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Construction work begins on four I-84 bridges near Cascade Locks

CASCADE LOCKS — Contractors for the Oregon Department of Transportation have begun work on four bridges along Interstate 84 just west of Cascade Locks. They will replace the eastbound I-84 bridge over Moffett Creek at milepost 38.9 and realign eastbound I-84 toward the south on either side of the bridge. They will also repair the eastbound I-84 bridge at Dodson at milepost 35.1, and the eastbound and westbound I-84 Tanner Creek bridges at milepost 40.1.

During construction, ODOT will keep two lanes open in each direction on I-84 between 7 a.m. and 7 p.m. Repairs at the Dodson overpass will involve limited lane closures on the Historic Columbia River Highway. Bridge construction at Moffett Creek will involve flagging and lane closures to switch traffic onto the new freeway bridge. Construction and equipment staging may also require limited shoulder closures on I-84 near the bridge work sites.

Repairs to the Tanner Creek bridges will require closing the Historic Columbia River Highway State Trail between Tanner Creek and Moffett Creek from June to December 2009. The closure will not interfere with the trail between Bonneville Dam and the Tanner Creek Crossing. The Oregon Parks and Recreation Department approved the decision to close the trail passing under the bridges as the safest option for trail users and workers. Signs will be posted to notify trail users.

ODOT will coordinate this bridge work with other I-84 projects in the Gorge to minimize impacts to drivers. This project will be completed in May 2010.

ODOT awarded the \$11 million bridge repair and replacement contract to Cascade Bridge. The project is funded by the Oregon Transportation Investment Act.

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The OTIA III State Bridge Delivery Program is part of the Oregon Department of Transportation's 10-year, \$3 billion Oregon Transportation Investment Act. OTIA funds are repairing or replacing hundreds of bridges, paving and maintaining city and county roads, improving and expanding interchanges, adding new capacity to Oregon's highway system and removing freight bottlenecks statewide. Based on 2008 dollars, about 14 family-wage jobs are sustained for every \$1 million spent on transportation construction in Oregon. Each year during the remainder of the OTIA program, we estimate that construction projects will sustain an average of 4,100 family-wage jobs.

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