



Franklin Boulevard Redevelopment Project Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

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What is the Franklin Boulevard (Blvd) Redevelopment Project?

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The Franklin Blvd Redevelopment Project will change Franklin Blvd from an outdated, substandard state highway into a modern urban multi-way boulevard that safely serves the needs of the public. It will also help land redevelopment in the Glenwood Riverfront District, including properties along the street.

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Why is the City planning to reconstruct Franklin Blvd?

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In Glenwood, Franklin Blvd is an aging state highway without any safety for bikers and pedestrians. The roadway serves as a vital and central link between downtown Springfield and Eugene, and provides primary access to the Glenwood Riverfront District. Franklin must be improved in order to promote community reinvestment, increase economic opportunities, and to meet everyone's transportation needs.

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How has the City planned for Glenwood redevelopment?

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Springfield engaged the community to re-envision the land uses along Franklin Blvd as mixed-use neighborhoods with both residential and commercial needs that will benefit from quality transportation infrastructure. Springfield adopted an updated Glenwood Refinement Plan that outlines its future vision, and the Franklin Project is an important part of its implementation.

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Who is involved in the Project?

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Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) recently transferred authority for Franklin Blvd in Glenwood to the City of Springfield. The Project is a partnership between the City of Springfield, Lane Transit District (LTD) and ODOT. Public input has been gathered throughout the planning process and will continue throughout the Project.

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Who will be affected by the reconstruction of Franklin Blvd?

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While the goal of the Project is to benefit all of Springfield, it will have the most immediate effect on businesses and residents along the Franklin corridor and in the Glenwood area. The reconstruction of Franklin Blvd will present many opportunities and benefits to Glenwood, and will also present some challenges.

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What are some challenges the Project presents?

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One example is that additional right-of-way will be needed in order to fully implement the Project, though impact has been reduced significantly through redesign. The City of Springfield will work with property owners, businesses and residents every step of the way to minimize impacts, treat people fairly and be transparent throughout the process.

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When will changes occur?

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It is expected that changes will start occurring in 2015, as work on utilities gets underway. Phase 1 construction is estimated to begin in 2016, and will reconstruct from McVay Highway to Mississippi Avenue.

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What does the Franklin Project really mean for my business or property?

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The City is currently working with property owners who have expressed an interest in redeveloping land to fit the vision for the Phase I Glenwood Refinement Plan area. In these cases the goal is to match up project design and construction to work with these reinvestment concepts. In cases where land is not proposed for redevelopment, but still might be impacted by construction, the City will make every effort to work with the owners to provide access from a reconstructed Franklin to existing businesses until property owners choose to redevelop. Where displacement is unavoidable, the City will work closely with any business or property owner to acquire land and assist with any potential relocation of a business.

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