

# PROJECT FACT SHEET

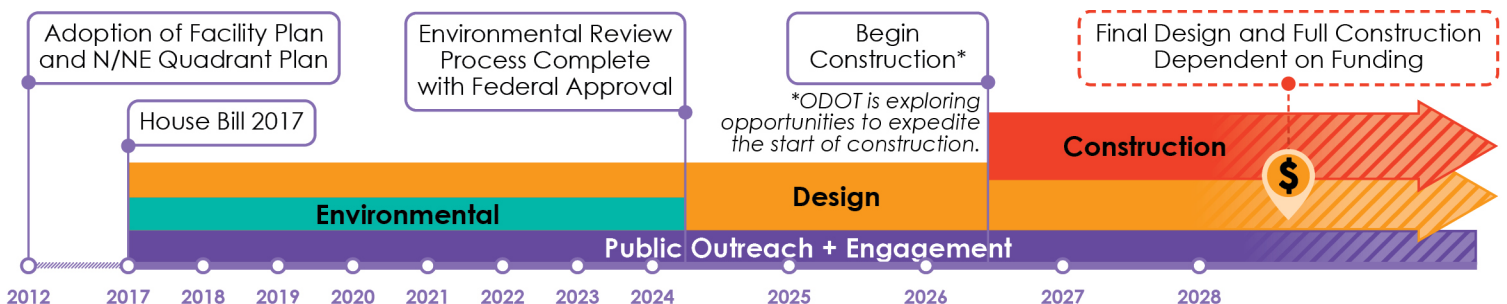
## PROJECT OVERVIEW

The purpose of the I-5 Rose Quarter Improvement Project is to improve safety and congestion where three major interstates converge and to reconnect the Albina neighborhood by constructing a highway cover over a portion of I-5.

Project benefits include improving safety and mobility on local streets, creating new space for community development and developing a diverse and skilled workforce. Some of the key project improvements include:

- ▶ **New ramp-to-ramp auxiliary lanes and wider shoulders** on I-5 to improve safety and reduce congestion at the state's top traffic bottleneck.
- ▶ **A highway cover over I-5** that reconnects local streets and creates new community spaces on top for future development and economic opportunities.
- ▶ **Relocation of the I-5 southbound off-ramp** from Broadway/Vancouver to the south, connecting with NE Williams Avenue and NE Weidler Street.
- ▶ **Local street improvements** including wider paths, accessible curb ramps, better lighting and protected bike lanes for people walking, biking, and rolling.
- ▶ **A pedestrian and bicycle bridge** that creates a new path over I-5 to connect with the walking and biking network.
- ▶ **A new east-west roadway crossing over I-5** that reconnects Hancock Street, adding another crossing north of Broadway/Weidler.

## PROJECT SCHEDULE



Note: The project schedule is subject to change.

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## PROJECT VALUES



**Restorative Justice:** Accelerate social, racial and economic equity, sustaining positive tangible change specifically for Portland's Black community.



**Community Input and Transparent Decision-Making:** Have community-informed and involved decision-making through a community-connected, transparent and inclusionary process.



**Mobility Focus:** Increase connectivity for the traveling public and local community.

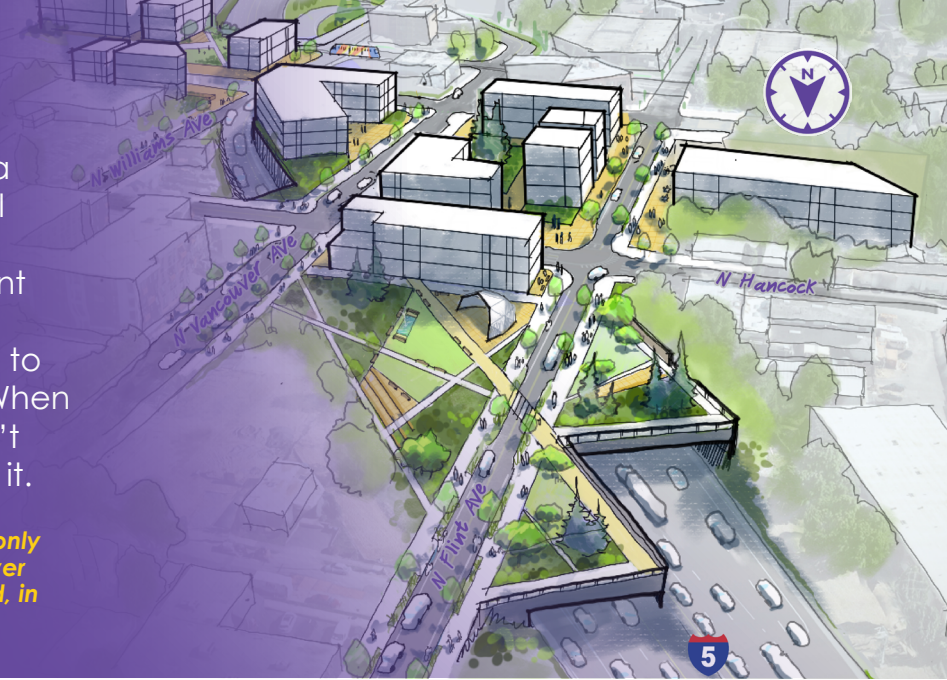


**Climate Action and Improved Public Health:** Reduce greenhouse gas emissions and meet local, regional and statewide climate action goals.

# WHAT IS A HIGHWAY COVER?

A highway cover is a structure built over a highway (like a very wide bridge) that will reconnect local streets and create new community spaces for future development and economic opportunities. Depending on the final design, the cover will be able to support buildings up to three stories tall. When standing on the highway cover, you won't see much of I-5 since traffic will be below it.

*Please note that this graphic is for illustrative purposes only and does not represent a final design; the highway cover development process will be led by the City of Portland, in partnership with ODOT, with community involvement.*



## HISTORIC ALBINA ADVISORY BOARD

The purpose of the Historic Albina Advisory Board is to elevate voices in the Black community to ensure that project outcomes reflect community interests and values and that historic Albina directly benefits from the investments of this project.

The Board brings community perspectives into the project's decision-making process concerning elements that most directly support community connections, urban design and wealth generation in the Black and historic Albina community.

Historic Albina Advisory Board meetings are open to the public.

For more details, visit [i5rosequarter.org/events-meetings/](https://i5rosequarter.org/events-meetings/)

## PROJECT PRIORITIES AND NEXT STEPS

In March 2024, USDOT awarded the project a Reconnecting Communities and Neighborhoods (RCN) Grant in the amount of \$450 million. Additionally, the FHWA reviewed the project's Revised Supplemental Environmental Assessment and issued a Finding of No Significant Impact, concluding the federal environmental review process.

With the completion of the environmental review process and RCN grant funds the project team is actively seeking funding opportunities to fully complete construction.

ODOT continues to work closely with the Historic Albina Advisory Board and partners to provide insight and recommendations, inform project priorities, and advance and fund the project.

The project was honored with a 2024 FHWA [Environmental Excellence Award](#) in recognition of the project's commitment to community-informed and involved decision-making.

[www.fhwa.dot.gov/environment/environmental\\_excellence\\_awards/eea\\_2024/](https://www.fhwa.dot.gov/environment/environmental_excellence_awards/eea_2024/)



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