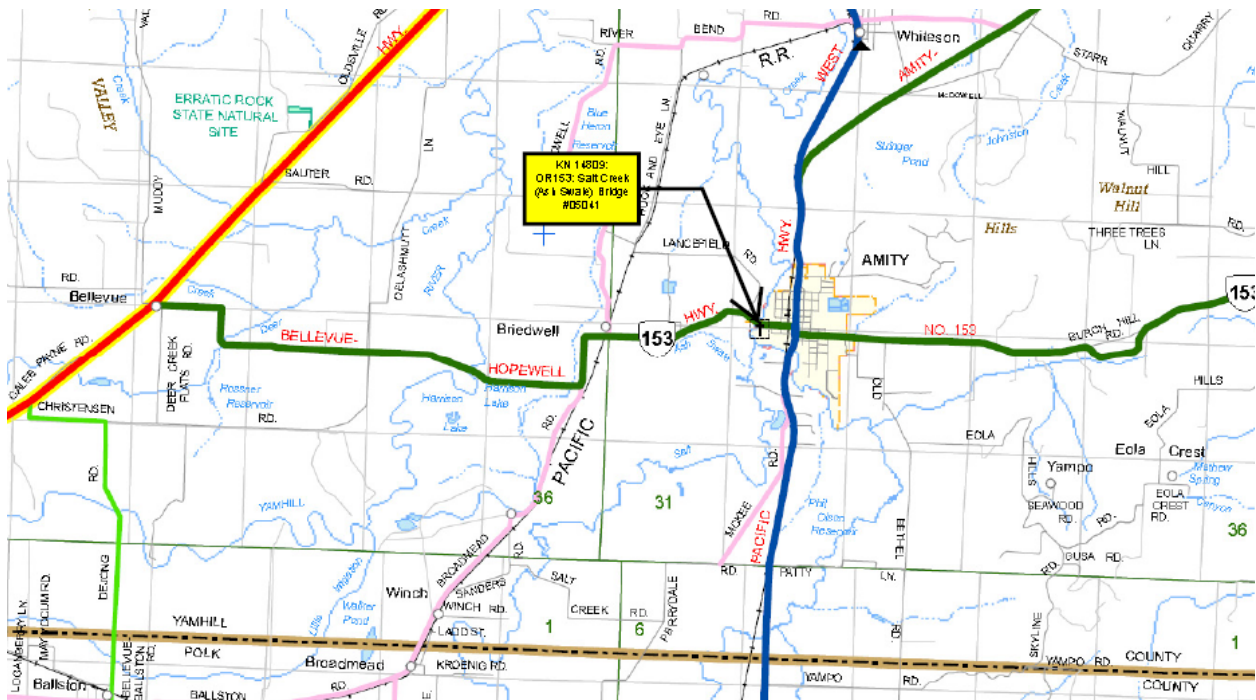


## Project Information Paper: OR 153 Salt Creek (Ash Swale) Bridge # 05041

### Project Location:

The project is located on OR 153 at mile point 5.88, just west of the city limits of Amity, Yamhill County, Oregon.



Looking East



Looking West

### **Project Purpose and Need:**

This bridge was constructed in 1951. Average daily traffic is 1600 vehicles per day. The bridge is being replaced due to its age and current general condition.

### **Project Description**

Replace this bridge with a multi- span concrete bridge. The Project Development Team (PDT) is currently investigating three possible ways of building the replacement bridge (in order of preference):

- 1) Build the new bridge adjacent to the north of the existing bridge and keeping the existing bridge open during construction;
- 2) Build one lane of the new bridge adjacent to the north of the existing bridge and keep the existing bridge open during construction. After the new lane is completed demolish the old bridge and run traffic in a single lane over the new bridge while the second lane of the new bridge is under construction
- 3) Demolish the existing bridge, detour all traffic to other county roads and construct the new bridge in the same alignment as the existing bridge.

During an initial project design team meeting to discuss the alternatives, it became apparent that each of them has advantages and disadvantages. Currently, none of the three alternatives can be approved or eliminated without further investigation. It will take 4-6 months to perform an impact assessment. If at that point, the third alternative appears to have merit, a public meeting will be held to discuss it further with the affected community.

This paper will be updated when the PDT reaches a decision on this in mid-2009.

### **Cost of Project:**

Construction cost for the project can not be accurately estimated until the preliminary design is completed. ODOT's planning-level estimate indicates a total project cost (including engineering, right of way acquisition, utility relocation and construction) of approximately \$14.4 million. The relatively high cost of this bridge is due to the long span of the bridge over the swale.

### **Public Involvement:**

The project approach allows for communication with nearby residents and local newspapers via this project information paper and updates at major milestones of the project schedule as they are reached.

A public meeting will be held to discuss the third alternative, if it appears further consideration of it is merited.

The City of Amity will post a link to an ODOT project website that will contain this and subsequent Project Information Papers and other pertinent information as it becomes available.

The Amity City Administrator and Engineer are members of the Project Development Team.

### **Emergency Services to be Consulted:**

Amity Fire District and Rescue, Amity Police, Yamhill County Sheriff, Oregon State Police.

**Projected Project Schedule:**

A more detailed schedule of the development process will be included in this paper after the PDT has a chance to verify the method of managing construction.

Construction of this project is projected to begin in the 2012 construction season.

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