

ODOT Hands Downtown Back To Redmond

Courtesy of ODOT, the City of Redmond now has its downtown back...and to formalize the occasion, Region 4 Manager Bob Bryant presented the city with a highway sign marking the event.

Planning for the Reroute began a decade ago, with the idea of a limited bypass that would move trucks from US97, a highway that cut through the heart of the city. It was going to be about 1.5 miles long and cost about \$15 million to build.

Today, as ODOT is putting the finishing touches on the Reroute, it has grown to 3.5 miles and the price tag is about \$90 million, and carries about 75% of all the traffic which used to traverse downtown Redmond.

Over the weekend of August 16, Redmond Mayor Alan Unger presided over an event on the former highway in the city center that featured bands, dancers and open air booths.



Under the heat of a scorching sun, Region 4 Manager Bob Bryant presented the Mayor with a highway sign, symbolic of the partnership and cooperation between ODOT and the City of Redmond.