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## Eastern Oregon state hwy. Summer Construction Report

LA GRANDE, Ore. – As highway construction season winds down in Eastern Oregon travelers are reminded to watch out for orange traffic cones, construction signs, crews and equipment on several projects still active. Slow down, pay extra attention and be prepared for flaggers and traffic pattern changes in highway work zones. In most cases, highway construction projects currently active will be shut down for the Labor Day Holiday weekend.

Please remember that distracted or inattentive driving and speed are primary causes of crashes. Fatigue during long drives can also be a contributing factor in crashes. Before travel, get plenty of rest and take breaks during your trip. Also, put cell phones away and focus attention on the road ahead. The use of hand-held devices while driving is illegal in Oregon. All traffic fines are double the amount in work zones, regardless of the presence of construction workers.

Listed below is the status of state highway projects scattered throughout eastern Oregon. 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. Updated information or changes from previous construction report are highlighted in **RED**. Additional updates will be shared throughout the construction season.

### Umatilla / Morrow / east Wheeler County Area

**I-84** Old Oregon Trail Highway – **Asphalt shoulder repairs and concrete pavement repairs** for westbound freeway between Exit 188 and Barnhart Road west of Pendleton, MP **190.5–202**.

**Shoulder and lane closures, reduced speeds and minor delays. Asphalt repair work (grind and patch) to fast lane shoulders scheduled September 7-9 during daytime. Concrete repair work will be constructed during nighttime hours and is expected to take place September 12 through end of month. Nighttime lane width will be reduced to 14 feet. Pavement striping and construction of rumble strips along shoulders will likely take place in October.** All work scheduled to be complete by mid-October. Completion: **11/2016**

**I-84** Old Oregon Trail Highway – Pavement grind/inlay of eastbound and westbound freeway slow lanes between Pendleton and Cabbage Hill, MP 203.65–217.75. Repave interchange ramps at exits 207, 209, 210 and 216. **Temporary on/off ramp closures through September. Single lane travel in work zone, reduced speeds and minor delays. Most paving work will occur during nighttime, starting at 6 p.m. and ending before 8 a.m. Work is ongoing. No work during Pendleton Round-Up September 10-18.** Completion: 10/2016

**I-84** Old Oregon Trail Highway – Pavement grind/inlay of eastbound slow lane, MP 238.0-240.0. **Lane closures, reduced speeds, minor delays.** Work scheduled to start Sept. 12 and take about a week. Completion: 10/2016

**U.S. 395** Umatilla-Stanfield Highway – Paving grind/inlay plus other upgrades in Hermiston between junction of U.S. 730 and SE 4th Street, MP 0.0–6. **This project is completed. No traffic impacts.** Completion: 8/2016

**U.S. 395** Pendleton-John Day Highway - Add rumble strips, possible shoulder paving six miles south of Pendleton, MP 6.9–14.53. **This project is completed. No traffic impacts.** Completion: 8/2016

**U.S. 730** Columbia River Highway - Add rumble strips, possible shoulder paving along two highway sections between junction of I-84 and Southshore Drive, and between junction of I-82 and Washington border, MP 168.2–179.88 and MP 186–203.3. Pavement patching MP 186-191. **This project is completed. No traffic impacts.** Completion: 8/2016

**U.S. 730** Columbia River Highway - Pavement overlay between Southshore Drive and McNary, MP 180.54–186.0 (project will skip downtown Umatilla). Includes sidewalk ramp and traffic signal work. **Lane closures, reduced speeds, flaggers, up to 20 minute delays. Traffic signal upgrade work expected sometime this fall. Paving work will occur in 2017.** Completion: 8/2017 (next year)

**OR 11** Oregon-Washington Highway – Add rumble strips, possible shoulder paving along two highway segments between Pendleton and OR 331 junction, and between Adams and Milton-Freewater, MP 2.03–4.35 and MP 11–26.3. **This project is completed. No traffic impacts.** Completion: 8/2016

**OR 206** Wasco-Heppner Highway – Pavement chip seal between Gilliam Co. line and Heppner, MP 54.86–83. Downtown Heppner will also receive fog seal coating over chip seal. **This project is completed. No traffic impacts.** Completion: 9/2016

**OR 207** Hermiston Highway – Add rumble strips, possible shoulder paving along two sections of highway between U.S. 730 and Reed Road, and between west Hermiston and Madison Corner (south of I-84), MP 0.05–4.24A and MP 9.29A–17.75A. **This project is completed. No traffic impacts.** Completion: 8/2016

**OR 207** Lexington-Echo Highway – Add rumble strips, possible shoulder paving between Lexington and Madison Corner, MP 0.45–27.13B. **This project is completed. No traffic impacts.** Completion: 8/2016

**OR 244** Ukiah-Hilgard Highway – Pavement chip seal between junction of U.S. 395 and I-84, MP 0.0–46.92. **Chip seal work is complete. Watch for loose gravel on roadway. Minor delays for striping work.** Completion: 10/2016

**OR 331** Umatilla-Mission Highway - Add rumble strips, possible shoulder paving between I-84 and OR 11 junction, MP 0.0–3.48. **This project is completed. No traffic impacts.** Completion: 8/2016

**OR 74** Heppner Highway – Pavement chip seal between Gilliam Co. Line and Heppner, MP 8.44–45.89. **This project is completed. No traffic impacts.** Completion: 9/2016

#### **Union / Wallowa / Baker County Area.**

**I-84** Old Oregon Trail Highway – Bridge deck repairs at Union interchange, Exit 265, MP 265.9. **No impacts expected. Work is now completed.** Completion: 8/2016

**I-84** Old Oregon Trail Highway – Bridge rail upgrades on three structures near North Powder, MP 285.6–289.2 **Lane closures, reduced speeds, minor delays (two sites are complete, one site remains active).** Work is ongoing. Completion: 10/2016

**I-84** Old Oregon Trail Highway – Variable Speed Limit Sign installation between Baker City and La Grande, various sites adjacent to freeway shoulders, MP 277.1–307.1. **Intermittent shoulder and lane closures, minor delays at various work sites.** Work is ongoing. Completion: 10/2016

**I-84** Old Oregon Trail Highway – Add rumble strips at several locations along freeway between North Powder and Pleasant Valley, MP 298.51–317.36. **This project is completed. No traffic impacts.** Completion: 8/2016

**U.S. 26** John Day Highway – Rock fall correction work near Camp Creek, MP 220–220.5. **No impacts.** Work is now complete. Completion: 7/2016

**U.S. 30** La Grande - Baker Highway – Intersection improvements and signal installation at U.S. 30 and McAlister Road (RR xing) east of La Grande, MP 4.95. **Intermittent lane closures, flaggers, delays up to 20 minutes. Work is ongoing.** Completion: 10/2016

**OR 237** La Grande - Baker Highway - Pavement overlay through Pyle's Canyon south of Union, MP 17.4-20.5. **This project is completed. No traffic impacts.** Completion: 7/2016

**Deer Cr. Rd.** (Wallowa Co.) - Replace Deer Creek Road Bridge across Wallowa River near Minam and relocate old structure to Wallowa. Work site is adjacent to OR 82 at MP 33.75. **Deer Creek Road closed at bridge site, use alternate route. No impacts to OR 82. Old bridge has been removed and transported to new site in Wallowa. New Deer Creek Road Bridge is scheduled to be completed and open by end of September.** Completion: 10/2016

**20<sup>th</sup> street** (La Grande city street) – Rebuild a section of 20<sup>th</sup> Street in La Grande. **Road closures, detours on city streets, minor delays. Use alternate routes. Work is ongoing.** Complete 12/2016

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

**I-84** Old Oregon Trail Highway – Pavement grind/inlay and guardrail upgrades between Durkee and Nelson Point, MP 327.45–331.44. **Majority of paving work is now complete. Some single lane travel and reduced speeds near Plano Road Bridge (adjacent to cement plant) for paving work.** Work is ongoing. Completion: 11/2016

**I-84** Old Oregon Trail Highway – Pavement repairs for westbound slow (concrete) and fast (asphalt) lanes between Huntington and Farewell Bend, MP 345.81-353.21. **Work is now mostly complete. Possible minor delays.** Completion: 11/2016

**U.S. 20** Central Oregon Highway – Pavement crack seal between U.S. 395 Junction and Warm Springs Road, MP 134 – 171, and between Harper and Vale, MP 223-245. **Lane closures, reduced speeds, flaggers, possible loose rock and/or oil on the roadway, delays up to 20 minutes.** Work between MP 223 and 245 scheduled to start around Sept. 6 and take about two weeks. Work between MP 134 and 177 is expected to start late September/early October and take about one or two weeks. Completion: 11/2016

**US 20** Central Oregon Highway – Intersection/crosswalk work in Burns at signalized intersection of U.S. 20 (Broadway Ave.) and Monroe Ave. **This project is completed. No traffic impacts.** Completion: 9/2016

**U.S. 20** Central Oregon Highway – Add rumble strips, possible shoulder paving between Harney Co. line and Juntura, and between Harper and Cairo Junction. MP 83.95–171 and MP 223.22–245.42. **This project is completed. No traffic impacts.** Completion: 8/2016

**U.S. 26** John Day Highway – Pavement chip seal with fog seal (oil) top coat between OR19 junction and Mt. Vernon, MP 124.17–154.03. Reduced speeds, loose rock on roadway, lane closures, pilot cars and delays up to twenty minutes. **Pilot car controlled traffic to continue through early/mid-September. Minor delays afterwards for highway striping scheduled mid-September.** Completion: 10/2016

**U.S. 26** John Day Highway – Add rumble strips between John Day and Austin Junction, MP 163.52–190.53. **This project is completed. No traffic impacts.** Completion: 8/2016

**U.S. 26** John Day Highway – Pavement chip seal between Austin Junction and Grant/Baker Co. line, MP 190.9–199.5. **This project is completed. No traffic impacts.** Completion: 8/2016

**U.S. 26** John Day Highway – Pavement chip seal between Baker Co. line and Jamieson, MP 221–261.6. **This project is completed. No traffic impacts.** Completion: 8/2016

**U.S. 395** John Day-Burns Highway – Pavement chip seal 10 miles south of John Day between Canyon Creek Road and Izee-Paulina Road junction, MP 10–18C. **This project is completed. No traffic impacts.** Completion: 8/2016

**U.S. 395** John Day-Burns Highway – Shoulder widening and pavement repairs (grind inlay) 13 miles south of John Day, MP 13. **Reduced speeds, lane closures, flaggers, possible pilot cars, with delays up to twenty minutes.** Work expected to start mid-to-late-September and take about a week. Completion: 10/2016

**U.S. 395** John Day-Burns Highway – Add rumble strips, possible shoulder paving south of Paulina-Izee Road junction and south of Seneca, MP 17.75–24.83C and MP 31.46–44.3C. **This project is completed. No traffic impacts.** Completion: 8/2016

**U.S. 95** Idaho-Oregon-Nevada Highway - Pavement grind/inlay constructed between the west end of Jordan Valley (west of the Rock House where sidewalk ends) at mile post 20.71 to mile post 25.62. **Paving work is complete. Possible minor delays for striping work.** Completion: 10/2016

**U.S. 95** Idaho-Oregon-Nevada Highway – Pavement crack seal between Jordan Creek and OR 78 junction, MP 25-66. **Lane closures, reduced speeds, flaggers, possible loose rock and/or oil on the roadway, delays up to 20 minutes.** Work expected to start mid-to-late-September and take about one or two weeks to complete. Completion: 10/2016

**OR 78** Steens Highway – Pavement chip seal between Harney County line and Burns Junction, MP 60.88–91.60. **No impacts. Work is now complete.** Completion: 7/2016

**Stanton Blvd.** (west Ontario) – Pavement chip seal between I-84 and OR 201, MP 0.0–2.09. **No impacts. Work is now complete.** Completion: 7/2016

#### **FOR MORE INFORMATION**

For up to date traffic condition information, please visit **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 and link to New Speed Limit website, 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).

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