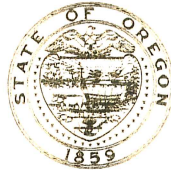


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Pictured, l-r: Scappoose City Councilor Judy Ingham; State Rep. Brad Witt; Betty Butzer; Scappoose City Councilor Larry Meres; Scappoose Mayor Scott Burge; Scappoose City Councilor Donna Gedlich; Scappoose City Councilor Jeff Erickson; State Senator Betsy Johnson; ODOT Region 1 Manager Jason Tell

Senator Betsy Johnson joined a longtime constituent May 6th to celebrate the ribbon cutting ceremony for the Havlik Road Crossing in Scappoose. “The danger of this crossing was first brought to my attention by a committed citizen activist, Betty Butzer,” said Johnson. “Through her work with the ‘In Our Lifetime’ committee, she has been a persistent advocate for improving her community. Today we get to celebrate the final product and thank her for her patience and advocacy.”

Butzer became involved in the call for a safer crossing at Havlik Road when she served as the homeowner president at Spring Lake Park. She formed the “In Our Lifetime” committee to work with the Oregon Department of Transportation and the City of Scappoose on finding a solution to the traffic problems created by new developments in the area. Her concern over potential gridlock during an emergency evacuation and traffic backup caused by the train crossing nearby ultimately led to the project. “I’m so glad to it’s great to see the final result. All of our hard work has paid off and I’m thrilled to see this happen in my lifetime,” said Butzer, who now lives in Portland.

During the past 18 months, construction has been under way to extend two roads in southeast Scappoose that will connect to one another: Havlik Drive across U.S. 30 and 2nd Street between Frederick Street and the new section of Havlik Drive. Both new roads were recently completed. This new connection will provide better access from the adjacent neighborhood to the highway and open this part of the city to new residential and commercial development.