



Fern Hill Road + Maple Street Highway 47

Comments and Responses

Highway 47, Fern Hill Road and Maple Street Open House
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Why just deal with one intersection, when bad accidents happened last year at all three (Maple/Fern Hill, Elm Street and B Street) intersections?

The County, city and ODOT conducted a Road Safety Audit along this corridor. Findings from the report are listed as projects on Forest Grove's Transportation System Plan. These projects will be recommended for funding. Projects recommended for funding need to compete with other projects.

Elm Street/OR47 is the intersection of city and state streets. B Street/OR-47 is the intersection of County and state streets.

What is the cost for the project?

Design is estimated at \$2 million, and we are seeking \$7 million for construction funding.

Timing - "Construction wouldn't be until 2025. People can be hurt or killed in the meantime." Can the project be sped up?

The project team is dedicated to delivering this project as soon as possible with the required permits.

Timing of the signal should consider pedestrian traffic.

The signal will include push buttons for pedestrians.

Can a right turn lane for southbound OR-47 turning onto Maple Street be included in the project?

The project team is investigating whether a right-turn lane can be added to OR-47 to Maple Street.

Can a right turn lane for north bound OR-47 turning onto Fern Hill Road be included in the project?

The project includes a right-turn lane from OR47 onto Fern Hill Road

The owner north of the intersection is concerned about getting in and out of their driveway safely.

Without a light at the intersection now, Maple Street backs up. When the signal is installed, the queue will be able to clear which should provide better access to enter and exit the driveway.

Why not place barriers and prevent people from crossing the intersection and force to only make right turns from Maple and Fern Hill?

The project team assessed preventing the north-south movement across the intersection, however this increased vehicles on adjacent residential roads and at the intersections at Elm Street/OR-47 and Poplar Street/OR- 47.

Can an acceleration lane for right turns from Fern Hill onto OR 47 be included?

With the installation of the traffic signal, vehicles turning right from Fern Hill onto OR-47 will receive a green light to make turns and not have to wait for a break in traffic as they currently do. An acceleration lane is not included in the project.

Please don't impact the Oregon White Oak west of the intersection where the sidewalk connects to 13th Place.

The tree will not be impacted by the project

What is being done for school buses crossing at Fern Hill and having to pause at the railroad crossing?

The project will investigate ways to help school buses.

How can the city, county and community collaborate to slow the increasing amount of fast-moving traffic?

This open house focused on the intersection at Fern Hill Road, Maple Street and OR-47. This question has been forwarded to the City of Forest Grove, ODOT, and Washington County Traffic and Planning for consideration.

Will there be 45 mph speed for the entire stretch from Poplar to B Street?

OR-47 is a state facility, and therefore the state would need to investigate the speed change.

Why not reduce the speed prior to the project?

The project will have follow up discussions with the state to reduce the speed within the project limits. .