

OR 207 John Day River Bridge

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Location

The project area is located approximately 19 miles southeast of Fossil, Oregon in Wheeler County.

Why this project is needed

OR 207 is a rural highway in North Central Oregon. Although traffic volumes are low, it is an important highway for tourism and local residents. Keeping highways in good condition and providing a safe, efficient transportation system that supports economic opportunity are critical parts of the mission for the Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT).

The John Day River Bridge 05018A was constructed in 1957 and is 344 feet long. Past bridge inspections have identified two main concerns; the approach, transition and bridge rails are substandard, and an accumulation of bat guano (waste) and old form lumber in the box girders spans are causing maintenance and inspection problems. Overall, the bridge is rated as being in satisfactory condition.



How ODOT plans to solve the problems

This project will install new approach, transition and bridge rails which will bring them up to current safety standards. That work should take two to three weeks and will be done in the winter of 2010-11.

Prior to the rail work, ODOT is contracting to remove the bat guano and old form lumber from the box girders. Once this material is removed, hatch covers will be installed on the ends of the box girders to keep bats from entering but still provide access for inspectors. Wood bat boxes will be built and placed on the outside of the bridge to help mitigate the loss of habitat.

Traffic Control during Construction

During construction of the railing, one lane of traffic will be periodically closed. Traffic will be controlled by flaggers.

Project Timeline

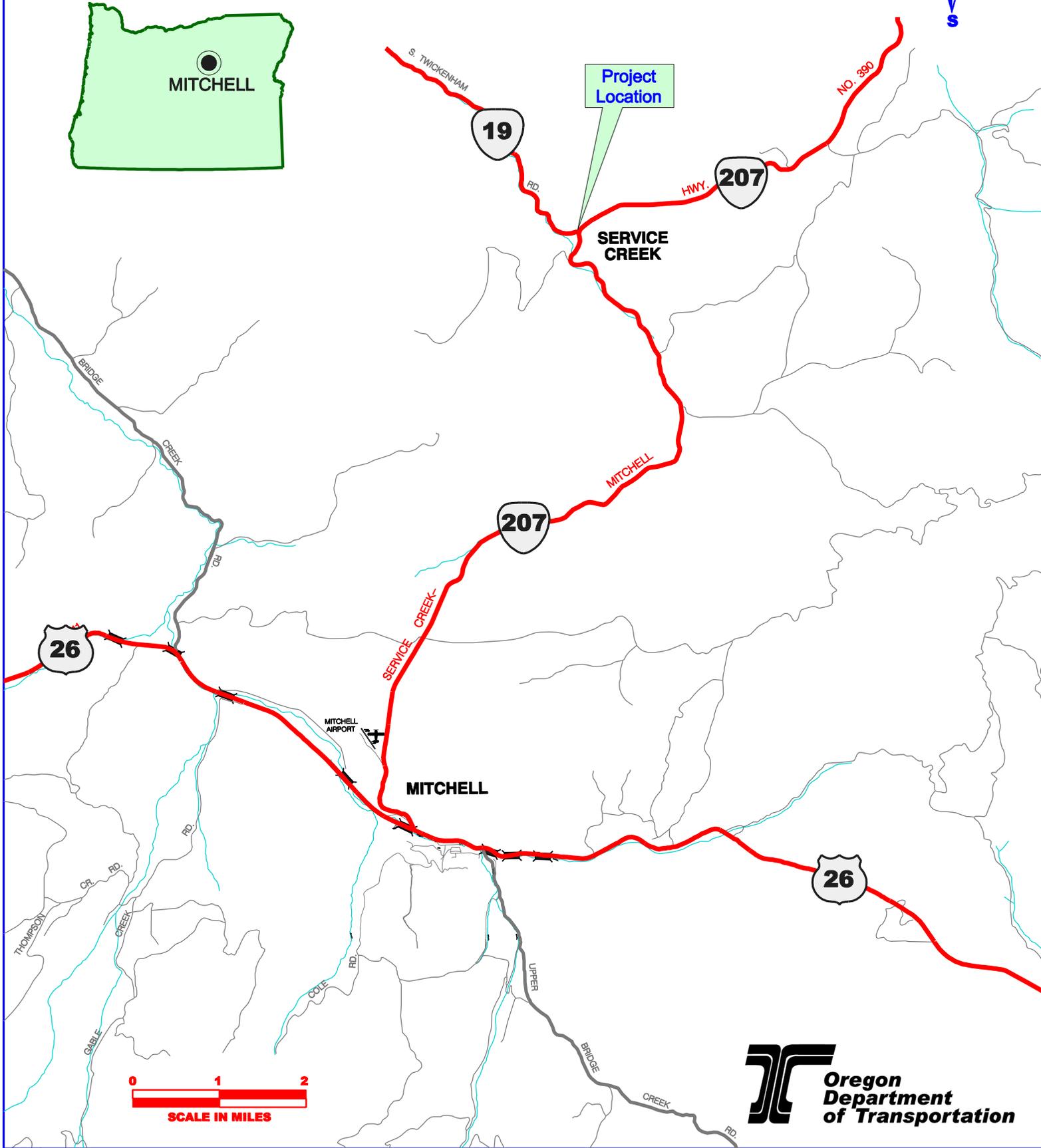
Design	2009 / 2010
Contract Bid Let	December 2010
Construction	Winter 2010-2011

ODOT contracted with Coral Construction Company for the John Day River Bridge Project. Work on the \$150 thousand contract began in early May 2011 and was completed by the end of the month.

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OR 207: JOHN DAY RIVER BRIDGE VICINITY MAP



SCALE IN MILES

