

2012 ODOT REGION 5 PROJECTS:

Listed below are some of the major projects planned for the 2012 construction season in eastern Oregon.

U.S. 730 bridge and highway safety improvements, U.S. 30 bridge replacement, OR 82 highway and bridge projects, OR 11 and Athena downtown pavement upgrades, and more: In 2012 two multi-year projects along OR 82 in Union County that are shutting down for the winter will resume next spring. One is the replacement of the Indian Creek Bridge two miles south of Elgin that will result in single lane travel over the structure during part of the 2012 construction season. The other project along this route near mile post 31, west of Minam, is realigning the highway to eliminate an old viaduct structure. This work will also result in single lane travel through the area next year.

Safety improvements on U.S. 730 will widen the highway and add turn lanes to sections of the route between Irrigon and Umatilla. This portion of U.S. 730 is a designated Safety Corridor and the upgrades will improve traffic safety through the area. The Umatilla River Bridge in Umatilla on this same highway will be repaired next year resulting in single lane travel over the structure and some nighttime closures during concrete bridge deck pours. Also in Umatilla County, the section of OR 11 between Athena and Milton-Freewater will be resurfaced. Athena's Main Street (OR 334) will be resurfaced and a 10-mile chip seal will be applied to OR 204 (Tollgate Highway) between OR 11 and mile post 10.7.



Athena's Main St. will be resurfaced in 2012



On U.S. 30 north of Huntington the Burnt River UPRR Bridge will be replaced, resulting in detours via I-84 from some travelers. Along another section of U.S. 30 (East Idaho Avenue) in Ontario, the highway will be resurfaced between S.W. Fourth Street and the Snake River, with some intersection upgrades constructed in the area.

U.S. 30 Burnt River UPRR Bridge

2012 Projects on Local Roads: Cities and counties will again be receiving funds through ODOT and the Oregon Jobs and Transportation Act passed by the 2009 State Legislature to construct dozens of projects on local street networks. Contractors, along with city and county crews will be working on local routes in or near Baker City, Union, Nyssa, Vale, Heppner, Milton-Freewater, Echo, Enterprise, Joseph, John Day and others areas.

The projects listed are only a sampling of those planned for next year. More information and safety reminders about 2012 highway work zones will be relayed through the media prior to the start of the construction season.

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