

Motorists traveling to Umpqua Community College are advised to take I-5 north from Roseburg or Highway 99 south from Sutherlin.

Emergency service vehicles will be given priority through the work zone.

Overcrossing, southbound off-ramp closed one month

After the overcrossing has been demolished, the southbound off-ramp at the Winchester Interchange will be closed for about one month. For about two weeks in mid-August, the southbound on-ramp will also be closed. These ramp closures will allow workers to complete the new southbound on-ramp, which overlaps the existing ramps.

The new Del Rio Road overcrossing is scheduled to open in late August. In the interim, motorists may take Wilbur Road to reach the opposite side of the interchange.

“We understand closing the overcrossing for a month will impact local traffic, but there are several tasks on Highway 99 that we cannot start until the old overcrossing is removed,” ODOT Project Manager Ted Paselk said. “By demolishing the old overcrossing in July, we have a better chance of completing the project on schedule and before UCC’s fall term begins.”

After the old overcrossing is demolished, ODOT will lower the level of Highway 99 north of the old Winchester Bridge, widen the highway in this area, construct the parking lot of the fish viewing area, install sidewalks, remove the detour ramp and pave the top layer of the entire project area.

Throughout the project area, drivers should expect intermittent lane closures and delays until the end of summer. Motorists are advised to slow down, drive with caution and watch for flaggers.

The overcrossing demolition is part of the \$22 million *I-5: Del Rio Road/Winchester Interchange* project that replaces the Del Rio Road overcrossing on a new alignment, builds four new ramps and makes other improvements to the interchange. Construction is scheduled to be completed in late September.

For more project information: www.oregon.gov/ODOT/HWY/REGION3/delrio.shtml.

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