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U.S. 26 Alder Creek night work

Installing bridge beams to cause brief closures and delays

Monday, Aug. 29, through Tuesday, Aug. 30, crews for Oregon Department of Transportation contractor Wildish Standard Paving will install five concrete girders, each 168 feet long, on Alder Creek Bridge on the Mt. Hood Highway, U.S. 26, eight miles east of Sandy (milepost 33).

- ◆ **Work will occur from 8 p.m. to 5 a.m.** Flaggers will control traffic
- ◆ **Drivers should expect delays of up to ten minutes**
- ◆ The westbound lane of U.S. 26 will be closed between E. Summertime Drive (west of Alder Creek Bridge) and Kirkwood Road (east of Alder Creek Bridge). Both directions of U.S. 26 traffic will alternate use of the eastbound lane during the overnight work hours.

After the beams are installed, the remaining bridge work will continue to take place from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday, with intermittent night and weekend construction, as crews replace the old bridge with a wider structure. Traffic will continue to be restricted to one lane in each direction; the speed limit through the construction zone is still reduced to 45 mph. All four lanes of U.S. 26 will reopen to traffic at 55 mph when the project is completed in October 2005.

This project is part of a \$30.5 million contract awarded by ODOT to Wildish Standard Paving to replace 11 bridges on U.S. 26, U.S. 97 and Oregon 224. The OTIA III State Bridge Delivery Program is part of the Oregon Department of Transportation's 10-year, \$3 billion Oregon Transportation Investment Act (OTIA) program. During the next decade, OTIA funds will repair or replace hundreds of bridges, pave and maintain city and county roads, improve and expand interchanges, add new capacity to Oregon's highway system and remove freight bottlenecks statewide. About 18 family-wage jobs are sustained for every \$1 million spent on transportation construction in Oregon. Each year during the OTIA program, construction projects will sustain about 5,000 family-wage jobs.

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