



I-5: Delta Park



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ODOT MOVING CLOSER TO CONSTRUCTION

Schedule and Plans Become More Concrete

The Delta Park Project to widen portions of I-5 between Victory Blvd. and Lombard St. is moving towards the construction phase. Construction is scheduled to begin in the spring of 2008. The roadwork will include:

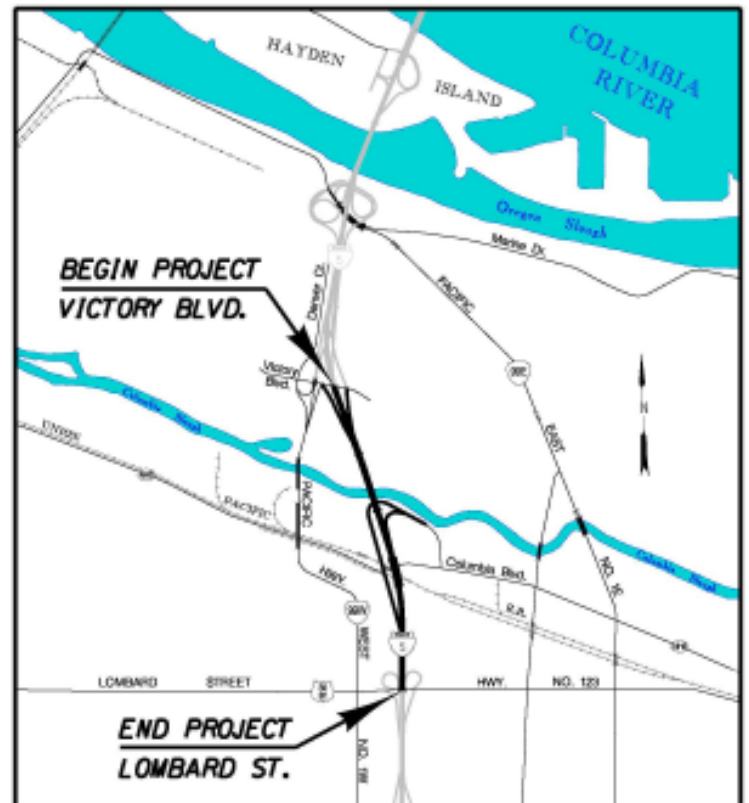
Stage 1

- widening I-5 southbound,
- constructing a new southbound entrance ramp bridge at Columbia Blvd.,
- widening the southbound Columbia Slough Bridge,
- relocating a portion of the sound wall at N. Minnesota Ave. and
- adding new signage and road striping.

Stage 2 (scheduled to begin in the summer of 2009)

- widening I-5 northbound,
- widening Columbia Blvd. Bridge northbound and
- widening the northbound Columbia Slough Bridge.

We anticipate that the project will be completed by the fall of 2010 at which time there will be three lanes in each direction, plus wider outside shoulders and more space between traffic and the median.



Community Impacts

- **Reduced Inconvenience to Travelers**
During construction, all three northbound lanes and two southbound lanes will be kept open during peak hours.
- **Reduced Impacts to the Neighborhood**
To mitigate noise impacts to the Kenton neighborhood, the sound wall on the west side of the freeway will be adjusted and reconstructed.
- **Reduced Impacts to the Watershed**
The freeway drainage system will be upgraded during construction in order to decrease the amount of sediment that currently enters the Columbia Slough.

Project Overview

The Delta Park Project will widen I-5 southbound to three lanes between Victory Blvd. and Lombard St. The shoulders and inside median of the freeway will also be widened. To accommodate these changes, the bridges over the Columbia Slough and Columbia Blvd. will be widened and the entrance and exit ramps at Columbia Blvd. and Victory Blvd. will be realigned and lengthened. A new bridge will be built for the Columbia Blvd. southbound on-ramp. In a future stage of the project, once funding is obtained, final designs will be developed for local street improvements that were identified in the environmental assessment process.

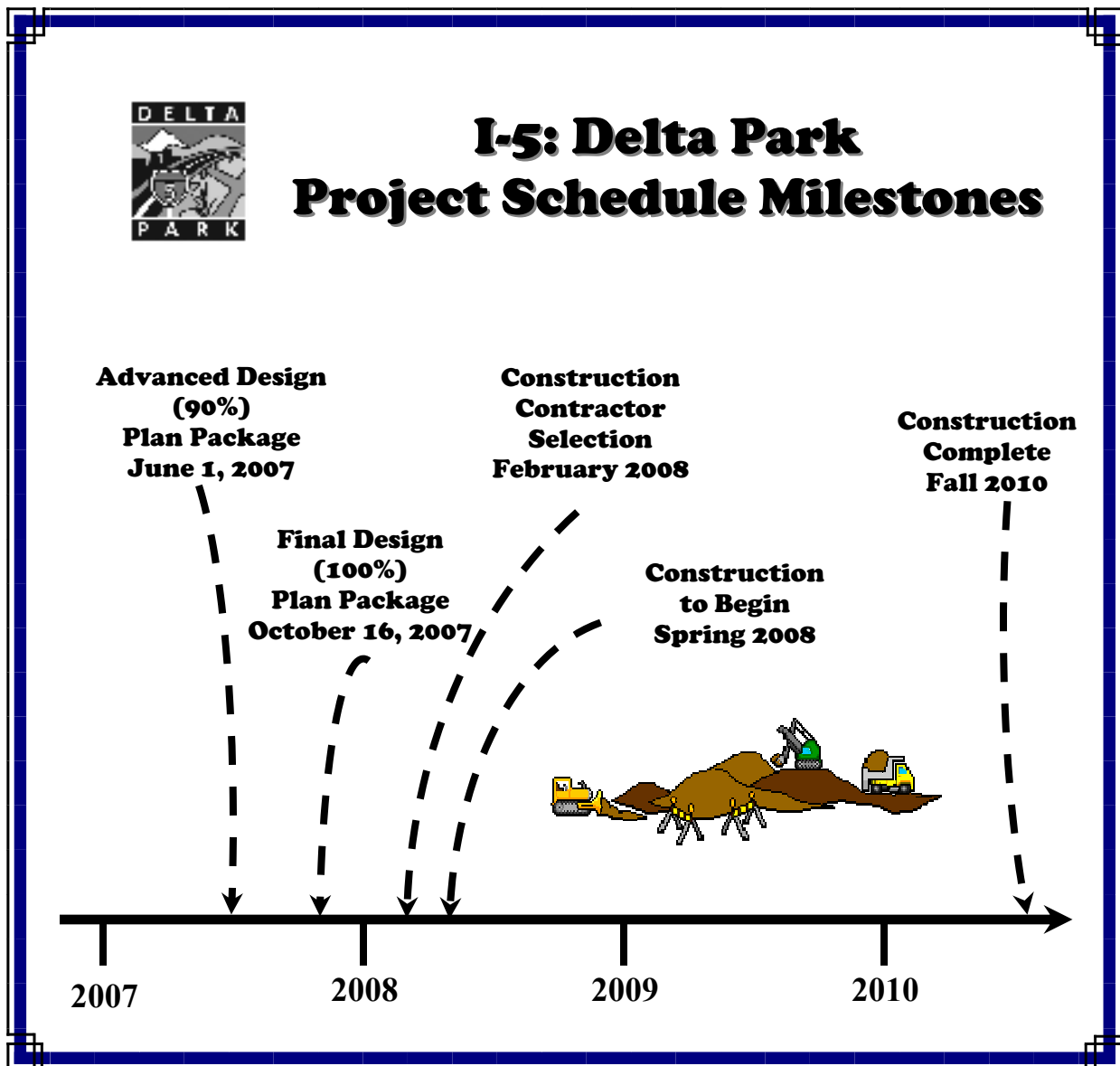
Project Background: Improving Mobility Along the I-5 Corridor

As congestion along the I-5 corridor continues to increase, Portland and Vancouver have joined forces to manage and improve the traffic flow. A task force formed in 2001 focused specifically on the stretch of I-5 from I-405 in Portland to I-205 north of Vancouver and created the long range I-5 Partnership Strategic Plan. The Delta Park Project is the first major component of the strategic plan to be implemented in Oregon and will address widening the freeway between Victory Blvd. and Lombard Street.

Public Open House: Learn More About the Project

An Open House will provide an update on the final project design and the upcoming traffic impacts and possible detours. Project team members will be available to address any issues the public may have, as ODOT moves closer to implementing this project. The public will also have an opportunity to learn more about the recently awarded community enhancement grants.

The open house will be held on Wednesday, June 20, 2007 from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. in the auditorium of the Ockley Green School, 6031 N Montana Ave. Portland, OR 97217.



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Minimizing Traffic Impact During Construction

As with most major construction projects, there will be unavoidable traffic and freight mobility impacts as part of the Delta Park Project. ODOT is meeting with residents, businesses, organizations, commuters, freight companies and transportation experts to develop a plan that will minimize inconvenience.

Construction on I-5 will require lane closures on some of the ramps and crossroads (Columbia Blvd., Schmeer Rd. and Victory Blvd.) and detours will be scheduled nights or weekends during lower traffic periods. There will also be occasional nighttime lane closures on I-5 in both directions and a small number of short duration full closures of I-5 when large bridge beams are set in place. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd. and Lombard St. will be available as detour routes when there are full nighttime closures of I-5. Using a combination of media notices, web site updates, public outreach and variable message signs (VMS), motorists will be given advance notice about closures and expected delays.

Motorists traveling during peak hours will not be affected by the lane closures necessitated by the Delta Park Project. The three northbound and two southbound lanes will remain open during peak hours. I-205 is available as an alternate route.

Focusing On Freight

The Delta Park Project will impact not only commuters and residents along the corridor, but also the business community, particularly the freight industry. ODOT realizes the importance of commercial freight mobility along the I-5 corridor and is including businesses in the planning process. Two presentations specifically geared toward the interests of the freight community will be held in June.

Community Enhancement Projects Benefit Neighborhoods

A Delta Park Community Enhancement Fund was created to benefit the communities affected by transportation projects on I-5. Seven projects were selected to receive funding:

- 250 trees have been planted by Friends of Trees in the neighborhoods of Arbor Lodge, Boise-Eliot, Humboldt, Kenton, Overlook and Piedmont.
- Bicycle facilities will be improved on Rosa Parks Way/Portland Blvd. *Scheduled for Fall 2007*
- The Peninsula Park crosswalk will be improved for pedestrian safety on Rosa Parks Way/Portland Blvd. at Kerby St. *Scheduled for Fall 2007*
- The I-5/Killingsworth Over Crossing will have its sidewalks widened and new lighting and overpass screening installed as part of the overall Denver Streetscape project spearheaded by the Portland Development Commission and the City of Portland Department of Transportation. *Scheduled for Fall 2007*
- The Downtown Kenton Business Association's Community Enhancement Project includes installation of a traffic circle and other traffic calming measures on Denver Ave. in the Kenton neighborhood. *Scheduled for Fall 2007*
- Improvements to the Bryant Street Pedestrian Overpass will make the crossing safer for bicyclists and pedestrians and provide an improved link between the Piedmont and Arbor Lodge neighborhoods. *Schedule TBD*
- A portion of the Columbia Slough Trail will be constructed between the North Vancouver Bridge and the I-5 Overpass and will travel north to connect with N. Schmeer Rd. *Scheduled for 2008*

For more information on the Community Enhancement Fund and the selected projects, please visit our website <http://www.oregon.gov/ODOT/HWY/REGION1/I-5DeltaPark/> or contact: Shelli Romero, ODOT, (503) 731-8231, shelli.romero@odot.state.or.us.

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Above: Friends of Trees works with residents to plant trees along neighborhood streets.

OPEN HOUSE

Learn more about the Delta Park Project and projected traffic impacts

**Wednesday, June 20, 2007
4 p.m. to 7 p.m.**

Ockley Green School Auditorium
6031 N Montana Ave. Portland, OR 97217

Accommodations will be provided to persons with disabilities.

Alternate formats available upon request. If a sign language interpreter is needed, please contact Zetlin Strategic Communications at (503) 452-6882 at least five days prior to the meeting.



For More Information

To learn more about this project and to join the mailing list, please contact Oregon Department of Transportation

Region 1

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Project Website: [www.oregon.gov/ODOT/HWY/REGION 1/I-5DeltaPark](http://www.oregon.gov/ODOT/HWY/REGION%201/I-5DeltaPark)



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