

U.S. 97: Wickiup Avenue—Bowery Lane



Project Components

- Repave approximately 10 miles of US 97 between Wickiup Avenue (Redmond) & Bowery Lane (north of Bend) with 2 inch grind and inlay of the travel lanes.
- Install island type median barrier north and south of Yew Avenue.
- Upgrade signs as necessary.
- Install shoulder rumble strips.

Purpose of the Project

The purpose of the project is to improve the pavement in this section of highway between Redmond and Bend due to severe rutting. ODOT maintenance crews patched the worst of the ruts in the summer of 2013, but the entire section is showing damage due to rutting. This section of highway is also identified in ODOT's Roadway Departure Crash Plan, and has a high incidence of cross over crashes.

Project Background and Benefits

US 97 is a critical part of the State's transportation system and carries a high volume of freight and tourist traffic from the Washington to California borders. It is also an important highway for local traffic. Keeping roads in good condition and providing for safe travel are critical parts of the Department's mission.

Traffic Control

Traffic control will take at least one lane during grinding and paving. Congestion will increase in the area although extended closures are not currently planned. Short closure of accesses during paving and grind inlay operations may be necessary. Paving will occur at night between 7:00 pm to 7:00 am.

Project Timeline

- Bid Opening February 2014
- Construction Spring / Summer 2014

Construction Cost

\$2.4 million

The Oregon Department of Transportation contracted with High Desert Aggregate & Paving, Inc. to repave 11 miles of U.S. 97 from Bend to Redmond. Construction began in June and was completed in September 2014.

For More Information

Sign up for website and construction update alerts at: <http://www.oregon.gov/ODOT/HWY/REGION4/Pages/RoadWorkImprovements.aspx>

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