

Juniper Ridge development delayed

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Lack of Transportation, Funding Solutions Cause Delay Until 2008

Ron Garzini, Special Project Manager for the City of Bend, announced today that there will be a delay until early 2008 in bringing forward a development agreement for Juniper Ridge.

A letter received last week from the Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) indicates that further building beyond Les Schwab's headquarters will not be allowed at Juniper Ridge until a transportation improvement concept has been identified and a funding strategy is in place for the intersection of US 97 and Cooley Road.

The City of Bend has engaged an engineering team including CH2MHill to plan solutions for the intersection and its surroundings - solutions preliminarily estimated to cost from \$15 to \$30-million.

Garzini said, "Until estimates and engineering are firm and funds are identified, and an agreement is approved by ODOT, it would be premature to go further with a Juniper Ridge development agreement."

Garzini went on to say, "Once the planning for the intersection is complete, work plans are complete, risk assessments are complete, and funds are identified, a development plan will be brought forward which matches those documents."

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