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SUBJECT:

The Oregon Department of Transportation I-205 Widening and Seismic Improvements Project Presentation

RECOMMENDED ACTION (Motion):

The Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) Staff and the Project Design Team (HDR Inc.) will present information to City Commission regarding the ODOT I-205 Widening and Seismic Improvements Project.

BACKGROUND:

ODOT is progressing on the I-205 Widening and Seismic Improvements Project, which will address congestion and traveler safety issues on a seven-mile stretch of I-205 between Stafford Road and OR 213.

Aside from congestion concerns, the Abernethy Bridge is vulnerable to severe damage or collapse in the event of a major earthquake. Locally, we understand how critical the Abernethy Bridge and the overall I-205 route is in getting supplies and services to the region. In addition to widening and seismic upgrades, the project includes on and off ramp improvements at the 99E interchange.

Preliminary designs for how ODOT and its Project Design Team envisions the Abernethy Bridge to be widened are moving forward. Impacts to the areas inside and outside the ODOT rights of way are becoming more understood as the design and construction feasibility review process moves forward. Temporary and long-term impacts to both sides of the Willamette River are anticipated. Impacts to Jon Storm Park both inside and outside the ODOT rights of way have been proposed. Impacts to Main Street Extension have been identified. Possible sound walls along the Oregon City Shopping Center and Cove at Edgewater require limited and localized residential approval and impacts to Oregon City travel during construction are starting to become more evident.