Maas-DeSpain 1744 Friendly Street, Eugene Oregon introduced herself as the Executive Co-Director for Carry It Forward (CIF). She explained how CIF manages similar facilities, addressed concerns of Council and offered her email for any questions and concerns.

Christina Shew 31755 Gowdyville Road, Cottage Grove Oregon spoke in support of developing a shelter at the Hwy 99 site and hiring a provider to provide the services.

Barbara Evans PO Box 214, Dorena Oregon challenged Council to live homeless for two weeks and expressed her concern that the proposed plan is no longer happening.

Kathleen Mattson 1740 Bryant Ave., Cottage Grove Oregon expressed concern for finding drug paraphernalia in the parks and her concern for having a homeless shelter in proximity to the schools.

Valeria Clarke 314 S 13<sup>th</sup> Street, Cottage Grove Oregon as Founding Member of Be Your Best spoke in support of creating a facility and finding a solution.

Fred Colgan 79093 Hwy 99, Cottage Grove Oregon as Founder of Beds for Freezing Nights spoke in support of developing a homeless shelter and our obligation to help our neighbors and friends.

Patrick Cartwright 34795 Row River Road, Cottage Grove Oregon spoke against developing a shelter site and that there should be more conversation and a vote on the issue.

Destiny Duerst 1402 E Madison Ave., Cottage Grove Oregon spoke about how the opportunity for her to live at Square One Village has improved her life and she expressed that it is important to provide a safe, warm space for those in need.

Aislinn Blackstone 1414 E Madison Ave., Cottage Grove Oregon spoke about living at Square One Village, her past experiences living at the Eugene Mission and support of providing living opportunities to those in need.

Johanna Zee 1386 Cottonwood Ave., Cottage Grove Oregon spoke in opposition of the Hwy 99 site and suggested that the immediate need is not for housing but for mental health and drug addiction programs.

Lisa Colgan 79093 Hwy 99, Cottage Grove Oregon as one of the original Founder of Beds for Freezing Nights spoke in favor of developing the Hwy 99 site for a shelter.

Bill Christiansen 1337 Elm Ave., Cottage Grove Oregon described his recent visit to the Sutherlin homeless site and reiterated his concern to have a shelter with structure, accountability, and personal responsibility.

Duncan Newberry 80433 Sears Rd., Cottage Grove Oregon encouraged Council to move forward with what the majority of those at Town Hall wanted by developing the homeless site and not waiting for a perfect solution.

Feather Boustead 1350 Pleasant View Drive, Cottage Grove Oregon urged Council to wait on their decision.

Ruth Linoz 7178 C Street, Springfield Cottage Grove Oregon as Board Member and President of Beds for Freezing Nights was encouraged to see Council considering a shelter and offered the potential of providing transportation services to and from the site.

Bonnie Sano 33739 Cea Jac Rd., Cottage Grove Oregon spoke in opposition of developing a site and felt that it will encourage more homeless to move to town.

Pam Ciullo 207 S 2<sup>nd</sup> Street Cottage Grove Oregon spoke in support of developing a shelter at the Hwy 99 site.

City Manager Richard Meyers explained that the motion from the April 25<sup>th</sup> Council meeting, “to authorize the development of the shelter at the Hwy 99 site” is back on the Agenda to be considered at this meeting.

Councilor Fleck declared a Potential Conflict of Interest and explained his involvement with the Community Sharing Program.

Councilor Ervin stated that Council is divided on this issue, he wants to be part of the solution but he does not support the City funding the shelter. He said that his position is to do what is required to protect the City from litigation, comply with the rulings and encourage other local group participation on ways to address the situation on an individual basis.

Councilor Solesbee commented on rumors she heard regarding Councilor Ervin, Councilor Roberts and herself meeting in an attempt to sway Councilor Savage's vote and she said it never happened. She said the only conversation she had with Councilor Ervin was about Robert's Rules and she said the Motion to Reconsider at the last Council meeting, when Councilor Stinnett was absent, was not a power play and she wants all Councilors involved in the vote. She added that the only time Councilor Ervin, Councilor Roberts and herself were together was on the radio and also at Bohemia Park to listen to concerns of citizens and it was rumored that they were having serial meetings and also that their phones were going to be subpoenaed. She said it was disheartening that they were being accused and it never happened. Councilor Solesbee read text regarding the definition of a Stake Holder. She stated that Councilor Fleck should not vote on the issue and she addressed a derogatory comment that she heard was made about her by Mr. Kelsh at the last Stake Holders meeting. She encouraged Council to look at other models for the homeless situation and recounted a recent situation where she called 911.

**IT WAS MOVED BY COUNCILOR SOLESBEE TO REFER TO COMMITTEE, TO INVESTIGATE AND COMPARE DIFFERENT STYLES OF HOMELESS CAMPS ON THE HOUSING FIRST MODEL VERSUS THE TREATMENT OR COMMUNITY FIRST MODEL AND GET MEMBERS OF OUR COMMUNITY TOGETHER TO WORK TOWARDS SOMETHING LIKE THIS SO THAT WE CAN EXAMINE THE TWO DIFFERENT TYPES BEFORE WE MAKE A DECISION, AND WOULD LIKE TO TABLE THE VOTE TONIGHT.**

Councilor Fleck called Point of Order and asked where Council is at, as far as the Motion for Reconsideration.

City Manager said the original Motion is on the table.

Councilor Fleck asked if there is a path to prolong the decision and have a continued discussion.

City Manager said there is an active motion on the table.

Councilor Ervin and City Manager had discussion regarding clarification of which rules the Council follows; Robert's Rules of Order, Rules of the Council and if the rules that are printed on the Agenda count as actual rules.

Councilor Fleck said he thinks that he understands the direction that Councilor Ervin is trying to make and suggested that Council have more discussion if necessary. He asked if there is a mechanism to continue the conversation and asked if we could suspend the Council Rules.

Councilor Savage stated that she was not coerced when she made her motion to reconsider the vote last week and that she had additional questions to ask in order to make the best decision. She said she will make the proposal that the City move forward with the Hwy 99 site as written on the Agenda.

Mayor Gowing clarified that it is already on the Agenda and a new motion is not needed.

Councilor Solesbee said she made a motion to table the item.

Mayor Gowing said there was not a second.

Councilor Solesbee said there was discussion about her motion and she made the motion.

City Manager said the motion from the last meeting is already on the table for discussion.

Councilor Ervin said at the last meeting the Motion to Reconsider was done respectfully so that Council could have a full conversation about what needs to be done.

Mayor Gowing said his understanding is, the motion that was made at the last meeting was to deal with the motion at tonight's meeting and it has to be done before anything else can move forward.

Councilor Ervin said it is confusing and he has been asking about the rules and is not getting clear answers.

Councilor Solesbee said she has made a request twice to get a second legal opinion. She indicated that the City Manager said that the City has to do a Low Barrier shelter to be in compliance with the law and when she spoke with the Mayor he informed her that it had to go to a vote and she said she did not know anything about that and was never told.

City Manager responded to Councilor Solesbee by saying he never said the City had to do an alternative shelter. He reference the original presentation and said that it indicated the basic things that the City needs to do to comply with the law and it does not include an alternative shelter. He said it does mean that we have to eliminate the rules and laws that restrict camping and comply with the basics of Martin v Boise. He added that if Council wants to take the step of prohibiting people from camping in public parks, then the Martin v Boise case says you need alternative shelter.

Councilor Solesbee expressed her frustration and confusion. She said Council is not getting straight answers and they are not very involved in the process.

Councilor Fleck asked if we could vote to suspend the Council Rules.

City Manager read Section 26 of the rules and said they would allow that to happen.

**IT WAS MOVED BY COUNCILOR FLECK AND SECONDED BY COUNCILOR ERVIN TO SUSPEND COUNCIL RULES ON THIS ITEM SO THAT COUNCIL CAN CONTINUE DISCUSSION ON THE HOMELESS SHELTER AGENDA ITEM.**

Mayor Gowing announced that there is a motion with a second and called for discussion.

Councilor Stinnett said that hours have been spent on this issue and it is naïve to think that Council is going to reach a consensus. He said the first step is finding a site for a Low Barrier

so that we do not have people camping in our parks. He said any unmanaged site is disgusting and we have to give an alternative.

Councilor Solesbee said we are looking at different options. She said we could change our ordinances, which is what should have been done from the beginning, this is temporary and she does not want to make a hasty decision.

Councilor Stinnett said there is nothing hasty about this.

Councilor Fleck stated that there is a lot of opportunity for Council to have conversations about other plans and there is room to continue the discussion.

Mayor Gowing stated that there is a motion on the floor and called for further discussion.

The vote on the motion was as follows:

VOTE	Councilor Roberts	Councilor Stinnett	Councilor Savage	Councilor Fleck	Councilor Solesbee	Councilor Ervin	Mayor Gowing
AYES			X	X	X	X	X
NAYS		X					
ABSTAIN							

Councilor Fleck suggested that the item be brought forward at the next meeting.

**IT WAS MOVED BY COUNCILOR SOLESBEE TO CHANGE THE ORDINANCES THAT WE ALREADY HAD ON THE TABLE, CHOOSING THE PARKS THAT WE DO NOT WANT PEOPLE STAYING OVERNIGHT IN AND LEAVING A COUPLE PARKS OPEN.**

Councilor Fleck said we have not gotten to that piece yet because there is no shelter of some sort and we would violate the rules.

Councilor Solesbee said she wants the Attorney’s opinion.

City Attorney said there is a spectrum of options, and each of those options carry with them different risks. He said it is hard to give yes and no answers to legal questions when we are talking about the evolving world around the Eighth Amendment and homelessness and the new Statute that will be coming into place in 2023. He said as City Attorneys, their job is to think in the future about hypothetical plaintiffs and how to guard the City against them.

Mayor Gowing said that Councilor Solesbee made a motion and called for a second.

Councilor Solesbee said she didn’t make a motion she was just talking about it.

Councilor Fleck and Solesbee asked for a Work Session.



Councilor Ervin recalled that Council had a consensus on Ordinance changes.

Councilor Solesbee said it was her understanding that Council had looked at the Ordinances and it was supposed to be brought back to them.

Councilor Stinnett said he thought the Code changes were already voted on.

City Manager said Council talked about the Code changes in the original proposal package.

There was open discussion about a possible date and time for a Work Session.

The Work Session date was set for June 6, 2022 at 6:00 pm in the Council Chambers.

(c) Concerns from Council

None

**BUSINESS FROM THE CITY MANAGER**

(a) Report from City Manager

City Manager Richard Meyers informed Council that the sustainability and resiliency challenge website [www.greeningthegrove.org](http://www.greeningthegrove.org) is active and available for use. He shared his computer screen on the Council Chamber monitors and gave a brief overview and features of the site.

**BUSINESS FROM CITY ATTORNEY**

(a) Report from City Attorney

None

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, Mayor Gowing adjourned the regular meeting of the City Council at 9:58 pm.

The next regular City Council Meeting will be held June 13, 2022, at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers at City Hall.

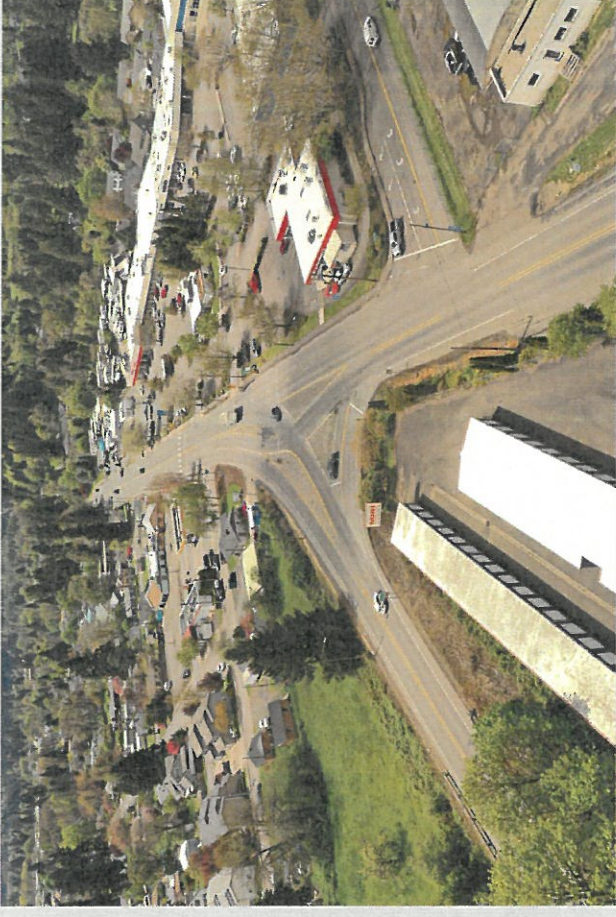
  
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Mindy Roberts, City Recorder

  
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Jeffrey D. Gowing, Mayor

# OR 99: Urban Upgrade (Cottage Grove)

## Goshen-Divide Highway

# ODOT OR99 Construction Project Presentation



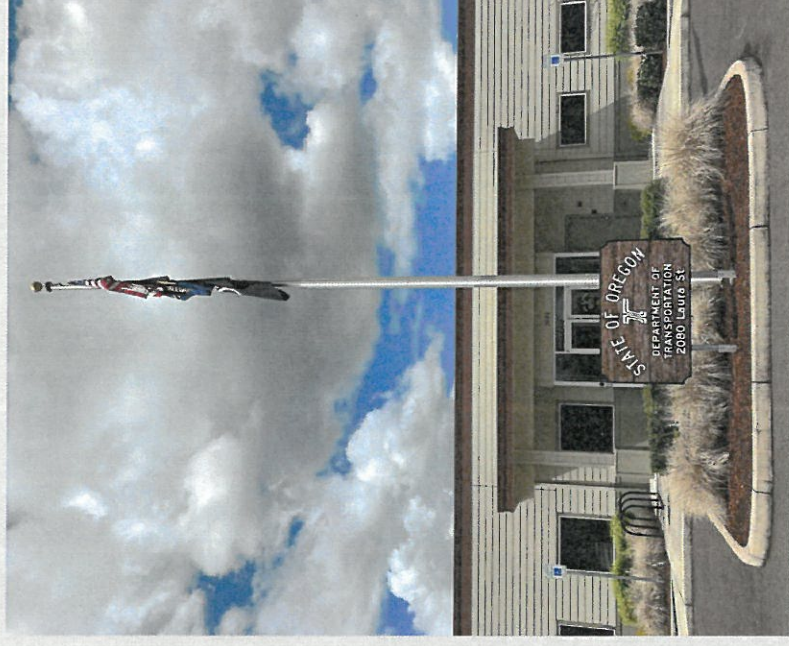
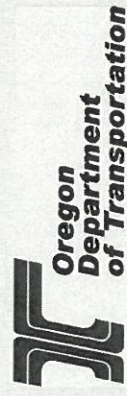
ODOT Springfield Construction Office  
Meeting Date: 5/23/2022

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## INTRODUCTIONS

### ODOT Representatives:

- Pat Woodhurst, P.E.  
Assistant Resident Engineer
- Shane Prohaska, P.E.  
Resident Engineer



# OR 99: Urban Upgrade (Cottage Grove) PRIME CONTRACTOR

## Suulutaaq Representatives:

- Joel Zeni  
Oregon Division Manager

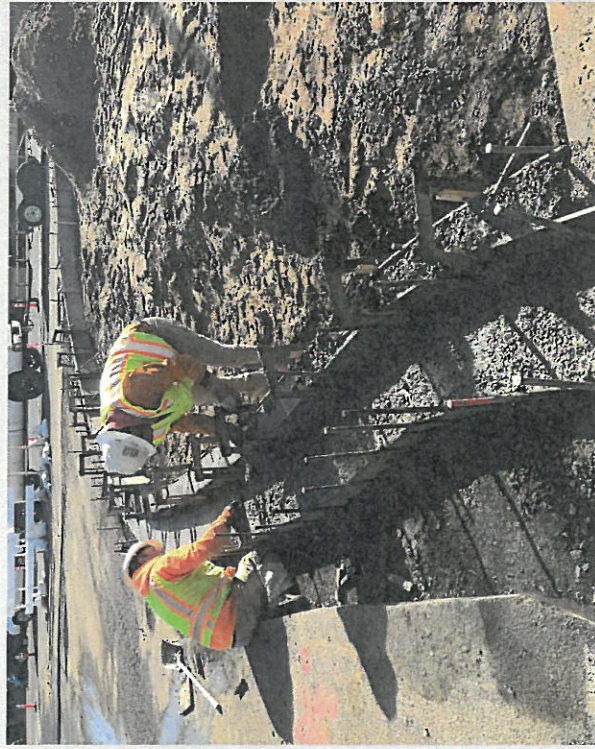


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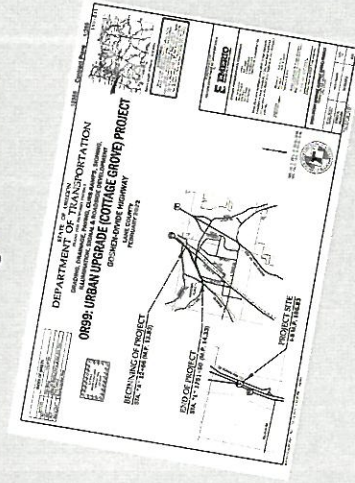
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## AGENDA



### Topics:

- Location
- Project Schedule & Scope of Work
- Overview of Construction Stages (1 - 4)
- Detours
- I-5 Conn over Central Oregon and Pacific RR (Cottage Grove)
- Questions

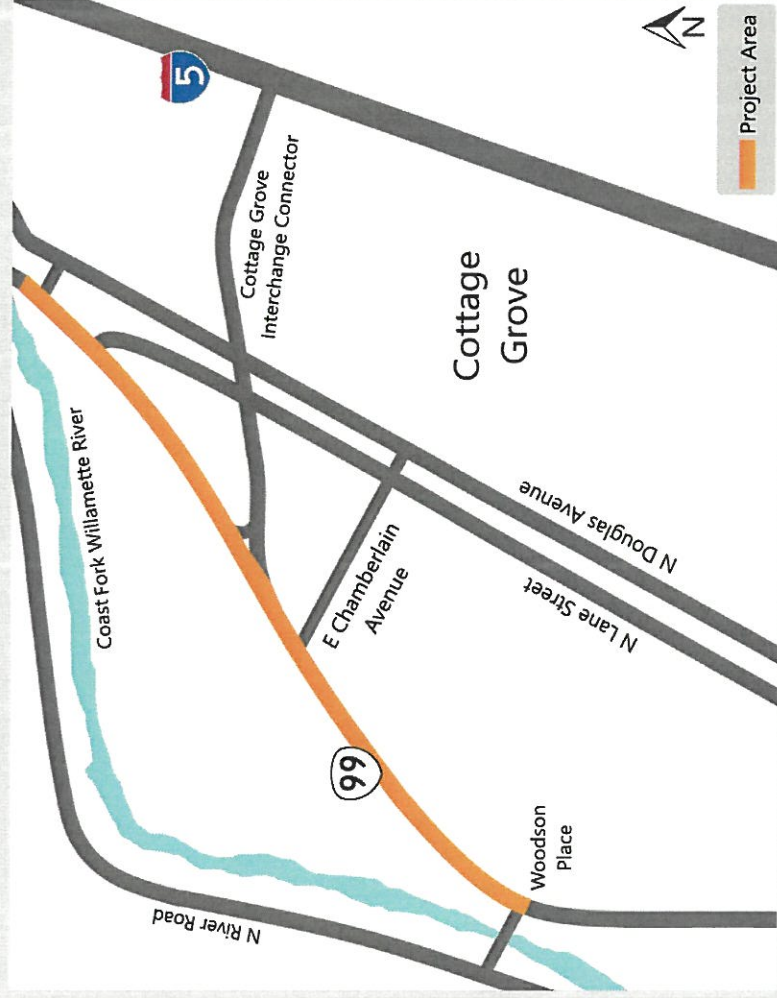
A Gantt chart showing the project schedule. The chart has columns for "PHASE", "START DATE", "END DATE", and "DURATION". The phases are color-coded: yellow for "CONSTRUCTION", green for "PLANNING", and red for "CLOSURE". The chart shows the duration of various tasks within these phases.

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## PROJECT LOCATION MAP

### Project Boundaries:

- Coast Fork Willamette River (North End)
- Woodson Place (South End)

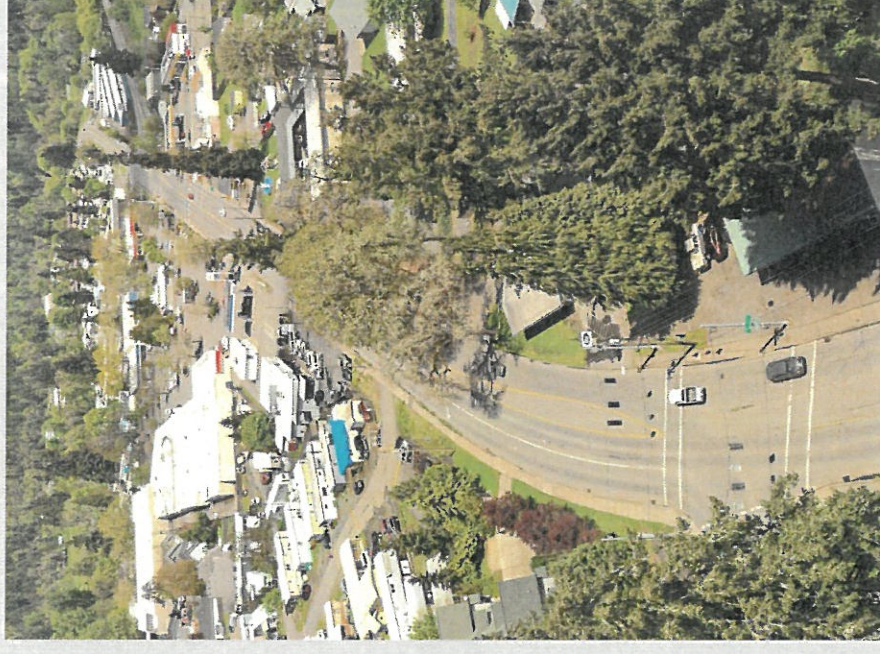


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# PROJECT SCHEDULE & SCOPE

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- **Construction:** 2 Seasons, Summer 2022 – Summer 2023
- **Anticipated Start Date:** August 2022
- **Scope:**
  - New sidewalks and ADA ramps
  - Provide a turning refuge while reducing the number of lanes to one way in each direction
  - Add bike lanes in both directions
  - Improve drainage
  - Install a RRFB with push button
  - Install new signal poles @ Woodson Place
  - Lighting



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**STAGE 1 - STORM WATER WORK**







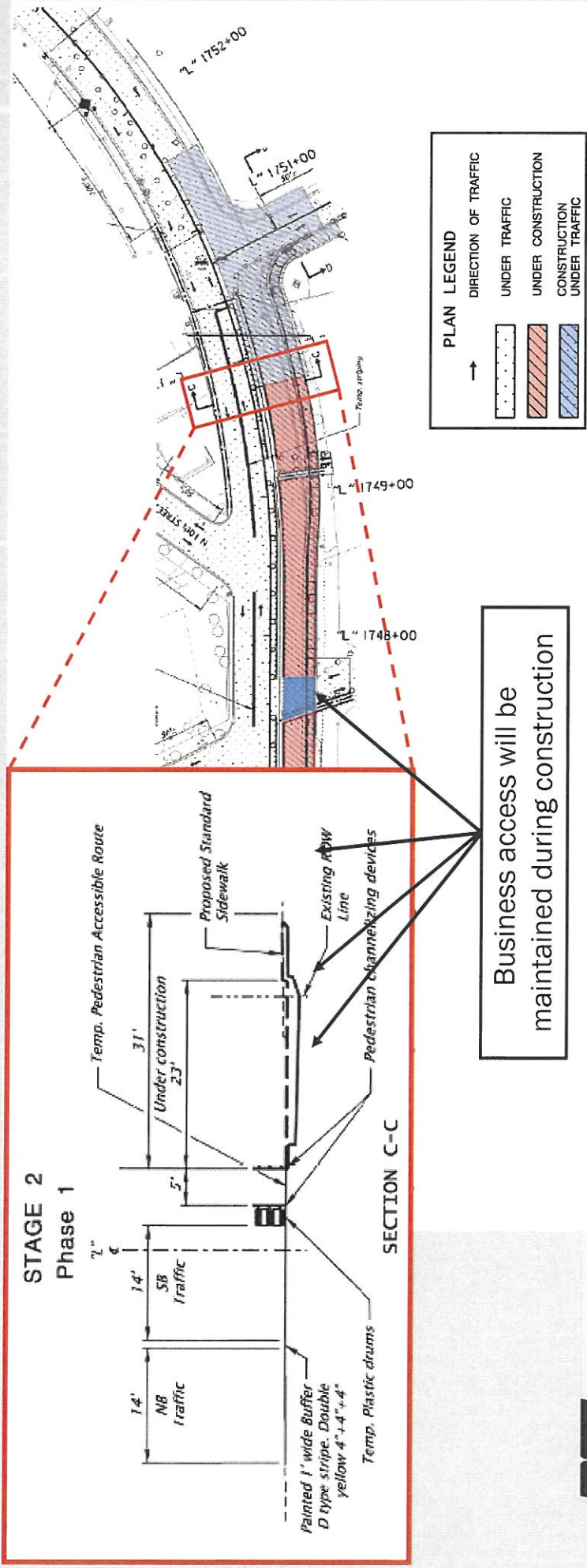
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**STAGE 2 – ROADWAY IMPROVEMENTS**  
**(EAST SIDE)**



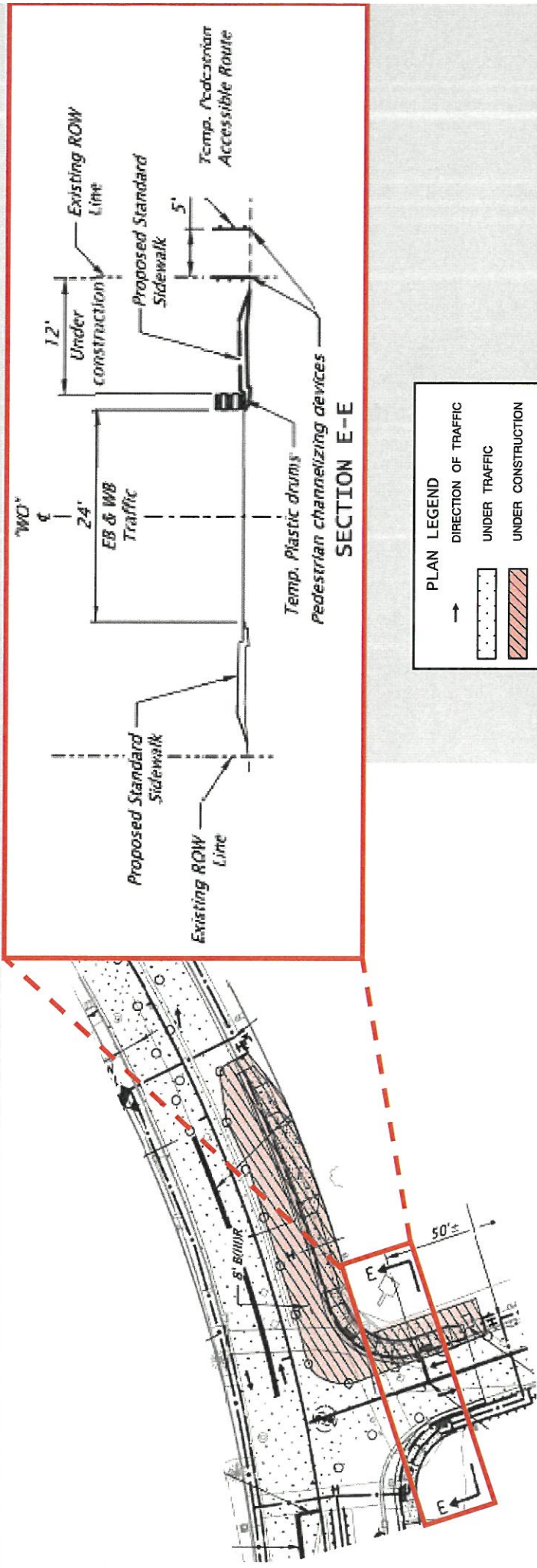
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## STAGE 2 - PHASE 1 (WEST SIDE)

### ADA CURB RAMPS & SIDEWALKS



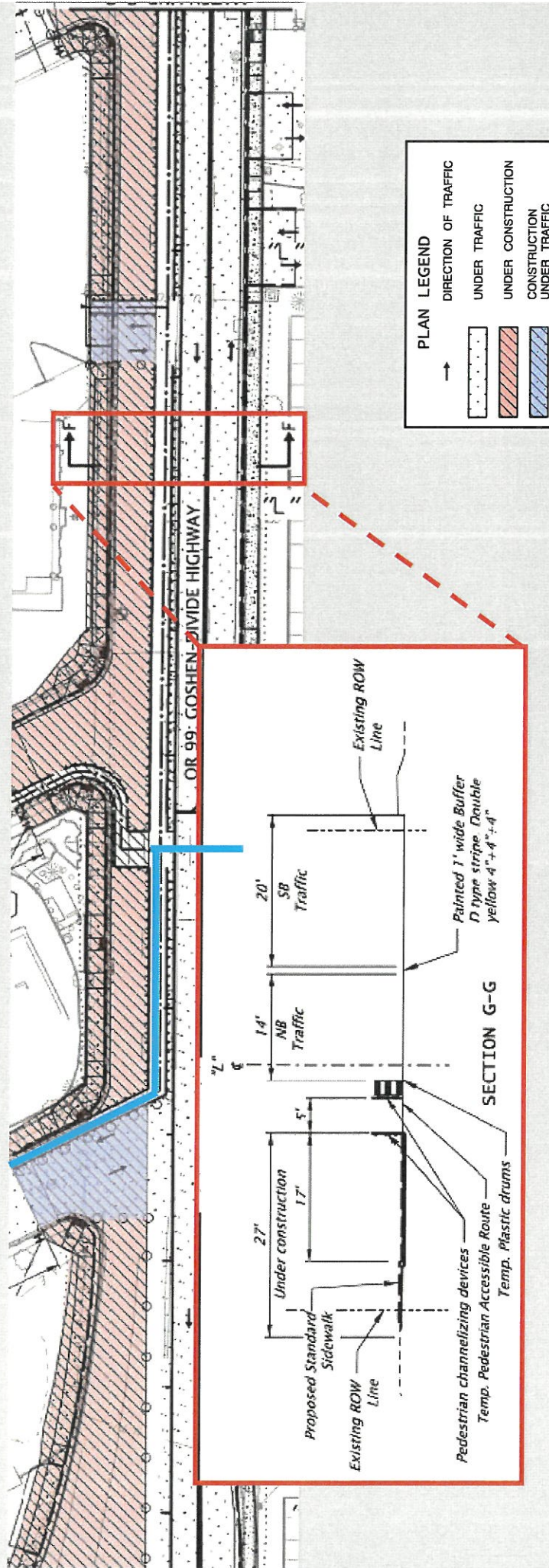
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**STAGE 3 – ROADWAY IMPROVEMENTS**  
**(WEST SIDE)**



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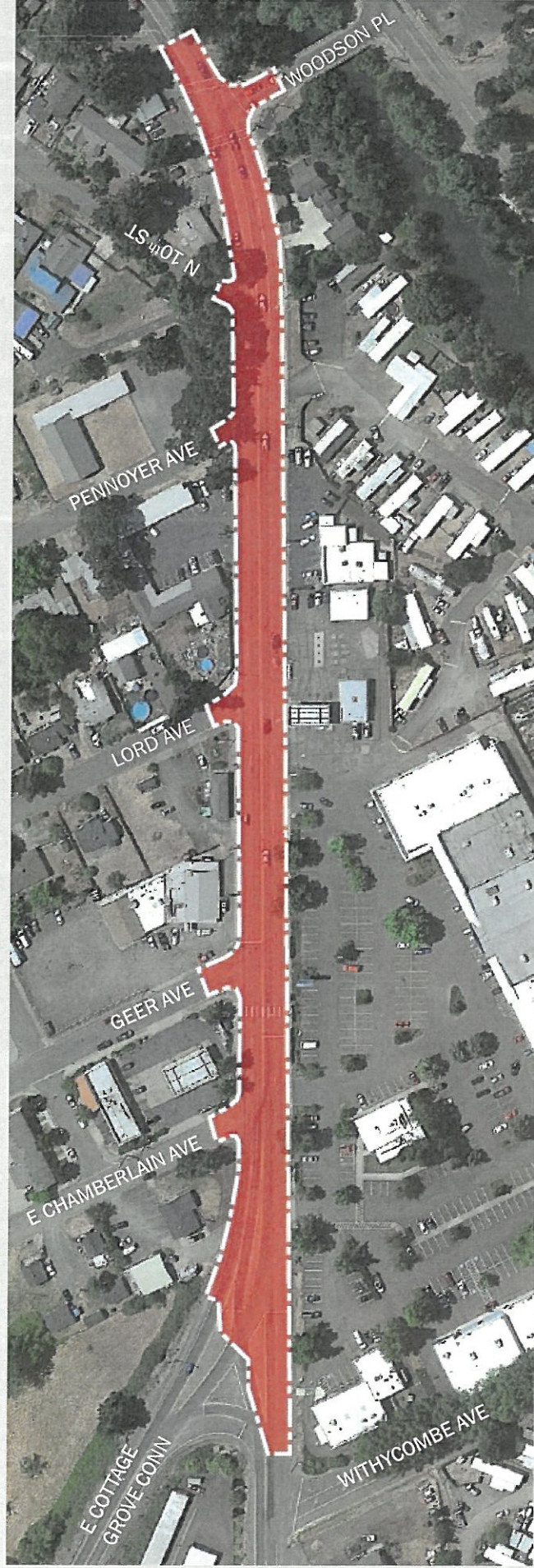




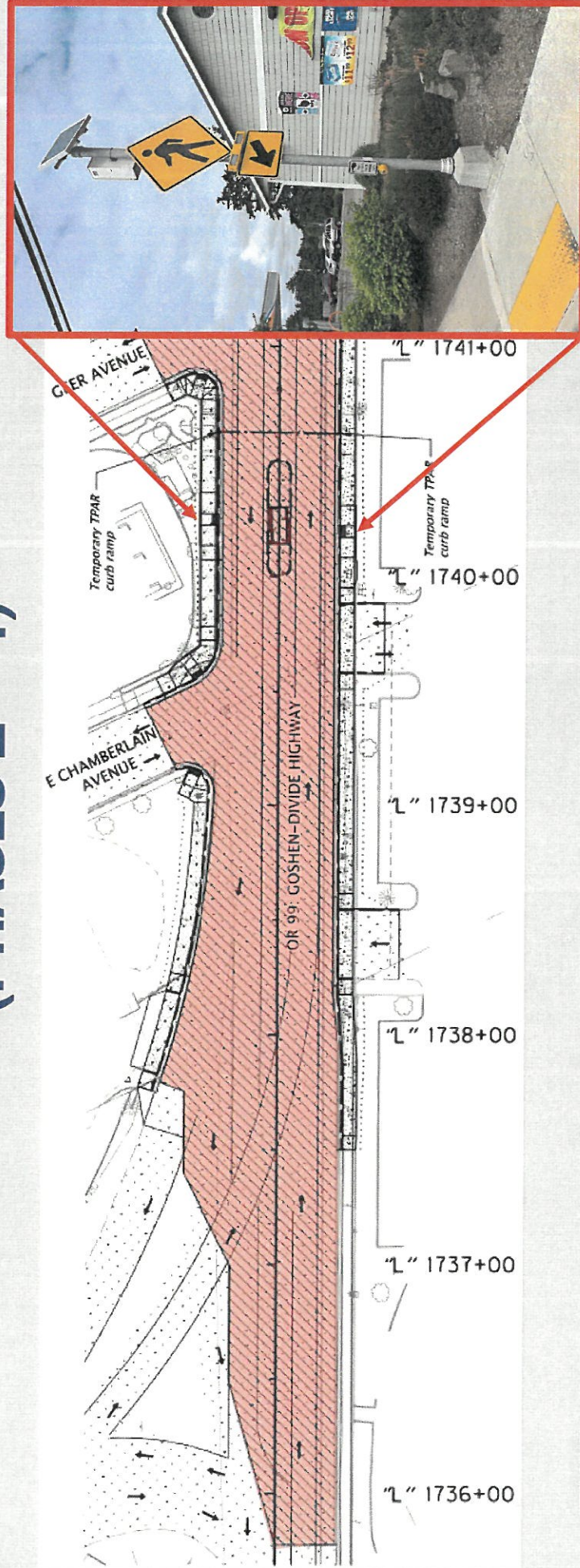




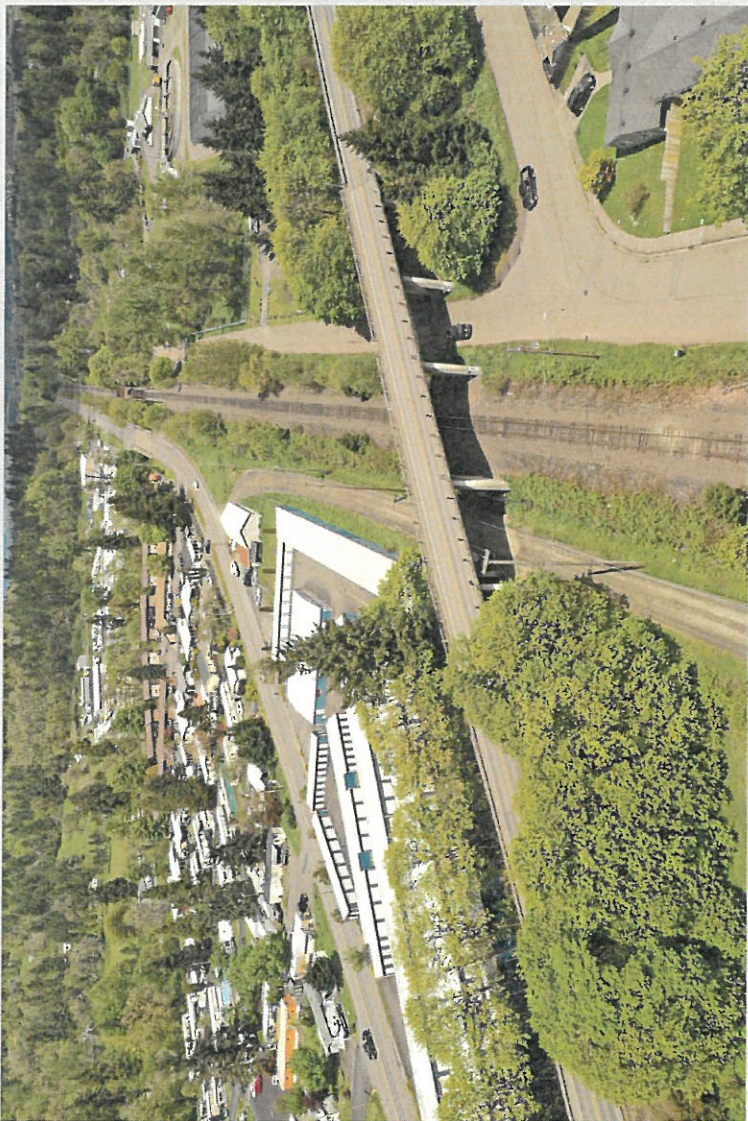
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**STAGE 4 – PAVING / STRIPING / RRFB**  
**(PHASES 1 – 4)**



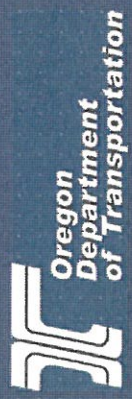
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**(PHASES 1 - 4)**



# OR 99: Urban Upgrade (Cottage Grove) I-5 CONN OVER CENTRAL OREGON AND PACIFIC RR



THANK YOU



## Photo Reference:

Suulutaag Photos provided from their homepage (Slide 3)  
<https://suulutaag.com>

Aerial Map View of Cottage Grove (Slides 8, 11 & 15)  
<https://www.google.com/maps/place/Cottage+Grove,+OR+97424/>