

# ODOT Transportation Funding Needs Analysis

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## I-5 Rose Quarter Improvement Project and I-205 Improvements Project

### I-5 Rose Quarter Improvement Project

ODOT was directed by the Oregon Legislature to address congestion on I-5 at the Rose Quarter. Working together with community leaders, the project addresses the state's top bottleneck and one of the worst freight bottlenecks in the country while also creating new community space with the construction of a highway cover that will help knit together the Albina community. The I-5 Rose Quarter Improvement Project will make the following improvements:

- Auxiliary Lanes and Shoulders: Ramp-to-ramp connections and wider shoulders on I-5 between I-84 and I-405
- Highway Cover: A new highway cover over I-5 that will reconnect local streets and create new community spaces on top for future development and economic opportunities
- I-5 Southbound Off-Ramp Relocation from Vancouver/Broadway to the south, connecting with NE Williams Avenue and NE Weidler
- Multimodal Local Street Improvements for people walking, biking and rolling
- Hancock Crossing: A new east-west roadway crossing over I-5 that will reconnect Hancock Street across the highway
- Pedestrian and Bicycle Bridge: A new bridge over I-5 to connect with the walking and biking network

The total project cost is estimated at \$1.5 billion to \$1.9 billion. This estimate is based on preliminary design and will continue to be refined as the project design progresses. ODOT was recently awarded a \$450 million grant from USDOT under the Reconnecting Communities and Neighborhoods grant program to build the initial, central portion of the project's highway cover. With current funding committed, ODOT estimates an additional \$900 million - \$1,300 million is needed to complete full project construction. This does not include additional federal funds nor associated state matching funds.

<b>I-5 Rose Quarter Improvement Project Funding Need</b>	<b>\$900,000,000 - \$1,300,000,000</b>
Finalize Project Design	\$10,000,000 - \$30,000,000
Right of Way Purchases and Utility Relocations	\$20,000,000 - \$45,000,000
Construction	\$870,000,000 - \$1,225,000,000

The I-5 Rose Quarter Improvement Project utilizes the Construction Manager/General Contractor (CM/ GC) delivery model, allowing ODOT to deliver the project in multiple work packages. The Reconnecting Communities and Neighborhoods grant-funded construction (to build the initial,

central portion of the highway cover) will begin by 2027. ODOT is also exploring early work opportunities to begin construction in 2025, pending funding.

### I-205 Improvements Project

The I-205 Improvements project focuses on the seven-mile section of I-205 from Stafford Rd. to OR 213. The full corridor project was planned to create a seismically resilient corridor, reduce congestion, and improve safety.

Construction of Phase 1 (Abernethy Bridge) began in 2022, with financing tools provided by the legislature in HB 3055 and the expectation that toll revenue would ultimately be used to pay back short-term funding sources. This phase will result in a strengthened Abernethy Bridge capable of withstanding a significant seismic event, as well as improved safety and operations of adjacent interchanges, a new sound wall, and improvements for bicyclists and pedestrians in the project area.

Phase 1 will likely cost around \$750 million, though a precise final cost estimate is still under development. There is currently \$300 million in available resources for this initial phase.

Phase 2 of the project would add a northbound and southbound third lane between Stafford Road and OR 213, replace the Tualatin River Bridges, seismically upgrade or replace all overcrossings, and add needed soundwalls. Phase 2 is expected to cost \$700-\$800 million and is currently unfunded. Design for this phase reached 60% in the fourth quarter of 2023 and has not advanced further. With current funding committed, ODOT estimates an additional \$1.25 - \$1.35 billion is needed to complete full project construction.