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Seven Oaks Interchange work underway

CENTRAL POINT- Orange barrels have sprouted and work has begun along Interstate 5 at the Seven Oaks interchange at exit 35, signaling the beginning of the latest Rogue Valley interchange improvement project.

“The bridge is being replaced because it is structurally deficient due to cracking,” said Oregon Department of Transportation Project Leader Tim Fletcher. “ODOT is taking this opportunity to widen the structure to accommodate three lanes on I-5 as well as improve the alignment for safety.”

In addition to providing a new bridge, the \$24 million project also modifies the southbound off-ramp. The configuration of the new southbound off-ramp allows traffic to go under the overpass and loop back toward Rogue Valley Highway (Oregon Highway 99), where the connection will be signalized. Motorists bound for White City and Highway 140 would then turn right.

“This new configuration will allow a safer turning movement for motorists, but it will also provide more vehicle storage, especially for trucks,” said Fletcher. “Currently, vehicles are impeded by trucks headed toward White City.”

New interstate bridges over the CORP

As part of the project, the two existing I-5 bridges over the Central Oregon and Pacific Railroad will also be replaced.

The construction phase for these bridges will begin by building a new southbound structure between the existing bridges. Once the new structure is complete, northbound I-5 traffic will be moved onto it while replacement of the existing northbound bridge gets underway.

Northbound I-5 traffic will generally remain on the existing alignment. The interstate bridges will be built for the future to accommodate three lanes of I-5 traffic in each direction. **##ODOT##**

