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Eastern Oregon state highway construction update

LA GRANDE, Ore. – Listed below is the Oregon Department of Transportation's construction update report for highway and bridge projects throughout the greater eastern Oregon area.

Travelers can expect work crews and possible traffic impacts at numerous locations. All motorists are reminded to slow down and obey posted construction speeds, plan extra travel time, and watch for road crews and contractors when driving through all highway work zones.

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. All construction timeframes are dependent on weather conditions and subject to change.

Umatilla / Morrow / Union / Wallowa / Baker County Area

Interstate 84 (Old Oregon Trail Highway): Durable striping applied to center skip line, MP 218 - 238. **No traffic impacts expected in August or Sept.** Contract bids mid Sept. Work may start in fall timeframe resulting in lane closures, flaggers, and possible nighttime work. Update information will be provided after contract is awarded. Completion: Fall 2013.

Interstate 84 (Old Oregon Trail Highway): Grind/inlay pavement resurfacing of slow lane along eastbound and westbound freeway, plus replacement of median barrier, MP 238- 246. **Traffic narrowed to single lane travel in both directions through work zone. Watch for work crews, equipment, and occasional flaggers in area.** Work is on-going, with new barriers to be placed in center median starting August 20 and continuing through mid Sept., followed by placement of durable striping. Completion: 10/2012.

Interstate 84 (Old Oregon Trail Highway): Pavement resurfacing along slow lane of westbound freeway in La Grande area, MP 260.6 - 263.8 and slow lane of eastbound freeway from Drinking Fountain to North Powder, MP 276.8 - 285.5. **Possible lane closures, flaggers, crews and equipment on freeway in work zones starting late August through Sept.** Completion: 10/2012.

U.S. 30 (Huntington Highway): Replace Burnt River UPRR Bridge (green steel truss structure) at MP 2.57, two-and-a-half miles north of Huntington. **Road / bridge closed at work site since mid April. During closure, traffic will need to detour via I-84 between Exit 342 and 345 to access opposite side of bridge.** Work is on-going with route expected to open to traffic late this year. Completed: 12/2012.

U.S. 395 (Pendleton - John Day Highway): U.S. 395 Freight Improvement Project between Ukiah and Dale, (MP 50-B to 65-B). Work will realign sharp curve at MP 64.35-B near Dale and add over length truck warning signs for highway section with multiple narrow curves south of Ukiah between MP 50-B and 60-B. **Lane restrictions, flaggers, delays of up to 20 minutes.** Construction is on-going near MP 64.5 curve with excavation work complete. Crews are installing guardrail. Paving and striping will follow with curve work completed by end of Sept. Warning sign installation between MP 50 and 60 is on-going and will continue through Oct. Completion: 11/2012.

U.S. 730 (Columbia River Highway): Umatilla River Bridge repair, MP 182.6. **Intermittent lane restrictions with single lane travel on bridge controlled by flaggers.** Majority of construction expected to be complete by early Sept. with occasional traffic impact through mid Oct. Full completion expected before 11/2012.

U.S. 730 (Columbia River Highway): Construct turn lanes, other safety improvements between Irrigon and Umatilla, plus chip seal between Umatilla and Diagonal Road. Full project limits between MP 174.3 - 191.3. **Lane restrictions, flaggers, delays up to 20 minutes at times.** Construction is on-going with embankment work and chip seal complete. Crews are working on road widening for turn lane section between Irrigon and Umatilla. Completion: 11/2012.

Oregon 11 (Oregon-Washington Highway): Pavement resurfacing from Athena to Milton-Freewater. MP 17.3 - 27. **Work is on-going with paving activities starting August 15 through end of month. Expect single lane travel, flaggers, pilot cars, and up to 20-minute delays. Possibly**

nighttime paving activities during weeks of August 20 and 27. Striping and sign installation work expected in September with minor delays. Completion: 9/2012.

Oregon 74 (Heppner Highway): Rock face work adjacent to highway to reduce falling rock hazard. MP 35.2. **No traffic impacts expected in Aug. Work will begin mid to late Sept. time frame with single lane travel, flaggers and up to 20-minute delays.** Completion: fall 2012.

Oregon 82 (Wallowa Lake Highway): Replace Indian Creek Bridge 2 miles west of Elgin, MP 18. **Temporary traffic signals, single lane travel, mostly minor delays with intermittent delays of up to 20 minutes.** Work is on-going. Paving operations planned for week of August 13. Completion: 11/2012.

Oregon 82 (Wallowa Lake Highway): Road realignment 2 miles west of Minam near MP 31 with some bridge work near MP 33. **Intermittent single lane travel controlled by flaggers with up to 20 minute delays at times.** Majority of work is complete with fencing and striping work continuing through August. Completion: 10/2012.

Oregon 204 (Weston-Elgin (Tollgate) Highway): Pavement chip seal from junction of OR 11 to MP 10.7. **During chip seal (currently scheduled for August 20 - 22) expect loose rock on roadway, single lane travel, day/nighttime flaggers, pilot cars, reduced speeds, and up to 20-minute delays.** Completion: 9/2012.

Oregon 204 (Weston-Elgin (Tollgate) Highway): Erosion control along Phillips Creek, placement of rip-rap rock along creek bank, rebuild highway under eastbound lane. MP 31 - 33.5. **Work started August 13. Expect intermittent lane closures and up to 20 minute delays now through early Sept. Starting around Sept. 4 and continuing through early October expect 24/7 flaggers stationed at work site to accommodate rebuilding of road base.** Completion: 10/2012.

Oregon 334 (Athena-Holdman Highway): Pavement resurfacing (concrete), water line upgrades, sidewalk ADA ramp upgrades and other improvements in downtown Athena. **Work is on-going. Expect single lane travel, flaggers, up to 20-minute delays through summer and fall.** Construction this year will include excavation and installation of water lines / storm drain system, plus possible curb / sidewalk work. Paving and other improvements will be constructed in 2013. Completion: 10/2013.

Oregon 334 (Athena-Holdman Highway): Pavement chip seal from junction of OR 335 at MP 9.57 to junction of OR 11 at MP 18.12. Chip seal will skip downtown Athena, which is getting concrete paving and other improvement via separate project. **During chip seal (currently scheduled for August 22-24) expect loose rock on roadway, single lane travel, day/nighttime flaggers, pilot cars, reduced speeds, and up to 20-minute delays. Minor delays after chip seal for road brooming.** Completion: 9/2012.

Malheur / Grant / Harney County Area

U.S. 20 (Central Oregon Highway): Install 4 culverts under US 20 for flood mitigation at east end of Burns. MP 132.67 - 132.72. No traffic impacts until Sept. **Road closed at work site for two weeks in September timeframe, short detour via Fry Road and OR 78.** Completion: 10/2012.

U.S. 26 (John Day Highway): Replace Dog and Dean Cr. culverts at MP 164.86 (approx. 2 miles east of John Day) and MP 166.83. **Lane closures with one-way traffic controlled by temporary signals, typically minor delays with some intermittent delays of up to 20 minutes through summer / fall.** Completion: 11/2012.

U.S. 95 (I.O.N. (Idaho/Oregon/Nevada) Highway): Pavement chip seal between Burns Junction and Nevada border (MP 66 – 121). **Possible loose rock on roadway. Minor delays for striping operation scheduled for August 13 - 17.** Chip seal complete, striping work on-going. Completion: 9/2012

U.S. 95 (I.O.N. (Idaho/Oregon/Nevada) Highway): Bridge repair work on six structures between Idaho border and Burns junction (MP 2 – 53). **Watch for flaggers, crews and equipment at various bridge sites. Expect up to twenty-minute delays, possibly starting late August or early Sept.** Project includes grinding asphalt off bridge decks, applying waterproof membrane and repaving to protect structures from winter de-icing treatments. Completion: 12/2012

Oregon 78 (Steens Highway): Pavement chip seal application beginning 11 miles SE of Burns. MP 11.15 - 28.23 and MP 47.23 - 60.88. **Loose rock on roadway, single lane travel, day/nighttime flaggers, pilot cars, reduced speeds, and up to 20-minute delays August 6 - 16. Minor delays for striping during week of August 20.** Completion: 9/2012.

Oregon 402 (Kimberly-Long Creek Highway): Pavement chip seal from Kimberly at OR 19 junction to Long Creek at U.S. 395 junction, MP 0.0 - 34.9. **Possible loose rock on roadway. Minor delays during week of August 20 for striping operation.** Chip seal work complete. Full project completion: 9/2012.

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 a **statewide** listing of highway construction project information compiled in May, check out the **ODOT 2012 Summer Construction Map** at www.Oregon.gov/ODOT.

For more information on ODOT's eastern Oregon summer construction projects, call ODOT Region 5 Public Information Officer Tom Strandberg at (541) 963-1330 or visit the Region 5 Web site at www.oregon.gov/odot/hwy/region5.

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