



U.S. 97 Bend Parkway Plan

Project Fact Sheet

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The Parkway Plan is exploring ways to fix safety and mobility problems on the U.S. 97 Parkway in Bend, and public feedback will shape the recommended solutions.

The Bend Parkway provides essential connections within the Bend metropolitan area and is the most heavily used section of U.S. 97. Today, Parkway users frequently experience delays and congestion, and the Parkway won't meet future travel needs without improvements.

Strategies and Solutions

The project team has spent much of the past year developing and evaluating possible solution alternatives. Parkway improvements being considered include:

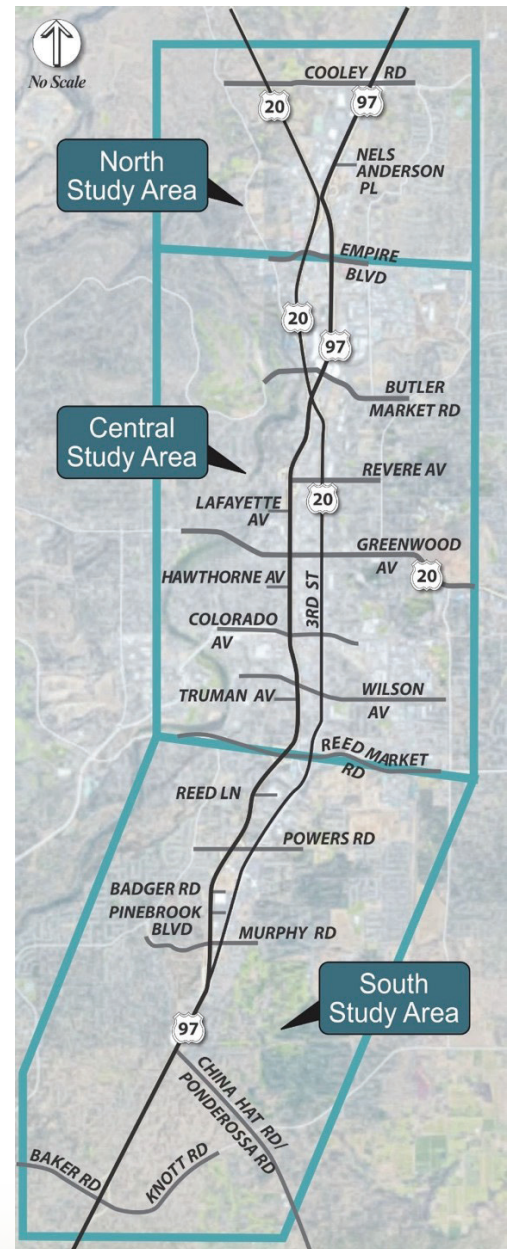
- ✓ **New auxiliary lanes, interchanges and overcrossings.**
- ✓ **Modifying or closing problematic intersections.**
- ✓ **Removing or making changes to traffic signals.**
- ✓ **Separated bike and pedestrian crossings.**
- ✓ **Operational changes such as ramp meters, improved signage, and wider shoulders.**

Public feedback will shape the timing and priority for these potential projects which will be included in a future investment strategy.

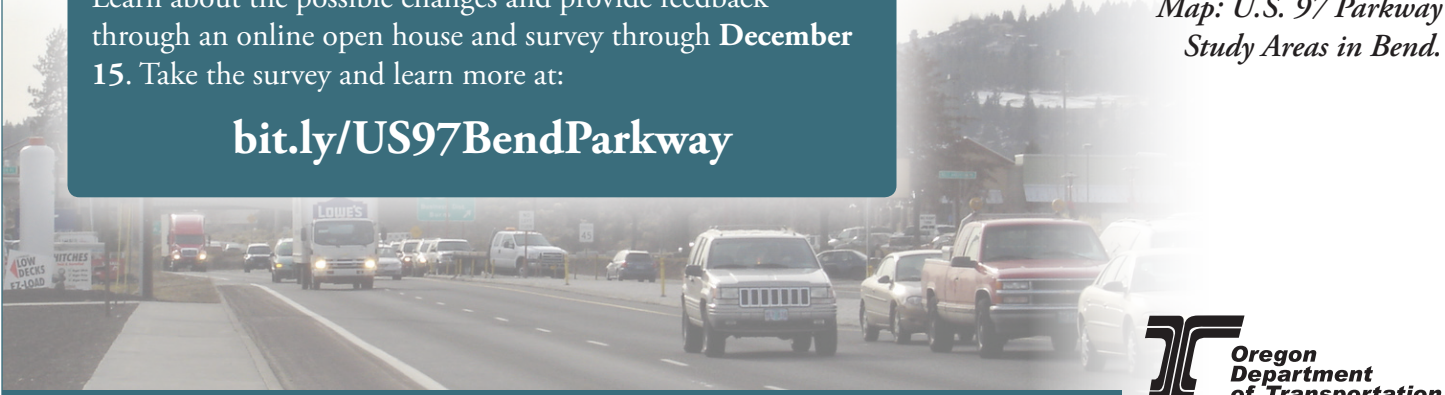
Give ODOT feedback on proposed solutions to congestion and safety problems on the U.S. 97 Parkway.

Learn about the possible changes and provide feedback through an online open house and survey through **December 15**. Take the survey and learn more at:

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Map: U.S. 97 Parkway Study Areas in Bend.



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FAQs

What will the Parkway Plan do?

The U.S. 97 Parkway Plan will identify a wide range of improvements to enhance safety, mobility, walking, biking and transit use. Recommendations will focus on low cost design solutions and those that increase the efficiency of the existing facilities such as operational, management and safety strategies to help improve performance for drivers as well as people who walk and ride bicycles.

How is this plan different from previous U.S. 97 studies and the Bend TSP?

The **U.S. 97 Bend North Corridor Study** addressed the highway section north of U.S. 20. The **South Parkway Refinement Plan** addressed the southernmost section. This plan addresses the rest of U.S. 97 through the BMPO area. (See map on reverse.) The **Bend Transportation System Plan (TSP)** is a separate but related effort that will identify transportation improvements throughout the City. The Parkway Plan team has been working closely with the City of Bend to ensure that Parkway improvements complement and leverage these and other planned improvements elsewhere in the Bend transportation system.

Process

The Parkway Plan has been divided into two phases:

Phase 1 is now complete. This phase focused on developing study goals and objectives and understanding existing problems. In fall 2018, ODOT heard from 1,799 survey participants who offered feedback on the plan goals, shared their knowledge of Parkway problems, and suggested solutions. The public largely reaffirmed the existing conditions assessment which found:

- ✓ **Congestion or other mobility issues throughout the Parkway.**
- ✓ **Problems with traffic signals, intersections, and Parkway access.**
- ✓ **Safety concerns for people who walk and bicycle along or across the parkway.**

During **Phase 2**, the project team developed a Parkway Vision to ground the exploration and selection of future strategies and actions in a common understanding of the purpose and role of the Parkway. The Vision was shaped by feedback from the public, agency partners, the project Sounding Board and Technical Advisory Committee. Ultimately, Phase 2 will identify cost-effective investment strategies that will help improve mobility, reliability and safety. These solutions will be evaluated based on their benefits, costs, and ability to implement them within financial constraints.

The process will result in an ODOT facility plan and will be incorporated into the Bend Metropolitan Planning Organization's Transportation Plan.



Visit bit.ly/US97BendParkway to learn more.

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