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## Eastern Oregon state hwy. construction update

LA GRANDE, Ore. – Travelers can expect to see orange traffic cones and construction workers as nearly two-dozen Oregon Department of Transportation projects get underway throughout the eastern Oregon region. When you see orange, please remember to slow down, pay extra attention and be prepared for flaggers and traffic pattern changes. Distracted or inattentive driving and speed are primary causes of crashes. Traffic fines are double the amount in all work zones, regardless of the presence of construction workers.

Your patience is greatly appreciated as crews resurface hundreds of lane miles of pavement, repair or replace aging bridges and culverts, and perform other work to help keep highways safe and efficient.

Listed below are a number of key highway projects currently underway or expected to start soon. Project information is sorted by county area, with interstate and U.S. highways listed first. The highway number and anticipated traffic impacts are listed in bold type. Location information is listed via mile post (MP) number for the highway section. Construction timeframes are estimates and subject to change. Additional updates will be shared throughout the construction season.

### Umatilla / Morrow County Area

**I-84 Old Oregon Trail Highway** – Pavement upgrades, median barrier replacement, climbing lane construction and chain up area upgrades between Kamela Exit 246 and the 2nd Street overcrossing in La Grande, MP 246-260. This is a multi-year project that began construction in 2013. **Expect reduced speeds, traffic pattern changes and single lane travel for eastbound and westbound travel with traffic separated by concrete barrier. Bicycles are NOT allowed through the seven-mile work zone from Hilgard State Park to La Grande (MP 252-261). Visit [www.tinyurl.com/odot-region5](http://www.tinyurl.com/odot-region5) for bicycle detour info.** Work is on-going. Completion: 11/2015

**US 30 Pendleton Highway.** Pavement chip seal at east end of Pendleton between OR 11 and I-84 Exit 213, MP 4.62-6.49. **Expect lane closures, reduced speeds, day/nighttime flaggers, pilot cars, loose rock on the roadway, plus delays up to 20 minutes.** Work expected to start first or second week in June and take a couple days.

**U.S. 395 Umatilla-Stanfield Highway** – Upgrade traffic signals and improve radius of Elm Avenue intersection in Hermiston between US 730 and SE 4th Street., MP 0.0-6.1. **Expect lane restrictions, flaggers and delays up to twenty minutes at times.** Work may start late fall or spring 2015.

**U.S. 395 Pendleton-John Day Highway** – Pavement chip seal between Pendleton and Cape Horn, MP 2.74-36(B). **Lane closures, reduced speeds, day/nighttime flaggers, pilot cars, loose rock on the roadway and delays up to 20 minutes.** Work expected to start mid to late June and take about two weeks.

**U.S. 730 Columbia River Day Highway** – Pavement chip seal between I-84 and Washington State Line. MP 168.2.-174.3 and MP 191.6-203.3 (no work between Canal Road @ MP 174.3 and OR 207 @ MP 191.6). **Expect lane closures, reduced speeds, day/nighttime flaggers, pilot cars, loose rock on the roadway and delays up to 20 minutes.** Work expected to take place in June and take about a week.

**OR 207 Lexington - Echo Highway** – Pavement chip seal between Kilkenny Road (10 miles east of Lexington) and I-84 Exit 188, MP 10-19.5 and MP 27.2-37.1 (no work MP 19.5-27.2). **Expect lane closures, reduced speeds, day/nighttime flaggers, pilot cars, loose rock on the roadway and delays up to 20 minutes.** Work expected to start July 21 and take about a week.

**OR 207 Hermiston Highway** – Replace Hinkle Bridge (1 mile north of I-84 Exit 182), MP 11.8. **Occasional flaggers, lane closures and delays up to 20 minutes.** Work on this multi-year project is on-going. Completion: 11/2015

**OR 331 Umatilla Mission Highway** – Pavement chip seal between OR 11 and Wild Horse Resort, MP 0.0-4.2. **Expect lane closures, reduced speeds, day/nighttime flaggers, pilot cars, loose rock on the roadway and delays up to 20 minutes.** Work expected to start first week in June and take about two days.

### Union / Wallowa / Baker County Area.

**I-84 Old Oregon Trail Highway** – Pavement grind/inlay in westbound slow lane between Drinking Fountain Grade and North Powder, MP 277-285. **Expect lane closures, flaggers and minor delays. This project will be constructed mostly at nighttime to reduce traffic impacts.** Work expected to start second week of June and take about two weeks.

**OR 7 Whitney Highway** – Pavement chip seal between UPRR undercrossing in Baker City and OR 245 @ Salisbury Junction, MP 41.8-50.5. **Expect lane closures, reduced speeds, day/nighttime flaggers, pilot cars, loose rock on the roadway and delays up to 20 minutes.** Work expected to start ~~Aug. 14~~ **Summer 2015** and take about two days.

**OR 203 La Grande - Baker Highway** – Pavement chip seal between I-84 Exit 265 and OR 237 in Union, MP 5.8-17.8. **Expect lane closures, reduced speeds, day/nighttime flaggers, pilot cars, loose rock on the roadway and delays up to 20 minutes.** Work expected to start ~~Aug. 13~~ **Summer 2015** and take about a week. A fog seal will be applied to the chip seal in downtown Union around ~~Aug. 18 or 19.~~ after the chip seal.

**OR 203 La Grande-Union Highway** - Install box culvert for Branch Ladd Creek flood mitigation west of Hot Lake, MP 8.8. **Expect lane closures, flaggers and delays of up to 20 minutes.** Work expected to start in July and be completed by end of Aug.

**Whiskey Cr. Rd. (Wallowa Co.)** - Replace culvert with new bridge northeast of Wallowa. **Flaggers, delays up to twenty minute, plus two-week road closure in July/Aug. timeframe.** Work expected to start in July and be completed end of Aug./Sept. timeframe.

### **Malheur / Harney / Grant / east Wheeler County Area**

**I-84 Old Oregon Trail Highway** – Concrete pavement repairs, eastbound slow lane between Huntington and Farewell Bend, MP 346.27 - 353. **Expect lane closures, flaggers, and minor delays. This project will be constructed mostly at nighttime to reduce traffic impacts.** Work expected to start June/July timeframe. Completion: 10/2014

**U.S. 20 Central Oregon Highway** - Pavement chip seal from Warn Springs Road to Black Canyon, MP 171- 203. **Expect lane closures, reduced speeds, day/nighttime flaggers, pilot cars, loose rock on the roadway and delays up to 20 minutes.** Work expected to start sometime after July 4 holiday and take about two weeks.

**U.S. 20/26 Central Oregon Highway** - Pavement resurfacing, sidewalk/signal upgrades in Nyssa between Locust Ave. and NE 4th Street, MP 265.4-266.6. **Expect lane closures, flaggers, minor delays, sidewalk detours.** Work is on-going. Completion: 9/2014

**U.S. 26 John Day Highway** – Pavement chip seal between Mt. Vernon and John Day, MP 154-161.5. **Expect lane closures, reduced speeds, day/nighttime flaggers, pilot cars, loose rock on the roadway and delays up to 20 minutes.** Work expected to start sometime after July 4 holiday and take about a week.

**U.S. 26/395 John Day Highway/John Day-Burns Highway** – Sidewalk upgrades along short sections of US 26 (US 395 to SE Elm Street) and on US 395 (US 26 to SW 2nd Street) in Downtown John Day, US 26 MP 162.3-162.4, US 395 MP 0.0-0.18. **Expect lane restrictions, flaggers, plus occasional delays up to 20 minutes.** Work expected to start sometime in June or July. Completion: 11/2014

**U.S. 26 John Day Highway** – Pavement chip seal between Blue Mt. Summit and Willow Creek, MP 199.4-221 and MP 261.6-267.8 (no work between MP 221 and 261.6). **Expect lane closures, reduced speeds, day/nighttime flaggers, pilot cars, loose rock on the roadway and delays up to 20 minutes.** Work expected to start July 21 and take about two weeks.

**U.S. 395 Pendleton-John Day Highway** – Pavement chip seal between Long Creek and Mt. Vernon, MP 90.8-120.5(B). **Expect lane closures, reduced speeds, day/nighttime flaggers, pilot cars, loose rock on the roadway and delays up to 20 minutes.** Work expected to start sometime after July 4 holiday and take about two weeks.

**U.S. 395 John Day-Burns Highway** – Realign sharp curve five miles south of Seneca, MP 31(C). **Expect lane closures, flaggers and delays up to 20 minutes.** Work expected to start in June or July timeframe. Completion: 11/2014

**OR 19 John Day Highway** – Pavement chip seal between Fossil and OR 207 (3 miles east of Spray), MP 59.6-95.4. **Expect lane closures, reduced speeds, day/nighttime flaggers, pilot cars, loose rock on the roadway and delays up to 20 minutes.** Work expected to start July 28 and take about two weeks.

**OR 78 Steens Highway** – Pavement chip seal between Crane and New Princeton, MP 28.4-37.6. **Expect lane closures, reduced speeds, day/nighttime flaggers, pilot cars, loose rock on the roadway and delays up to 20 minutes.** Work expected to start July 14 and take about a week.

### FOR MORE INFORMATION

For up to date traffic condition information, please check ODOT's award winning Web site, **TripCheck.com**. Road condition information is also available by phone by dialing **5-1-1**, or (800) 977-6368. Outside of Oregon, travelers can call (503) 588-2941.

For updated eastern Oregon highway projects information, visit [www.tinyurl.com/ODOT-region5](http://www.tinyurl.com/ODOT-region5) or contact ODOT Public Information Officer Tom Strandberg at 541-963-1330, email [Thomas.m.strandberg@odot.state.or.us](mailto:Thomas.m.strandberg@odot.state.or.us).

The ODOT 2014 Summer Construction Map listing major highway projects statewide is posted on at [www.Oregon.gov/ODOT](http://www.Oregon.gov/ODOT).

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