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## **Construction work begins on seven I-84 bridges between Cascade Locks and Hood River**

CASCADE LOCKS — Contractors for the Oregon Department of Transportation begin roadside surveying work and installing construction signs Monday, July 28, for a project to replace two bridges and repair five bridges along Interstate 84 between Cascade Locks and Hood River.

During construction, ODOT will keep two lanes open in each direction on I-84 between 7 a.m. and 7 p.m. Other traffic impacts include:

- **I-84 bridges over the connector to U.S. 30 (Wa-Na-Pa Street) at mile post 45.05:** Construction begins Aug. 12. Drivers can expect single lane closures controlled by flaggers on the connector road between U.S. 30 and S.E. Frontage Road. Workers will build a detour bridge to maintain four lanes of traffic on I-84 as they replace the bridges.
- **I-84 over the Herman Creek Connector at mile post 47.31:** Crews will begin repairing the westbound bridge in mid-September. Drivers can expect occasional single-lane closures on I-84. Westbound traffic will be shifted to the eastbound lanes during construction.
- **I-84 bridges over Moody Street at mile post 43.93:** Workers will maintain four lanes on I-84. Drivers can expect occasional single-lane closures on Moody Street beginning in late September.
- **I-84 over Union Pacific Railroad at mile post 63.4:** Crews will maintain four lanes on I-84 as they conduct repair work under the bridges, beginning March 2009.
- **Second Street Bridge over Union Pacific Railroad at mile post 63.98:** Workers will maintain four lanes on I-84. Drivers can expect occasional single-lane closures on Second Street beginning in March 2009. Trucks will be unable to use the bridge for up to one month during construction.

Construction on all bridges listed above will be completed by November 2010.

ODOT awarded the \$9.2 million bridge repair and replacement contract to Wildish Standard Paving. The project is funded by the Oregon Transportation Investment Act.

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