

Bypass # 6 - North Corvallis Bypass, OR 99W, Pacific Highway West, Highway 91 (MP 80.73-82.95)

Description: OR 99W runs parallel to and west of I-5. The two-lane Regional Highway is the major north-south arterial through Corvallis and provides access to other important arterials. The North Corvallis Bypass is completely within the Corvallis city limits and extends from Elks Drive to Buchanan Avenue. South from Buchanan Avenue, OR 99W is a one-way couplet on 3rd and 4th Streets.

Construction in 1955. No Environmental Impact Statement.

Land use: Land uses are urban. No annexations have occurred adjacent to the bypass. The *Corvallis Transportation Plan (1996)* identifies the importance of access control and avoiding driveways on arterial highways, consistent with the Oregon Highway Plan (1991). The expressway-like highway currently has no private accesses. Corvallis has made local enhancements to the traffic flow. The extension of Walnut Street to the bypass and closing of several private accesses improved the access control, for example.

Crash rates: The average crash rate from 1998-2000 was 2.51 per million vehicle miles traveled, lower than similar urban highways. The top three crash types were rear end, angle, and turning movement.

Analysis: The bypass seems to be functioning well.

Primary source: *Corvallis Transportation Plan, August 1996*