



# U.S. 26: Mt. Hood Jct. – Wapinitia Jct.

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## Project components

- Repave approximately 13 ½ miles of US 26 from the US 26/OR 35 junction to the Wapinitia junction
- Install durable striping
- Install rumble strips
- Upgrade signs and guardrails, as needed

## Project location

This US 26 project is located between the US 26/OR 35 junction (mile post 57.45) and US 26/OR 216 (Wapinitia) junction (near mile post 71.00).

## Purpose and need

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. Keeping roads in good condition and providing for safe travel are critical parts of the mission for the Oregon Department of Transportation.



**Rutting on U.S. Highway 26 near Mt. Hood.**

The pavement for this section of highway is showing signs of distress and deep potholes are forming. ODOT maintenance crews applied an asphalt concrete patch in the summer of 2010, and will again in 2011, to preserve the roadway surface until this project is constructed in 2012.

## Traffic impacts

To minimize impacts to the traveling public, paving will be done at night. There will be single lane closures with traffic controlled by flaggers and pilot cars. Motorists can expect up to 20 minute delays during the paving operations. Upgrades to signs and guardrails will occur during daylight hours. It may be necessary to close one lane of traffic for short distances. Traffic will be controlled by flaggers and delays will be limited to 20 minutes.

## Key dates

Preliminary Design	February 2011
Survey, Inventory of Highway Features and Final Design	Spring / Summer 2011
Bid Let	September 2011
Construction	Summer 2012

## Project cost

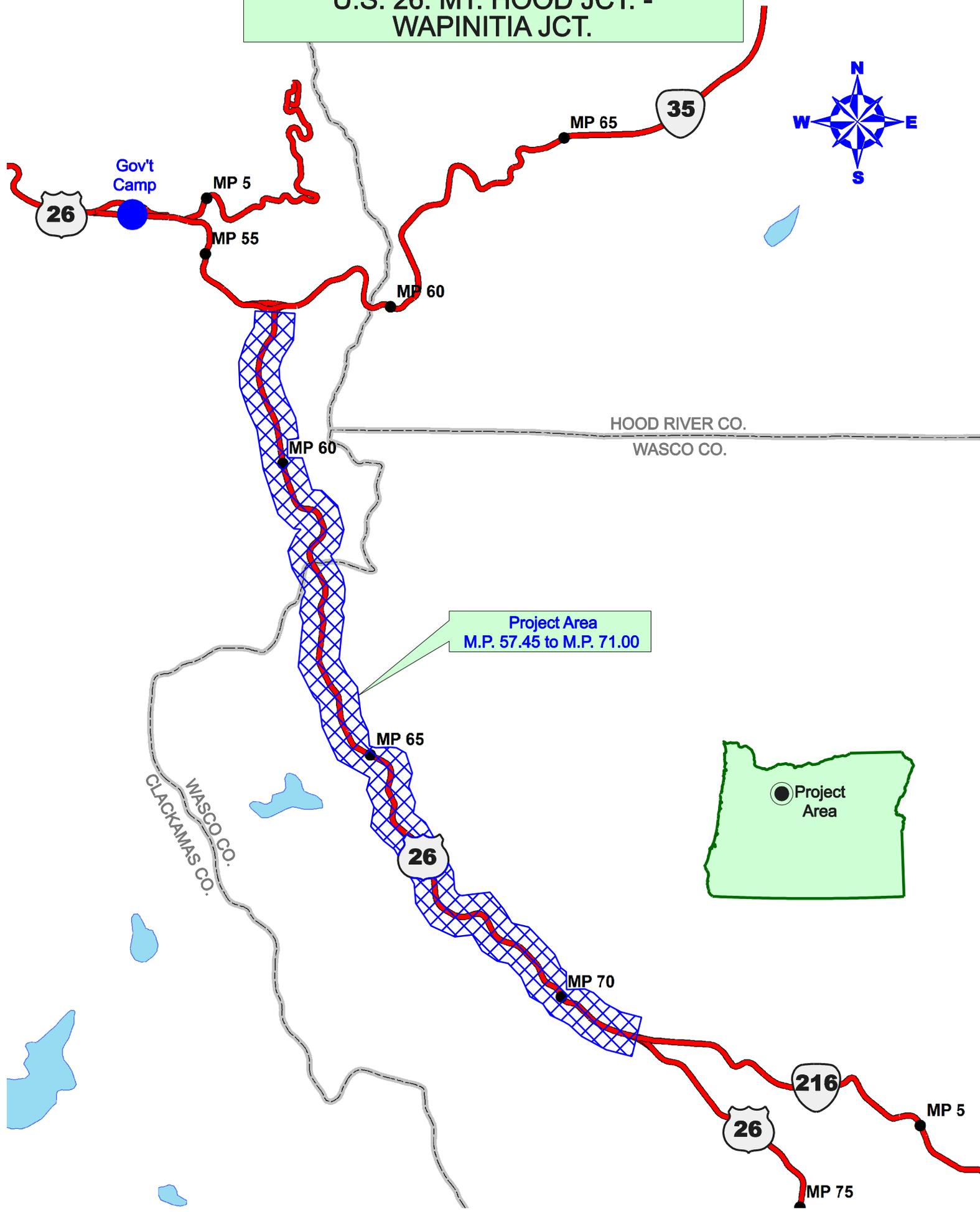
Construction cost was approximately \$5.0 million.

The Oregon Department of Transportation contracted with Oregon Mainline Paving to pave U.S. Highway 26 from OR Highway 35 (Mt. Hood Junction) to OR Highway 216 (Wapinitia Junction). Paving began in June and was completed by the end of the first week in August. The remainder of the road work was completed by the end of September 2012.

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**Project Area**  
M.P. 57.45 to M.P. 71.00

