



Oregon Department of Transportation

NEWS RELEASE

Region 4 *Wasco, Sherman, Gilliam, Jefferson, Wheeler, Deschutes, Crook, Klamath and Lake Counties*

Central Oregon Road Construction
UPDATE: Week of April 21, 2008

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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

DESCHUTES COUNTY

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.

ODOT Invites general public to walk, ride, skate, scoot, run and more on the Reroute from 10am – 2pm on Saturday April 26. Enter Reroute southbound from Evergreen. BYOW...(Bring Your Own Wheels).

Contractor is expected to resume paving the "final lift/layer" on the northbound lanes on April 21. ODOT now expects to shift northbound Highway 97 traffic to Reroute no earlier than April 28. Southbound traffic is expected to shift on May 12. Wet weather can affect paving schedule.

Oregon 58: U.S. 97 Overcrossing (Oregon 58 mile post 86.3 north of Chemult)

Project summary: Replace one bridge at the intersection of Oregon Highway 58 and U.S. 97.

No construction activity is planned this week.

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 April 21 -27, the contractor will be utilizing 24 hour flagging to remove the remaining portion of the bridge at Hay Creek, MP 78.2, and place asphalt paving and other roadway items. Expect delays of approximately 5 minutes.

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.

As of April 7th traffic was shifted to the detour as work on the bridge at MP 65.6 began. This detour is the same one utilized last year during the construction of the bridge at MP 65.8. There is no significant delay due to the detour. The two businesses between the bridges, Cannon's Tire Center & Route 26 Espresso will remain open during the detour. The detour will be in effect until the end of October 2008. During the week of April 21 - 27, the contractor will be performing excavation around the existing bridge.

KLAMATH COUNTY

OR 140 Lake of the Woods

Timber removal in the Fish Lake (MP 30.5) and Great Meadow (MP37.5) depending on the weather and other factors.

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