



# US 26 (Mt. Hood Highway) Rhododendron to M.P. 49.2

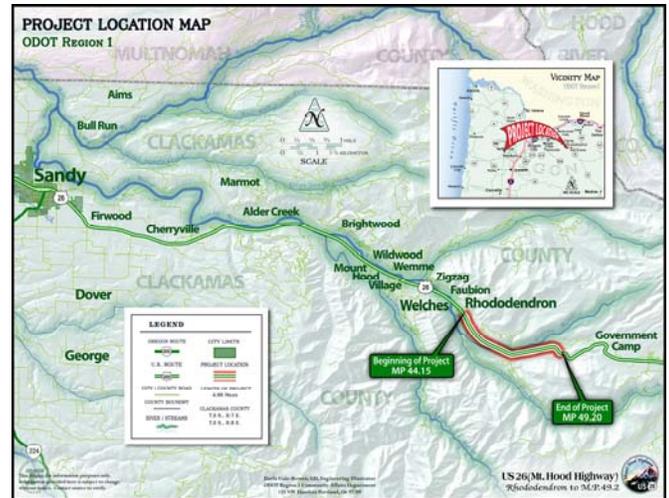
## PROJECT LOCATION

U.S. 26 (Mt. Hood Highway) from milepost 44.1 (near E. Little Brook Lane) to milepost 49.2 (just east of Twin Bridges Road).

## PROJECT SUMMARY

This safety and preservation project includes:

- Re-paving and re-striping the highway from milepost 44.1 to 49.2.
- Creating a westbound passing lane and winter chain removal area between milepost 47.6 and 48.8.
- Creating an eastbound chain-on area between milepost 47.6 and 48.8.
- Re-aligning Kiwanis Road (at milepost 48.7) to improve sight distance and turning movements.
- Improving safety through the eastbound curve at milepost 47, including guardrail installation (access at milepost 47.1 will be permanently closed).
- Improving signage throughout the project area.



## PURPOSE AND NEED

Areas of pavement along this section of U.S. 26 are deteriorating and in need of rehabilitation; rutting and potholes also exist in certain areas. In addition, there is no dedicated westbound area for a slow-moving vehicle turnout or winter chain removal area, which presents safety concerns.

## PROJECT TIMELINE

ODOT anticipates opening bids in April 2011 to select a contractor for the project. Construction is anticipated to begin in June 2011 and be complete by October 2011.

## PROJECT IMPACTS

During construction, drivers can expect single lane closures controlled by flaggers. Drivers will be directed through the work area by pilot cars. ODOT anticipates that the majority of work will take place during nighttime hours; we will provide updates as we get closer to construction. During construction, ODOT will also protect cultural resources throughout the project area.

## OTHER PROJECTS OF INTEREST

- As part of an Intelligent Transportation System project, an electronic Variable Message Sign will be installed at milepost 47.8 to inform drivers of chain requirements and designated chain on/off areas.
- ODOT is in the early stages of developing a project to improve safety on Mt. Hood Highway between Camp Creek Campground and Timberline Highway. More information is available at the project webpage: [www.oregon.gov/ODOT/HWY/REGION1/MtHood/project\\_mhh\\_safety.shtml](http://www.oregon.gov/ODOT/HWY/REGION1/MtHood/project_mhh_safety.shtml)

## CONTACT INFORMATION

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