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Signal poles delay Cave Junction safety project

CAVE JUNCTION – Installation of the River Street traffic signal and mid-block pedestrian crosswalk on US 199 in Cave Junction will be delayed until the prime contractor, H2 Construction of Central Point, receives the new signal poles.

“The contractor ran into a problem getting the signal poles manufactured,” said ODOT Project Manager Tim Fletcher. “With only a handful of signal pole fabricators in the nation, it is easy to get caught in a bind during the summer construction season.

“Right now, we don’t know when the poles will arrive. In the meantime, we’re having the contractor finish up what other work can be done now.”

Fletcher said the medians will not be installed at the River Street intersection until the signal poles arrive. The River Street intersection is a main crossing for school children and school buses.

“The signals are long overdue.” said Three Rivers School Superintendent Dan Huber-Kantola. “We’re looking forward to increasing the safety for our kids.”

The new mid-block crosswalk between Taylor’s Country Store and Dairy Queen will feature a state-of-the-art, pedestrian-activated flashing beacon to alert motorists that a pedestrian is about to enter the crosswalk.

“We’ve talked with the City, the school district and the local businesses about the project delay,” Fletcher said. “We apologize for the inconvenience. We’re working with the contractor to get the project completed as soon as possible.”

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