



Klamath County - Public Works Department

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December 2, 2003

Oregon Department of Transportation
Attn. Bob Thompson
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Re: Supplemental Information for Bridge #6745 OTIA III Application.

The November 24, 2003 letter from Doug Tindall requested additional information regarding the traffic use for the above named bridge. While looking for more information I discovered that the traffic count numbers used on the OTIA Applications were arrived at by using an older count and estimating annual increases. The applications should have shown the 2002 counts, which were done at each of the three bridges with our new electronic counters.

These counters are able to distinguish truck traffic from passenger cars. The 2002 count at Bridge #6745, differs from the estimated volumes as follows:

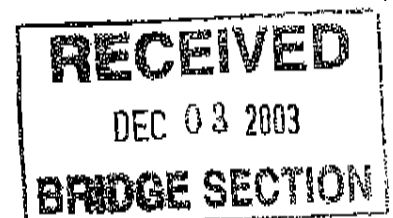
	<u>2002 Count</u>	<u>Estimate</u>
AADT	822	702
Truck Volume	93	70

Sprague River Road is an important east-west connector between Hwy 97 at Chiloquin and Hwy 140 five miles west of Beatty. Most of the road users are avoiding the longer route south through Klamath Falls (33 miles on Sprague River Road versus 60 miles using Hwy 97 and 140). By comparing the counts at all three bridges it can be estimated that 60% of the truck traffic is using the route as a connector between 97 and 140. This road also serves as a major haul route for logging operations and agricultural producers in the area.

If you have any questions please contact me at 541-883-4696.

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Re: Supplemental Information for Bridge #6746 OTIA III Application.

The November 24, 2003 letter from Doug Tindall requested additional information regarding the traffic use for the above named bridge. While looking for more information I discovered that the traffic count numbers used on the OTIA Applications were arrived at by using an older count and estimating annual increases. The applications should have shown the 2002 counts, which were done at each of the three bridges with our new electronic counters.

These counters are able to distinguish truck traffic from passenger cars. The 2002 count at Bridge #6746, differs from the estimated volumes as follows:

	<u>2002 Count</u>	<u>Estimate</u>
AADT	575	702
Truck Volume	95	70

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Re: Supplemental Information for Bridge #6835 OTIA III Application.

The November 24, 2003 letter from Doug Tindall requested additional information regarding the traffic use for the above named bridge. While looking for more information I discovered that the traffic count numbers used on the OTIA Applications were arrived at by using an older count and estimating annual increases. The applications should have shown the 2002 counts, which were done at each of the three bridges with our new electronic counters.

These counters are able to distinguish truck traffic from passenger cars. The 2002 count at Bridge #6835, differs from the estimated volumes as follows:

	<u>2002 Count</u>	<u>Estimate</u>
AADT	1014	927
Truck Volume	117	93

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