

SW 53RD STREET RAILROAD CROSSING

Description: Construct a new railroad crossing on SW 53rd Street over the Willamette Pacific Railroad located just south of Reservoir Avenue. Options include: an overcrossing which would allow Dunawi Creek to be "naturalized" and realigned under the railroad trestle; or an improved undercrossing which would include raising the railroad tracks and installation of a new railroad bridge.

Timeline: Design to occur in 2011, Construction ????
Estimated construction cost - \$7.0 million
Funding Source – Design funded by State (through CAMPO)
- Construction is unfunded

Status: Currently requesting public feedback on the design options. County and City staff then will approach the City Council and Board of Commissioners for a decision on a preferred design. County staff will complete plans and specifications, however there is no funding available for construction at this time.

Background: Over twenty-five years ago, the City of Corvallis and Benton County commissioned CH2M Hill to complete a corridor study of SW 53rd Street and provide recommendations for the railroad crossing just south of Reservoir Avenue. The outcome of that study was a preferred alternative of an overcrossing. In 2009, funding was allocated for the design of the railroad crossing improvements. The County hired David Evans and Associates to provide assistance in design as well as re-evaluate the initial corridor study. That study showed that improving the underpass is also a viable option.

