



Project Information

Highway Division

US 26: Bridge Creek Bridge Replacements

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Project location

- ODOT replaced two bridges on U.S. 26 across Bridge Creek, less than one mile west of Mitchell.
- The bridges are located at mile post 65.63 and mile post 65.85, on either side of the cemetery.

Purpose and need

- The bridges were aging and worn. They were replaced with new structures built to modern standards.

Overview of construction activity

- The contractor was Tidewater, Inc.
- The bridges were replaced one at a time, over two construction seasons. Construction took about 6 months for each bridge, with U.S. 26 traffic detoured around the work zone using a nearby county road.
- After the first bridge was replaced in 2007, traffic was allowed to use U.S. 26 again until work on the remaining bridge began in the spring of 2008.
- The schedule was timed so construction on the bridges could happen during the allowed in-water work periods.
- Access to local businesses remained open during construction. Signs were posted alerting motorists that the businesses were open.

Construction impacts

- The county road detour was paved with improved local access.
- No load limits were imposed on the county road detour route.
- Only minor delays were experienced as U.S. 26 traffic was rerouted a short distance around the bridge work zone.
- The project team worked on ways to minimize the impacts that the detour route had on local businesses.

Key project milestones

- Design start date: November 2005.
- Bid let date: March 2007
- Construction completed: November 2008.

Project budget and funding

- Design and construction: \$4.0 million.
- Funding provided by the Oregon Transportation Investment Act.

Opportunities for involvement

- A project open house was held in at the Mitchell City Hall on Aug. 15, 2006.

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