



# U.S. 26 Widening Project

## Cornelius Pass Road to 185th Avenue

ODOT, the City of Hillsboro and Washington County are wrapping up design work on a project to address congestion on U.S. 26 (Sunset Highway) between Cornelius Pass Road and 185th Avenue. Construction is slated to begin in fall 2016 and continue for two years.

### ***What's the problem?***

The stretch of U.S. 26 between Cornelius Pass Road and 185th Avenue has reached its vehicle capacity. The congestion is particularly evident on U.S. 26 westbound between 185th Avenue and Cornelius Pass Road. The population and employment in Washington County continues to grow, increasing the traffic demand on U.S. 26. Without improvements, congestion and related crashes are anticipated to increase in the area.

### ***Project elements + construction impacts***

The purpose of this project is to increase capacity, improve traffic safety and relieve congestion in this stretch of U.S. 26, which currently has two lanes in each direction. Once complete, there will be three lanes in each direction of U.S. 26, from Cornelius Pass Road into downtown Portland. Project elements include:

- ◆ *Widening U.S. 26 to three lanes in each direction between Cornelius Pass Road and 185th Avenue.* The majority of the widening will occur to the inside of the highway, in the highway median. Highway shoulders will also be widened. **During construction**, road users will experience nighttime lane closures on U.S. 26, occasional closures of on- and off-ramps, reduced shoulders and traffic shifts. There will not be any daytime lane closures on U.S. 26.
- ◆ *Replacing the two Rock Creek bridges with one bridge.* This work will take place over the Rock Creek Trail. Rapid Bridge Construction will be used to minimize the impacts. **During construction**, the Rock Creek Trail under U.S. 26 will be closed for two separate weekends and six separate nights - with a detour in place - as the new bridge is constructed. There will also be intermittent flagging on the trail
- ◆ *Improving the north side of the U.S. 26/Cornelius Pass Road interchange*, including adding a second lane to the westbound off-ramp (the loop ramp). Washington County is making improvements to Cornelius Pass Road and ramps on the south side of the interchange in a separate project. More information about the Washington County project can be found at [www.wc-roads.com](http://www.wc-roads.com). **During construction**, there will be intermittent lane closures on Cornelius Pass Road and the ramps
- ◆ *Building a noise wall on the north side of U.S. 26 in the Rock Creek neighborhood*, starting where the existing sound wall leaves off. **During construction**, work on the sound wall will take place off the highway and not impact traffic

### ***Learn more***

Project design will be finalized in Feb. 2016. ODOT will continue to share more information and answer questions throughout the project life. ODOT welcomes conversation about the project and wants to hear from you. Please stay involved and share information with neighbors and community members. Stay in touch by:

- ◆ Visiting the project website at [www.CornPass185.org](http://www.CornPass185.org). An **online/virtual open house** is available on the website - check it out! The website will also include traffic impact information once construction begins
- ◆ Asking questions or providing comments to ODOT directly: Lili Boicourt, ODOT Community Affairs, PH: 503-731-8247 or Email: [Lili.D.Boicourt@odot.state.or.us](mailto:Lili.D.Boicourt@odot.state.or.us)

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[www.compass185.org](http://www.compass185.org)

**Cornelius Pass Road Interchange with U.S. 26**

Improvements will be made to Cornelius Pass Road and the ramps in the NW quadrant of the interchange to improve traffic flow and safety.

**Rock Creek Bridges Replacement**

The two bridges on U.S. 26 over Rock Creek will be demolished and a new single bridge built in their place. The rapid bridge construction to minimize impacts to U.S. 26 and the Rock Creek Trail under the highway.

**New Sound Walls**

Two new sound walls will be built along the north side of U.S. 26. They will be approximately 12 feet tall and will connect with the existing sound wall to the east.

**U.S. 26 Widening**

The highway will be widened to 10 lanes between Cornelius Pass Road and 188th Avenue. The majority of the widening will occur to the inside of the highway, in the highway median. Highway shoulders will also be widened.

**Project Elements**

Construction Planned for 2017 and 2018

