



Motorists use the current four-way stop at Chemawa and Verda on May 16. Construction on a roundabout at the location starts in mid-June.

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lines during peak morning and evening commute times, particularly on Chemawa Road.

When the city's Transportation System Plan was updated in 2009, it was suggested the intersection be upgraded to either a signal or a single lane roundabout.

"It was determined that the cost and benefits of constructing a roundabout were better served than constructing a signalized intersection," Lawyer said.

The project is a partnership between the city and the Oregon Department of Transportation.

"The closure of the intersection is necessary to

efficiently and cost effectively construct the new roundabout and it was also determined to be the safest option for the contractor and public," Lawyer said. "Detours will be posted and traffic signs, message boards and flaggers will be on-site as needed to direct traffic."

Project plans and development were done by W & H Pacific of Salem while North Santiam Paving of Stayton is the contractor. The projected construction cost for the project is \$838,731 in local and federal funds.

That cost was about \$140,000 less than originally estimated. The bids were opened in November. The total cost for the ODOT project is approximately \$1.8 million.

Lawyer said city staff were involved starting in June 2011. The project was delayed twice.

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moment: trying to make sense of an otherwise random – yet still small – accumulation of violent crimes in Keizer."

Teague emphasized some members of the Keizer Police Department have a specific task in regards to crimes.

"They are pretty good at figuring out root causes for crime – looking for what's common amid the apparent randomness – and then fixing those problems and preventing crimes from happening," he said. "We cops will remain proficient and attentive, working to squash these things as they happen, even if they're random enough that we can't predict and prevent them, keeping them from spilling over too intimately into the lives of the norms-following public."

Teague, who also touched on the issue at Monday's Keizer City Council meeting, said there is some simple advice to follow.

"People need to remain prudently careful and aware, but they don't need to worry," he said. "Life is risky, but the risk



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A bullet went through the front window of the home.

of being the victim of a violent crime is almost negligible if a person doesn't engage in high-risk activities."

According to the KPD, last Sunday's shooting was reported at 2:17 a.m., though one neighbor told the *Keizertimes* about being awakened by the shots at 1:43 a.m. Deputy Chief Jeff Kuhns with the KPD said the victims did not call the police until 2:17, though an initial call of shots being fired came at 1:54.

Margarito Galvez Jr. said he was at a nearby friend's house when his sister called him. Galvez said it took him about 30 seconds to get home.

Galvez said his wife, two young daughters and his sister were at home at the time. He said shells from a gun were found.

According to Galvez as well

as the KPD, no one was injured in the shooting.

"No arrests have been made and the incident remains under investigation," the release said in part.

Kuhns said a vehicle was spotted, but cautioned there's no confirmation it was in connection with the shooting.

"There was a report of a black vehicle speeding in the area, but at this time I am hesitant to call it the suspect vehicle," Kuhns said on Monday. "There is no other information about the suspect(s)."

Galvez said based on the location of where the shells were found, he didn't think it was a drive-by shooting. He noted he had no idea who could have done the shooting.

"The guy was here in the driveway," he said. "The guy was here to do whatever the hell he was here to do."

Galvez noted he was looking at buying his house, but wasn't sure if the shooting would change those plans.

"If I ran and they keep chasing me, that won't do any good," he said. "I want to help the cops find whoever the hell it was. I had (an inflatable) swimming pool in the front yard. If I wanted trouble, I wouldn't have that."

Galvez noted a Honda was parked head-first in the driveway. The car was hit by several bullets, with one shattering the back window. A shot also hit the windshield, with one of the bullets hitting the driver's seat headrest.

Galvez also showed the *Keizertimes* bullet holes in the front of the house. One hit the front window, while another hit right below the window and went through a couch positioned in front of the window.

"The first thing that caught my eye was the back window (of the Honda)," Galvez said. "Then I saw the bullet holes in the house. It's scary. I'm from Los Angeles. I moved here to get away from this (stuff). This is scary."

Galvez said he's currently on probation but isn't mixed up with a bad crowd.

"I don't do drugs, I don't owe anyone anything," he said. "My neighbors see me out here and see the things I'm doing. I pressure wash my driveway and I mow the lawn. I'm trying to be a good neighbor."

Anyone with information about Sunday's shooting is asked to contact detective Arsen Avetisyan with the KPD at 503-390-3713 Ext. 3514.

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