

You are invited to learn more about the Chemawa Interchange Area Management Plan at the first Open House. The project team needs your help to identify issues and needs for the Chemawa Interchange Area. There is ample parking space at the school, and the cafeteria is ADA accessible. Please stop in anytime during the Open House to share your experiences with traffic at the Chemawa Interchange. You are also welcome to submit comments online at [www.chemawainterchange.org](http://www.chemawainterchange.org).

**OPEN HOUSE**  
 Wednesday  
 July 9, 2008  
 4:00 P.M. TO 7:00 P.M.  
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# CHEMAWA INTERCHANGE AREA MANAGEMENT PLAN

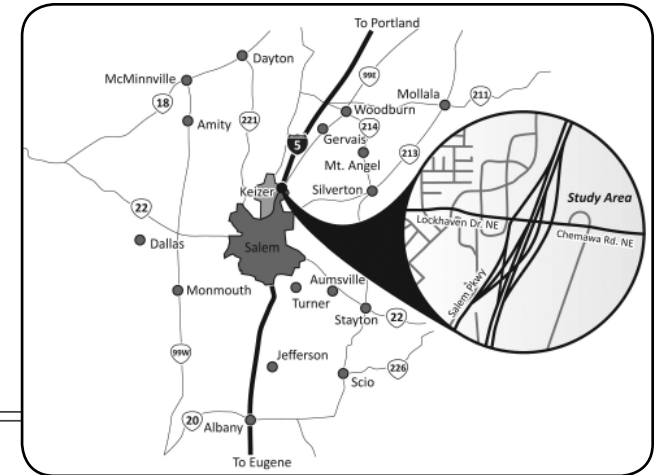
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## Project Purpose

The Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT), the City of Keizer, the City of Salem, and Marion County are working together to examine the needs of the Interstate 5 (I-5) interchange at Chemawa Road today and into the future by jointly creating an Interchange Area Management Plan (IAMP). An IAMP determines future interchange and land use management actions needed to ensure that this interchange can continue to operate acceptably through 2031.

When complete, the adoption of this plan by the Marion County Board of Commissioners, the City of Keizer and the City of Salem City Councils, and the Oregon Transportation Commission will establish a partnership for managing this interchange and the surrounding area.



## Background

Northeastern Salem and Keizer have grown significantly with Keizer's population increasing from 20,000 to 35,000 since 1982.

The area served by this interchange will experience more development pressure in the years to come.

As a result of improvements made in conjunction with new development at Keizer Station, the capacity of the I-5 interchange ramps and Chemawa Road has increased, and several new or modified local roads that serve Keizer Station have been constructed. In the near-term, this construction has improved

interchange operations, but this improvement is expected to be outpaced by future growth.

The area served by this interchange will continue to experience more development. Keizer Station is still under construction with plans to double the existing retail space. Land northeast of the interchange has been annexed by the City of Salem and will be available for development within just a few years. The City of Salem has approved a large residential subdivision east of the interchange, and those residents will use this interchange to access I-5.

## Public Involvement

Two groups have been organized to help produce the plan, one to create the IAMP, and another to provide community feedback and guidance.

The Project Management Team (PMT) represents staff from local agencies and jurisdictions including the City of Keizer, the City of Salem, Marion County, ODOT, Cherriots, the Federal Highway Administration and Oregon Department of Land Conservation and Development. They meet regularly to review data, provide direction on strategy and assumptions, review and consider public input, and ensure work is coordinated with other plans and policies.

The Stakeholder Advisory Committee (SAC) comprises community group representatives, property owners, developers, and residents who provide advice and input to the PMT. The SAC meets regularly, and the public is invited to attend.

The meetings of both groups are open to the public, and a schedule of meetings is available online. For those interested but unable to attend, meeting summaries will be available on the project Web site, [www.chemawainterchange.org](http://www.chemawainterchange.org).

The public is invited to participate through several open houses or the project's Web site. The first open house will be held Wednesday July 9 from 4-7 p.m. at Whiteaker Middle School in Keizer. Future meetings will be announced with mailings similar to this one. To join the project e-mail list and to receive periodic updates, go to [www.chemawainterchange.org](http://www.chemawainterchange.org).

## Project Description

The project includes:

1. Collecting policy, traffic and environmental data
2. Developing a public involvement plan
3. Identifying current transportation deficiencies
4. Identifying environmental and cultural resources
5. Projecting future travel demand
6. Establishing an evaluation framework
7. Developing and evaluating transportation, land use and local circulation/access alternatives
8. Creating an IAMP
9. Assisting local government with necessary plan revisions
10. Adopting the IAMP

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## Frequently Asked Questions

### **WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF AN INTERCHANGE AREA MANAGEMENT PLAN (IAMP)?**

An IAMP is a long-range (20 plus year) plan and agreement developed to protect interchange function and operations, manage land use and transportation decisions in the IAMP area, balance local and regional access, and support travel needs.

### **WHY AN IAMP?**

An IAMP offers the opportunity to plan for the future of an interchange. For the I-5 interchange at Chemawa Road, the IAMP process will bring together staff, citizens and elected officials from ODOT, Keizer, Salem, and Marion County together to discuss future plans for the area. They will work cooperatively to determine the best ways to manage the movement of traffic, goods, and people through the interchange.

### **HOW WILL AN INTERCHANGE PLAN BE DEVELOPED?**

As much as possible, an Interchange Area Management Plan should utilize available traffic, land use, and environmental information specific to the area. One of the first steps in the process is to collect information to determine the current and future transportation needs in the area. The IAMP will consider ODOT safety and design standards, access, traffic circulation, and future development.

### **WHAT ISSUES WILL BE ADDRESSED BY THE IAMP?**

Potential issues to address may include: congestion, approach locations, crash histories, expected levels of development, plan designations and/or zoning in excess of the transportation network's capacity, the local street network, heavy truck traffic, proximity to rural resource lands, and seasonal tourism or other economic factors.

### **HOW WILL THE PUBLIC BE INVOLVED?**

The development of the IAMP requires close coordination between ODOT and the affected local government, in this case, the City of Keizer, the City of Salem, and Marion County. Affected property and business owners, as well as

users of the transportation facility also play an important role in the process. Project staff will hold open houses throughout the IAMP preparation in order to keep the public informed and involved.

Two committees have been formed. The technical committee of agency staff called the Project Management Team (PMT) will write the plan as representatives of the participating jurisdictions. A second group, the Stakeholder Advisory Committee (SAC), will meet regularly throughout the process to inform the participating jurisdictions of area resident, property owner, and business needs. SAC meetings and PMT meetings are open to the public.

## ***Join the Project E-mail List!***

Simply send your name and e-mail address to: [eryn@jlainvolve.com](mailto:eryn@jlainvolve.com)

### **WHAT HAPPENS AFTER THE PLAN IS WRITTEN?**

The PMT will produce the final IAMP document and accompanying draft ordinances for adoption by the Keizer City Council, the Salem City Council, the Marion County Board of Commissioners, and the Oregon Transportation Commission (OTC).

### **HOW LONG WILL THE PLANNING PROCESS TAKE?**

The IAMP planning process is beginning now, and the management plan will be developed over the next year with an anticipated adoption date in late 2009.

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