

Clatsop County



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Mr. Larry McKinley
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Dear Larry:

Please find the enclosed 2010-2013 STIP Project Proposal from Clatsop County. As we have discussed, we are submitting the US 101 – Camp Rilea – Surf Pines Unit 1 (Glenwood Village) as our recommended project. The project is currently on ODOT's 2008-2011 development STIP. This would make the project "construction-ready" for the 2010-2013 STIP process and this request would make a logical progression.

I feel compelled to mention two other projects that do not fit into ODOT's funding categories nicely, but need addressing. They need to be brought to the attention of the Oregon Transportation Commission.

The first would be paving and improvements to Highways 103 and 202. Commissioner Samuelson has had various meetings with ODOT representatives on these concerns. We are encouraged that ODOT has been working on selected areas, however more is needed. Attached you will find a list of needed improvements we would request be give attention in the near future.

Also, we are concerned about US 101 at Beerman Creek. For years during the winter rainy season this section is often closed due to flooding for periods of time. These closures have a great impact on emergency services in South Clatsop County. If there is a need for hospitalization in Cannon Beach or US 26, with many dangerous accidents occurring, the nearest hospital is Seaside and the flooding closes this access.

Thank you for your consideration and I look forward to working with you on these projects in the future.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ed Wegner".

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NWACT 2010-2013 STIP Project Proposal

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Project Name: U.S. 101: Camp Rilea – Surf Pines – Unit 1 (Glenwood Village)

Transportation Problem: This project is for a first phase improvement on the US 101 corridor in the Glenwood Village area. Crashes and congestion are the major problems in the project area. Intersections within the area have shown higher than average crash rates. This project will determine the best ways to reduce crashes and increase capacity in the Glenwood Village area of the project corridor.

Transportation Solution: Proposed improvements include roadway widening, turn lanes, access management, and a new frontage road.

Project History: The US 101 corridor is the main north – south connector for the north Oregon coast. Highway 101 serves an important function in providing access to the Port of Astoria and other economic interests in the Cities of Astoria and Warrenton. The corridor is experiencing development pressures at Sunset Beach, Surf Pines, Westlake and Camp Rilea. US 101 in the project corridor is designated as a Priority 1 Lifeline Route.

This project is in the Clatsop County TSP, Table 5-1 Recommended Capacity Improvements on State Facilities. #6 Construct passing lane on US101 between Gearhart and Warrenton.

Camp Rilea – Surf Pines Road Unit 1 (Glenwood Village) is funded for an environmental assessment in the 2008-2011 Development STIP.

Project Cost: \$7,000,000.

Project Criteria:

ODOT Minimum Eligibility:

- This project is consistent with Clatsop County's Transportation System Plan and with the OTC's eligibility requirements for modernization projects.
- This project supports Policy 1B by improving the intersection of Glenwood Road at US101 and ensuring that the intersection operates in a safe and efficient manner.
- The project consolidates access approaches, widens the highway, improves traffic operations, and will improve traffic safety with a left-turn lane (Policies 1F, 1G and 2F).

ODOT Prioritization Factors:

- This project will be completed in the 2008-2011 D-STIP.
- The proposed project will remove barriers to freight movement (Policy 5A).
- The decision to improve the intersection was made in cooperation with the City of Astoria, City of Warrenton, and Clatsop County.
- The benefits are to improve the safety and reduce the likelihood of crashes. Goodwill from Clatsop County, local residents, and US 101 motorists will also be gained.
- This project will maintain or improve the environmental resources by assessing the potential environmental impacts and mitigating them through construction.

NWACT Prioritization Criteria:

- The NW ACT criteria includes: 1) Improves Congestion; 2) Economic Benefits; 3) Improves Safety; and 4) Community Partnership. All four of these criterions support this project.

Attachment

Cc Scott Derickson, Clatsop County Administrator
Clatsop County Board of Commissioners
Senator Betsy Johnson
Representative Deborah Boone

Milepost and Brief Description of Projects for Highways 103 & 202.

Highway 103:

MP 3.06-3.45 Guardrail corner

Corners need to be widened to accommodate longer trucks. Culvert needs extended to eliminate trap on shoulder.

MP 3.9

Rock bluff needs removed.

MP 4.5-4.8 Fairchild's

Spring in ditch needs to be drained and shoulder widened towards hillside. Corner needs widened and culvert in corner extended.

MP 7.6 Pope-Meeker corner

Corner needs widened

Highway 202:

MP 14.37 Rock pit corner before Art Clark's

Corner needs widened.

MP 14.94 Corner past Art Clark's

Corner needs widened.

MP 16-16.67 North Fork Klaskanine to Klaskanine Mainline

Corners going up grade need to be widened to accommodate longer trucks.

MP 21.34-23 Tidewater Summit

Corners going up grade need to be widened to accommodate longer trucks.