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## **Southbound U.S. 97 to Highway 58 offramp near Chemult to close Thursday and Friday**

CHEMULT, Ore.—The offramp from southbound U.S. 97 to westbound Highway 58 will be closed from 8 a.m. Thursday to 5 p.m. Friday for paving work by contractors for the Oregon Department of Transportation.

Traffic will be detoured to the median crossover at the south end of the interchange, where drivers will make a U-turn and go north on U.S. 97. The detour will then take travelers westbound on Highway 58 toward Willamette Pass and Eugene.

The pavement work is part of a bridge replacement project located at the intersection of U.S. 97 and Highway 58 between Crescent and Chemult. A new westbound bridge to Highway 58 over U.S. 97 is needed to meet modern traffic loads.

The project is funded through the Oregon Transportation Investment Act.

*The OTIA III State Bridge Delivery Program is part of the Oregon Department of Transportation's 10-year, \$3 billion Oregon Transportation Investment Act program. OTIA funds will repair or replace hundreds of bridges, pave and maintain city and county roads, improve and expand interchanges, add new capacity to Oregon's highway system, and remove freight bottlenecks statewide. About 17 family-wage jobs are sustained for every \$1 million spent on transportation construction in Oregon. Each year during the OTIA program, construction projects will sustain about 5,000 family-wage jobs.*

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