



# ***Marion County*** **OREGON**

## **PUBLIC WORKS**

### **Ward Drive Urban Improvement Project**

#### **Project Location**

Ward Drive between Ward Court and Lancaster Drive in unincorporated northeast Salem

#### **Project Purpose and Need**

- Ward Drive is a critical link between Portland Road and Lancaster Drive, serves high vehicular and pedestrian volumes, and requires an upgrade to meet current and future demands.
- Ward Drive is congested during peak hours, in part, because left-turning vehicles cannot move out of the through lane, causing traffic to back up.
- High traffic volumes on Ward Drive and Fisher Road, combined with an unsignalized intersection, result in long queues on Fisher Road during the peak hours.
- The existing traffic signal at the Lancaster Drive/Ward Drive intersection is over 35 years old and requires replacement.
- Pedestrians and schoolchildren frequently walk along Ward Drive, but there are no sidewalks on many portions of the road.
- There has been a larger than expected number of crashes in the project area in the last 5 years, five of which have been related to pedestrians.

#### **Proposed Construction Overview (see map on reverse)**

1. Install continuous sidewalks Ward Drive from Fisher Road to Lancaster Drive.
2. Install north and east bound right-turn lanes at the Fisher Road/Ward Drive intersection.
3. Install a continuous left-turn lane on Ward Drive from Fisher Road to Lancaster Drive.
4. Install a traffic signal at the Fisher Road/Ward Drive intersection.
5. Replace and upgrade the traffic signal at the Lancaster Drive/Ward Drive intersection.
6. Install an eastbound right-turn lane at the Lancaster Drive/Ward Drive intersection.
7. Resurface Ward Drive from Highway 99E to Lancaster Drive.

#### **Cost Estimate**

- Estimated construction cost: \$2.2 million
- Funded through SKATS Area Metropolitan Planning Organization, Federal Surface Transportation Program funds, and Salem Urban Area System Development Charge funds.

#### **Key Project Milestones**

Project Design:	2011 - 2012
Right of Way Acquisition:	2012
Bid Let Date:	Target Spring 2013
Construction:	Target Summer 2013

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Conceptual Drawing



## Project Components

- ① Continuous sidewalks and curbs
- ② Northbound and eastbound right-turn lanes at Fisher Road/Ward Drive
- ③ Continuous left-turn lane on Ward Drive
- ④ New traffic signal at Fisher Road/Ward Drive
- ⑤ Replace traffic signal at Lancaster Drive/Ward Drive
- ⑥ Eastbound right-turn lane at Lancaster Drive/Ward Drive