

US 26: Gumwood Lane to Earl Street

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Project components

- Repave approximately five miles of US 26 between Gumwood Lane (MP 111.1) and Earl Street (MP 116.4) north of Madras; upgrade signage as needed.
- Adjust asphalt grade on Gumwood Lane and improve the shoulder on north side of US 26/Gumwood intersection to improve safety of roadway.

Why this project is needed

US 26 is a critical part of the state's transportation system. The highway carries a high volume of freight and tourist traffic between Portland and central Oregon and is designated as a state freight route. Keeping roads in good condition and providing for safe travel are critical parts of the mission for the Oregon Department of Transportation.

The US 26: Gumwood Lane – Earl Street project is located on the Warm Springs Highway in Jefferson County and extends four miles outside of Madras to just over a mile inside the city limits. This section of US 26 is classified as other principal arterial with an average of 8,600 vehicles per day with 15% trucks. The existing pavement throughout this section of highway is deteriorating, along with the striping, which is causing safety and operational issues. The purpose of this project is to construct a single-lift overlay to improve the safety as well as prevent any further deterioration of the pavement structure. The project is expected to be constructed in the 2017 construction season.

How ODOT plans to solve these problems

This section of highway will be repaved. Once paving is complete, durable striping, centerline and shoulder rumble strips and recessed pavement markers in the centerline will be installed.

Traffic control during construction

Motorists can expect delays during paving operations. Single lane closures on US 26 with traffic controlled by flaggers and/or a pilot car are expected during work hours. Gumwood Lane will be closed for an approximate 1-2 week period while the asphalt grade is adjusted.

Timeline & cost

Final Plans: May 2016	\$3.25 million
Contract bid let: Spring 2017	
Construction: Summer 2017	

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