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## 2016 ODOT DISPARITY STUDY

The Oregon Department of Transportation 2016 Disparity Study is analyzing whether there is a level playing field for minority- and women-owned firms in the Oregon transportation contracting industry and in its own contracts. This information will help ODOT operate the Federal Disadvantaged Business Enterprise Program for its federally-funded contracts. ODOT's last disparity study was conducted in 2011. Keen Independent Research is leading the disparity study.

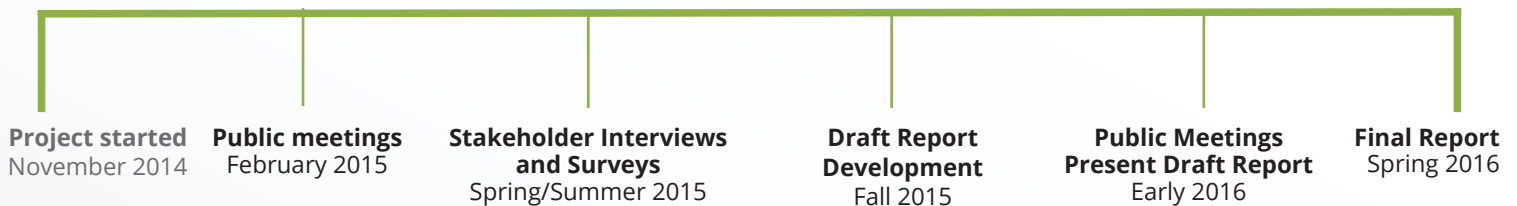
### STAKEHOLDER INVOLVEMENT

There are a number of ways stakeholders can be involved and informed. Input collected throughout the study will be considered and incorporated into the final report.

- A study website provides the latest information - [www.ODOTDBestudy.org](http://www.ODOTDBestudy.org).
- The study team will contact (by phone or via email) businesses in the Oregon highway construction and engineering-related fields to collect information about the company and marketplace conditions.
- Four public meetings will be held in February 2015 (see reverse for more information), and six will be held in early 2016 to review and comment on the draft report.
- An External Stakeholder Group is providing input to the study team.
- The study team can be contacted any time through our hotline, online comment form, email or letter.

### SCHEDULE

The study began in mid-November 2014 and will be completed in early 2016. A draft report will be produced for public input in early 2016.



#### For more information or questions contact:

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Website: [www.ODOTDBestudy.org](http://www.ODOTDBestudy.org)

Project hotline: 503-660-8865

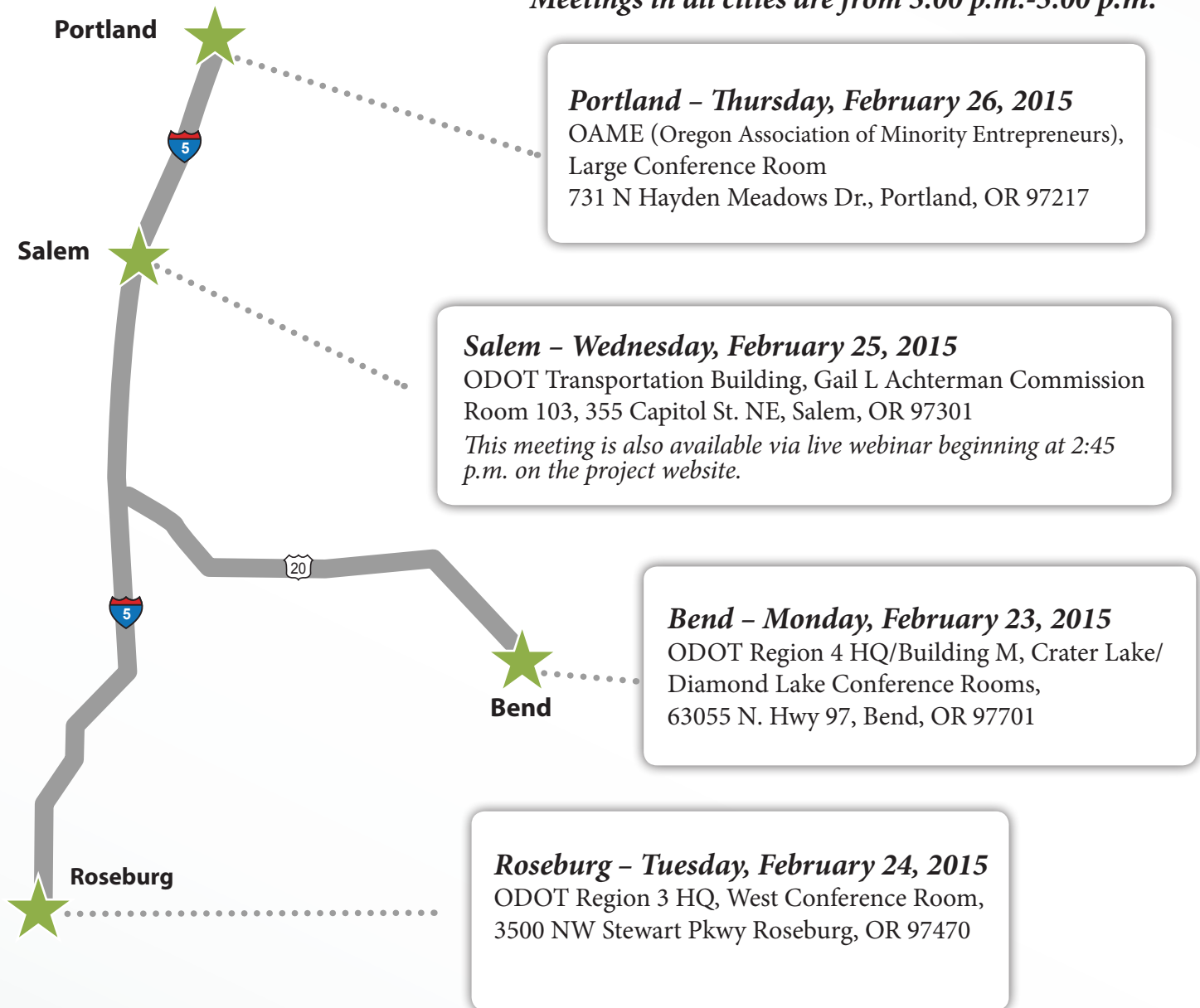
Mail: Keen Independent Research, 100 Fillmore Street, 5th Floor, Denver, CO 80206



## You Are Invited - Upcoming Public Meetings

ODOT is inviting highway construction and engineering-related businesses and other interested groups to attend public meetings scheduled for late February. ODOT and the study team will provide information on the study and ask for comments about the Oregon contracting industry and doing business with ODOT. Input collected at these meetings will help shape the study team's approach to the stakeholder interviews and surveys occurring this spring/summer. Comments can also be provided online at [www.ODOTDBEstudy.org](http://www.ODOTDBEstudy.org) or by calling the project hotline at (503) 660-8865.

*Meetings in all cities are from 3:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m.*



All meeting locations are ADA-accessible. Information is available in alternative formats upon request. Accommodations will be provided to persons with disabilities. To request an accommodation to participate in meetings, please call Tiffany Hamilton at (503) 986-4355 or statewide relay 7-1-1 at least 48 hours prior to the meeting.

Learn more at [ODOTDBEstudy.org](http://ODOTDBEstudy.org) or call the project hotline: 503-660-8865