

ODOT CONSTRUCTION REPORT

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Central Oregon Road Construction **UPDATE: Week of November 19, 2007**

The Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) is continuing to invest in Oregon's future with roadway improvement projects throughout Oregon's central region (ODOT Region 4). ODOT is committed to providing safe, efficient transportation systems. The following projects reflect ODOT's commitment to make improvements as traffic numbers rise and to make the roadways safer and more efficient for drivers:

ALL WORK IS DEPENDENT UPON WEATHER

CROOK COUNTY

(US 26: Crooked River Bridge)

OR 126 (Ochoco Highway), MP 17.9, West of Prineville

JAL Construction Company is constructing a new bridge located over the Crooked River on the west end of Prineville.

During the week of November 19th – November 25th, the contractor will be performing Signal Installation at Harwood Street and miscellaneous clean-up work at the bridge. Travelers should expect no delays.

DESCHUTES COUNTY

US97: China Hat Rd. Baker Rd.

The week of 11-19 the Variable Message Sign (VMS) is to be stood up and hooked up (11-19 through 11-21). Work to be performed during night hours. Minimal disruption to traffic. No delays expected.

US 97: Redmond Reroute, MP 118.8 to 122.2

Ongoing construction work at the north and south end of the project that will require motorists to maintain heightened awareness of lane controls.

JEFFERSON COUNTY

(US 97: Willowdale – Madras – Bundle 453)

US 97 (The Dalles-California Highway), MP 78.2, MP 78.5 & MP 90.1, north of Madras

High Desert Paving and Aggregate is working to replace an existing Bridge at Hay Creek, MP 78.2, with a multi-plate pipe, replacing a cattle pass culvert at MP 78.7, and replacing an Irrigation Canal Bridge, MP 90.1, with a box culvert.

During the week of November 19th – November 25th, the contractor will be performing excavation, headwall construction, and pipe installation underneath the existing bridge at Hay Creek, MP 78.2. There will be no delays to the traveling public.

WHEELER COUNTY

(US 26: Rush Creek – Antone – Bundle A51)

US 26 (Ochoco Highway), MP 45-50 & 60 – 81.6, Mitchell Area

Tidewater, Inc. is working to replace two existing Bridges on Bridge Creek at approximate MP 65.7. One Bridge will be replaced this Summer (07) and the other will be replaced the following Summer (08). During bridge replacement traffic will be routed around a short detour adjacent to the bridges. The contractor will also be performing paving over the 36 mile project length to improve the existing pavement structure.

During the week of November 19th – November 25th, bridge rail construction, guardrail installation, striping, and other miscellaneous work will occur at the easternmost bridge in order to get it open for traffic. Traffic will be taken off the detour and shifted back onto Highway 26 by Wednesday, November 21st.