

BRIDGE NEWSLETTER

Repairs to four bridges along U.S. 30 nearly finished

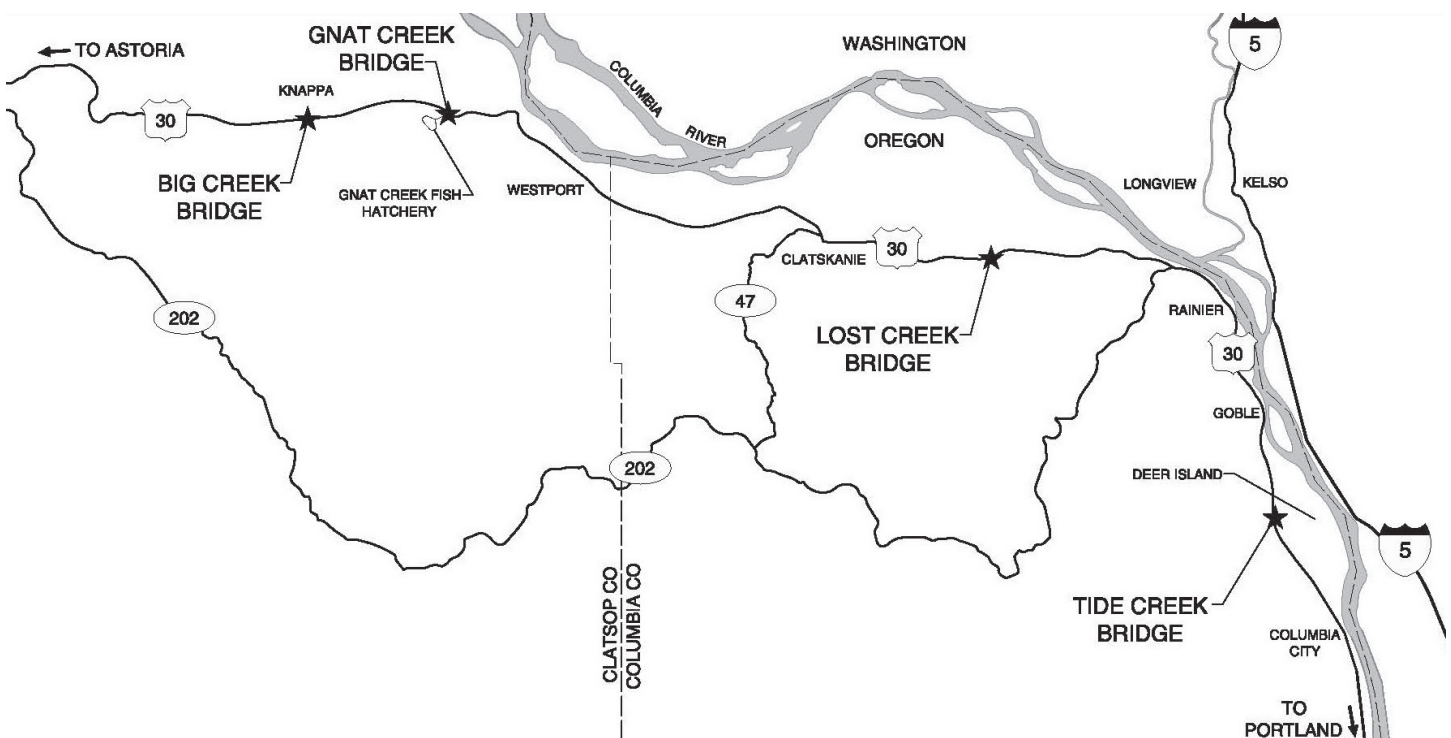
Repairs to four bridges along U.S. 30, the Lower Columbia River Highway, may finish ahead of schedule, thanks to the efforts of Mowat Construction Company, the Oregon Department of Transportation's contractor for this project.

ODOT began upgrades to the bridges this summer and the work is scheduled to be complete by summer 2010. However, project inspectors say the contractor has made excellent progress and may finish nearly all of the work before the end of the year.

Contractors are strengthening the bridges to improve safety, mobility and access. The construction schedule avoids high-traffic periods, including holidays, events and other peak travel times, to minimize disruptions to travelers. The four bridges in the project are located on U.S. 30 between St. Helens and Astoria (see map below).

Projects and anticipated traffic impacts

- **Big Creek bridge** (mile post 82.5), between Knappa and Astoria, and **Gnat Creek bridge** (mile post 77.2), between Westport and Knappa, watch for daytime lane closures.
- **Lost Creek bridge** (mile post 55.3), between Rainier and Clatskanie. Minor repair work was completed in September.
- **Tide Creek bridge** (mile post 36.5), east of Rainier, required a few updates beneath the structure. Due to low traffic levels, minor bridge repair work was completed in August.





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For More Information

Please contact Shannon Huggins at (503) 471-6810 if you have any questions, would like to receive more frequent e-mail updates, or if you would like an ODOT representative to give a presentation about the project to your community group.

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