

## Project Components

- Repave approximately 5.4 miles of OR Highway 39 between the north city limits of Merrill, Oregon to the California State Line
- Install durable striping and centerline rumble strips on the highway segments outside of Merrill
- Install continental crosswalk markings in Merrill

## Why this project is needed

OR Highway 39 is an important part of the state's transportation system and carries a significant amount of freight and tourist traffic between Klamath Falls and the Reno, NV area. It is also an important highway for local traffic. The average daily traffic for this section of highway is approximately 4,300 vehicles. Keeping roads like OR 39 in good condition and providing for safe travel are critical parts of the mission for the Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT).



## Pavement

The pavement condition for this section of OR 39 is rated poor to very poor. There is extensive cracking and rutting. The last time a major portion of this section of highway was paved was in 1993. In recent years there has been extensive maintenance patching throughout the project area to preserve the surface until it could be repaved.

## How ODOT plans to solve this problem

The 5.4 mile section of OR 39 between Merrill and the California State Line will be repaved. Once paved, durable striping and centerline rumble strips will be installed on the highway segments outside of Merrill. Crosswalks in Merrill will be restriped using continental markings. Guardrails and signs in the area will be upgraded as needed.

## Project Timeline

Final Plans: fall 2013  
 Bid opening: February 2014  
 Construction begins: summer 2014  
 Construction completed: fall 2014

## Estimated Total Cost

\$3.5 million

The \$2.9 million construction contract was awarded to Rocky Mountain Construction in February 2014. Sidewalk repair and pipe work in Merrill occurred in late March and April. Paving began in late April and was completed in July 2014.

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