



Oregon Department of Transportation

Project Information

Highway Division

U.S. 30 –Tide Creek-Big Creek

August 2008

Project summary and location

- Upgrade four bridges on U.S. 30 (Lower Columbia River Highway) between St. Helens and Astoria.

Purpose and need

- U.S. 30 is a heavily-used freight route and carries many people to Oregon's northwest coastal communities. The bridges, built between 1929 and 1959, will be strengthened to improve safety, mobility and access.

Construction overview

Strengthen four bridges at the following locations:

- Tide Creek (mile post 36.5) between St. Helens and Rainier in Columbia County;
- Lost Creek (mile post 55.3) between Rainier and Clatskanie in Columbia County;
- Gnat Creek (mile post 77.2) east of Astoria in Clatsop County; and
- Big Creek (mile post 82.5) east of Astoria in Clatsop County.

Construction will begin in summer 2009 and is scheduled to be completed in the fall of 2010.

Construction impacts

- Short-term, temporary lane closures will be required to complete the project.
- Possible single-lane closures for up to two months at the Gnat Creek and Big Creek bridges.

Key project milestones

- Winter 2008/2009 – Finalize design.
- Summer 2009 – Begin construction.
- Fall 2010 - End construction.

Project cost and funding

- \$5.5 million for design and construction.
- Funding provided by the Oregon Transportation Investment Act.

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