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Major Improvements Due US26 At Warm Springs

Minimum Impact To Motorists

BEND -- Beginning the night of June 16, the Oregon Department of Transportation will be performing an upgrade of US26 along a corridor within the Reservation of the Confederated Tribes of the Warm Springs from milepost 71 to milepost 85.

This project will include removal of deteriorated pavement and repaving of asphalt. Additional Safety Mitigation Measures will include the installation of centerline rumble strips, inlaid durable striping tape and new safety signs.

With paving work being performed weekdays from 7pm until 6am, motorists traveling US26 through the construction area should experience minimal delays. As necessary, the contractor will close one lane of traffic and will control the traffic flow through the workzone via the use of flaggers and pilot cars. The Contractor will be required to maintain two-way traffic, with no lane closures, during the weekends, from 3pm Fridays until 9pm on Sunday, or on holidays. Later in the summer during the installation of the rumble strips and durable striping, some daytime, single lane closures will take place with flaggers and pilot car traffic control, but these will be short workzones (1 mile) and will result in less than 20 minute delays to the traveling public.

Hooker Creek has been awarded the \$2.8 million contract for this project which is scheduled for completion on or before October 31, 2008.

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