



Highway Project Information

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State Highway Development and Construction in Linn, Benton and Lincoln Counties

US101: Millport Slough Bridge Replacement

Project location

- This project is located on the Oregon Coast Hwy 101, just south of Lincoln City. It bridges part of the lower Siletz River tidal estuary (MP 120.83).

Project purpose and need

- The bridge is constructed of old wood piles that are rotting, and is also too narrow for modern standards.
- The Siletz Bay is a Federally-protected estuary, home to many species of fish, plants, and wildlife. The new bridge will enhance the estuary habitat.



Construction overview

- Replace the existing structure with a wider and longer structure.
- Traffic will be routed using staged construction. First, two lanes of the new bridge will be constructed next to the existing bridge. Then traffic will be diverted to the new bridge. At that time, the old bridge will be destroyed, and the third and fourth lanes of the new bridge constructed.
- No height, weight and/or length restrictions are expected during construction; however, the speed limit will lower to 45 MPH in the construction zone.
- Motorists can expect short term lane closures during construction. Pile driving operations will also occur for the temporary and permanent bridges.
- There will be night work.
- Ground improvements will be made in the form of stone columns. This will allow for greater stability in the event of a seismic event.
- Due to the sensitive habitat surrounding the bridge, development and construction will be coordinated with numerous State, Federal, and Tribal environmental agencies.

Cost estimate

- Estimated total cost of the project is approximately \$17 million.
- This will be paid for by State and Federal Highway Administration funds.

Key project milestones

- Environmental Work — Environmental assessments include the historic, archeological, biological, and other important aspects of the area.
- Project Design — The project is in the initial stages of design and development.
- Right of Way — It is not anticipated that any additional Right of Way will be needed for the project.

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- *Bid Let Date*— Currently scheduled for May Of 2009.
- *Construction*— Currently scheduled for Summer of 2009 to Summer 2012.

For more information, information on public meetings, or to schedule a meeting with your organization, contact:

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