

**Oregon Transportation Commission
2015 Report to the Oregon Legislature:
Unused Funds from the 2009 Jobs and Transportation Act (JTA)**

The 2009 Oregon Legislature passed the Jobs and Transportation Act (JTA). The JTA identified 37 specific projects and allocated funding to 12 local governments in eastern Oregon, for a total of 51 projects.

The Oregon Transportation Commission must submit a report by November 1 of each year to the interim legislative transportation committees identifying funding available as a result of completing projects for less than amounts allocated in the JTA. The Oregon Transportation Commission must provide the interim transportation committees with a prioritized list of projects that require additional funding to be completed.

One project has been completed since the last report with fewer JTA funds than currently allocated.

Interstate 5 at State Highway 214 (Woodburn)

The Woodburn Interchange project was recently completed. Currently \$53 million in JTA funds is allocated to the project. We expect approximately \$7 million to be available for reallocation when the project is fully closed out.

Interstate 5 at the Kuebler Road Interchange (Salem)

The Interstate 5 at Kuebler Road, Phase I project is located at the interchange of Interstate 5 at Kuebler Boulevard and will upgrade the existing interchange to support the area's planned expansion. The project will upgrade the existing interchange by adding a westbound to southbound loop ramp and modifying an eastbound to southbound ramp and the existing southbound off ramp. The interchange at Kuebler Road is a major east-west corridor for the City of Salem, and a critical link to Interstate 5. The Mill Creek Corporate Center (MCCC), located northeast of the interchange, is a partnership between the State of Oregon and the City of Salem to create a major employment center on agricultural land previously owned by the Oregon Department of Corrections in southeast Salem. The interchange does not have sufficient capacity to support additional vehicle and freight traffic that will be generated by redevelopment.

Subsequent design changes have included extending the I-5 southbound three lanes to the Battle Creek Rd overcrossing and adding a permanent variable message sign to alert drivers to problems. Currently \$15 million in JTA funds are allocated to the project; an additional \$3.5 million is needed to fully fund the project. The total estimated cost of the project is \$23.7 million, which includes \$5.2 million in other sources of funds.

State Highway 6 at US Highway 101 (Tillamook)

ODOT, in cooperation with the City of Tillamook and Tillamook County, is improving the traffic performance and safety of US 101 and OR 6 in downtown Tillamook and across Hoquarton Slough. The narrow streets that these highways use were not designed to safely carry the large volume of traffic – particularly truck traffic – moving through Tillamook today.

The \$30.5 million project includes widening travel lanes, extending the US 101 couplet, replacing and upgrading a bridge, reconstructing US 101 to accommodate the new bridge, improving access to Hoquarton Interpretive Trail Park, improving pedestrian facilities and upgrading traffic signals.

Now that the project design is complete, we have better information about the cost to construct the project. Currently \$27 million in JTA funds are allocated to the project; an additional \$3.5 million is needed to fully fund the project. The total estimated cost of the project is \$31.5 million, which includes \$1 million in other sources of funds.

Priority Projects/Recommendation:

The Oregon Transportation Commission recommends that funds remaining on the Interstate 5 at State Highway 214 project be reallocated as follows:

- When the Interstate 5 at State Highway 214 project is complete, authorize the OTC to transfer \$3.5 million to the Interstate 5 at the Kuebler Road Interchange project.
- After the \$3.5 million transfer to Interstate 5 at the Kuebler Road Interchange project, transfer any remaining funds to the State Highway 6 at US Highway 101 project.

Making these allocations follows previous practices by the legislature to transfer funds between projects within the same ODOT region.