



Project Information

Highway Division

U.S. 26 Ochoco Creek bridge

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Project location

- ODOT will replace the Ochoco Creek Bridge on U.S. 26 in downtown Prineville, beginning in 2008
- The bridge is located at mile post 19.4

Purpose and need

- The bridge is aging and worn. It will be replaced with a new structure built to modern standards.

Overview of construction activity

- The bridge will be replaced during one construction season.
- Construction will last up to 6 months with two lanes of traffic maintained during construction.
- Primary access to local businesses will remain open during construction.

Construction impacts

- Only minor delays are expected.
- The project team is working on ways to minimize impacts on local businesses.
- No holiday or night work is expected.

Key project milestones

- Design start date: January 2007
- Anticipated bid let date: December 2007
- Construction complete: December 2008

Project budget and funding

- Design and construction: \$1.2 million
- Funding provided by the Oregon Transportation Investment Act

Opportunities for involvement

- A project open house will be held at the Crook County Middle School on April 4, 2007.
- Watch for news reports and project mailings.

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FACT SHEET

Highway Division – March 2007

Ochoco Creek Bridge Replacement Project

Project Location: U.S. Route 26 (N.E. Third Street) in downtown Prineville, Crook County



Project Description: The Ochoco Creek bridge is more than 80 years old, is nearing the end of its life, and needs to be replaced. The project will bring the bridge up to current design standards and improve pedestrian safety by replacing the shoulder area currently used by pedestrians with a sidewalk.

New Bridge: The existing concrete bridge will be replaced by a new, wider concrete structure in the same location. The new bridge will have one lane in each direction with a left turn pocket between them. There will be no formal bike lane but the bridge will have 8-foot wide shoulders. The new bridge will also have sidewalks on both sides, separated from travel lanes by barriers.

Project Schedule:

- Preliminary design phase of the bridge begins in early 2007

- Community discussion and review, design concept finalized spring/fall 2007
- Construction begins spring/summer 2008. New bridge completed within 6 months

Construction Impacts: The Oregon Department of Transportation will stage construction in phases, so traffic can keep moving over the bridge while the replacement is being built. ODOT will coordinate its efforts with Prineville officials, school leaders and the community to minimize impacts.

Project Cost: The Ochoco Creek bridge replacement project is expected to cost \$1,187,000.

Project Funding: This project, known as U.S. 26 Ochoco Creek - Bridge Creek - Bundle A05, 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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