

# “We want your input!” OPEN HOUSE/PUBLIC HEARING

Tuesday March 20, 2018

5:00 to 7:00 p.m.

Saint Helens Elementary School, 431 27<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Longview, WA 98632

The project team has completed the technical analysis on two design alternatives in the draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS), which also considered a “no action” alternative. The analysis evaluated how the alternatives would affect a variety of community and environmental resources. Paid for by the legislature with Connecting Washington funds, the Industrial Way/Oregon Way Intersection Project will develop an affordable long-term roadway solution to improve travel reliability for all vehicles, accommodate current and future freight truck and passenger vehicle movement, and maintain or improve emergency response at this critical intersection.



At this open house/public hearing, you are invited to discuss the project and its draft EIS (published on March 2, 2018) with the project team. Attendees are encouraged to provide feedback on the alternatives. Your participation is an important step in the process and are strongly encouraged to provide comments on what you like and do not like about the alternatives, whether they meet the needs of your community, and the findings contained in the draft EIS. Your feedback will be considered, along with other technical information, by the project’s Executive Committee to identify the preferred alternative. Comments may be written or provided to a court reporter at the hearing.

The draft EIS is also available on CD-ROM and can be obtained by contacting:

**Joanna Lowrey, Kelso Area Engineer**

Washington State Department of Transportation

Kelso Area Engineering Office

2400 Talley Way

Kelso, WA 98626

Printed copies of the draft EIS are available for review at:

- Cowlitz County Public Works Office
- Kelso Longview Chamber of Commerce
- Kelso Public Library
- Longview Public Library
- WSDOT Headquarters Library
- WSDOT Kelso Area Engineering Office

For more information contact: **Claude Sakr, Project Lead**, 360.577.3030, [IndustrialOregonWay@co.cowlitz.wa.us](mailto:IndustrialOregonWay@co.cowlitz.wa.us), 1600 13th Avenue South, Kelso, WA 98626

A Spanish interpreter will be available at the meeting. A sign language interpreter will be available if requested. Cowlitz County ensures all compliance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 by prohibiting discrimination against any person on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex or disabilities in the provisions of benefits and services resulting from its federally assisted programs and activities. For questions regarding Cowlitz County’s Title VI Program, or if you need special accommodations to participate in this meeting, you may contact Mark Koelsch at 360.577.3030 Ext. 6543. **If you need special accommodations to participate in this meeting, please call Mark Koelsch by 10:00 a.m. by March 13, 2018.**

Interested in learning more? The draft EIS and more information can be viewed at: [www.IndustrialOregonWay.org](http://www.IndustrialOregonWay.org)