



Road closure

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Drivers planning to take state Highway 38 between Drain and Elkton will have to rework their travel plans Friday, when the road closes.

According to an Oregon Department of Transportation press release, the highway will be closed between those areas from 9 p. m. Friday to 6 a.m. on Monday, May 12, to replace the bridge at the east end of the Elk Creek Tunnel.

Detours will be in place during the closure. Motorists heading west from Interstate 5 to Reedsport are advised to take exit 136 Sutherlin and follow state Highway 138 to Elkton. Those traveling east from Reedsport to I-5 should turn off Highway 38 at Elkton and follow the 138 to I-5 exit 136.

Local traffic will be allowed between Elkton and Tom Foley Road on the west side of Elk Creek Tunnel and between Drain and a weigh station at milepost 41 on the east side.

The bridge replacement is part of a project to replace five aging bridges on Highway 38 between Elkton and Drain. Built between 1929 and 1932, the bridges are being replaced to ensure safe travel on this route between the coast and I-5.

For more information, those interested can visit www.oregon.gov/ODOT/HWY/REGION3/ElkCreek.shtml.

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