



Project Information

Highway Division—Region 3

OR 38: Elk Creek – Hardscrabble Creek

Bundle 401

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Project location

- This project involves replacing five bridges along Highway 38 between the towns of Elkton and Drain.
- One bridge crosses Hardscrabble Creek at milepost 47. The other four bridges cross Elk Creek at mile post 39 – on the east and west ends of the Elk Creek tunnel, and mile posts 38 and 36 – at the eastern entrance to Elkton.

Purpose and need

- Built between 1929 and 1932, these five bridges must be replaced to safely sustain traffic on OR 38. On average, 3,600 vehicles per day travel this section of the highway.

Construction overview

- All five bridges will be replaced and a left turn lane from Highway 38 westbound onto Highway 138 southbound will be added to enhance traffic safety.
- The construction schedule is being coordinated with other major maintenance and construction projects on Highway 38 and Highway 42 to minimize the overall impact to travelers.
- Slayden Construction Group, Inc. is the lead contractor selected by ODOT for this project. T.Y. Lin International is designing the replacement bridges.

Construction impacts

- Highway 38 will be closed between Drain and Elkton from 9 p.m. Friday, Sept. 5 to 6 a.m. Monday, Sept. 8 during replacement of the bridge at the west end of the Elkton tunnel.
 - Motorists heading west from Interstate 5 to Reedsport are advised to take exit 136 (Sutherlin) and follow Highway 138 to Elkton. Motorists traveling east from Reedsport to I-5 should turn off Highway 38 at Elkton and follow Highway 138 to I-5.
 - Local traffic will be allowed between Elkton and Little Tom Folley Road on the west side of Elk Creek tunnel, and between Drain and the weigh station at mile post 41 on the east side. Oregon State Police will be stationed on the highway to enforce the closure.
- Highway 38 will be restricted to one lane with flaggers at the Hardscrabble Creek Bridge construction site (mile post 47) for approximately six weeks in late summer 2008.

Key project milestones

- Design approval: May 2007.
- Construction: June 2007 – December 2009.

Project budget and funding

- The project budget for design and construction is \$46 million.
- Funding for this project is provided by the Oregon Transportation Investment Act.

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