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ODOT to improve pavement on U.S. 20 between Corvallis and Philomath

CORVALLIS—Drivers between Philomath and Corvallis on U.S. Highway 20 soon will see work beginning on a pavement preservation project that will grind out the existing roadway and then inlay new asphalt to extend the life of the roadway.

The project, expected to start Monday, June 15, begins at the U.S. 20 over-crossing with Highway 99 and continues westward to the east end of Philomath (from mile post 55.75 to mile post 51.31). Construction crews will work at night to reduce impacts to area traffic. Traffic will be restricted to one lane with flaggers during night paving operations.

Traffic delays during the daytime should be minimal. However, Brady Pauls, ODOT assistant project manager, urged motorists to drive with caution through the work zone at all times. "An inattentive driver is the most common cause for work zone crashes," Pauls said. "Speeding is the second most common cause in a work zone crash," he added.

The project also will make guardrail and sidewalk ramp improvements within the project area. No work will occur between SW 53rd Street and SW Western Blvd., where newer pavement already exists.

Preservation projects maintain existing roads by rehabilitating damaged pavement and upgrading sub-standard roadway features, according to Pauls. The contractor for the \$1.5 million project is Knife River Inc. of Tangent, Ore. Most of the project impacting traffic will be completed by August, Pauls said, with completion of all aspects of the work done in September.

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