# US20/US97/Empire improvements

TMAC Presentation

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# Agenda:

- Current State
- Possible Solutions
- Funding

# Current State

Empire intersection is highly congested

- Changes of access to US20 west during BNC exacerbated the problem, knowing a long term US20/US97 connection is needed

- Long term solution is identified in the City's Transportation System Plan ("TSP"), Bend North Corridor EIS, and US97 Parkway




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# Solution Options

Full solution includes:

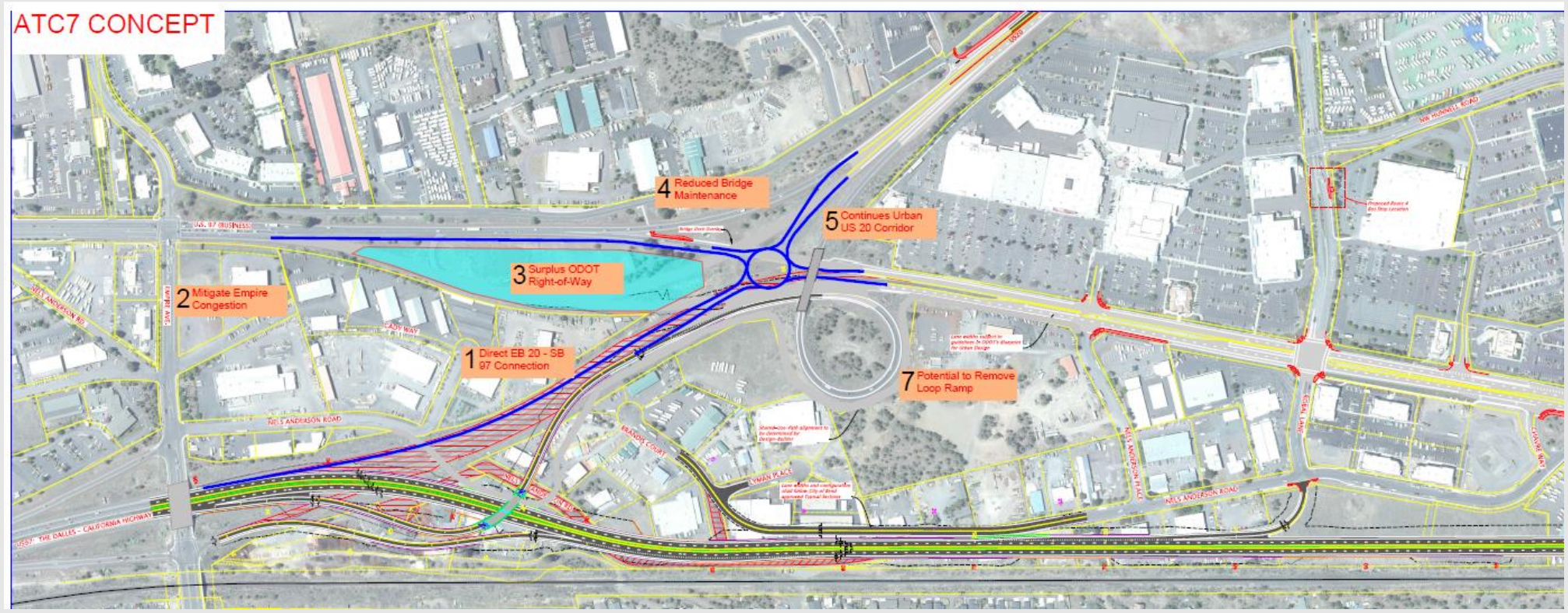
- direct connection between US97 and US20
- upgrades to Empire/3rd intersection
- Upgrades to Empire Street

planning study to assess options for a solution will be completed in Summer 2027

- 3 options, plus no build
- Provide details on operational feasibility, costs, and potential downstream impacts

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# Option 1: US 20 eastbound to US 97 southbound highway connection via direct ramp access to US 97.



Option 2: US 20 eastbound to US 97 southbound highway connection via a new connection as the north leg of the Empire Avenue Southbound US 97 On-Ramp.



## Option 3: US 20 eastbound to US 97 southbound highway connection via US 20 at Empire Avenue traffic signal with associated lane additions.



# Funding

- Solution will cost between $20-$30M
- Options to address the signal, empire corridor, or a comp
- Allocated:
  - ODOT – $5M
  - City of Bend – $1.45M