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Project Components

- Repave approximately 16 miles of US 97 from the Sunriver Interchange (MP 154) to OR 31 (MP 170)
- Upgrade signs and guardrails, as necessary, and install rumble strips and durable striping
- Construct sidewalks and streetscape elements on the west side of U.S. 97 in La Pine from just north of 3rd Street to 6th Street
- Install rapid rectangular flashing beacons and raised medians in the city core
- Improve intersections at US 97/Vandevent Road and US 97/OR 31

Why the project is needed

US 97 is a critical part of the state's transportation system and is a major north-south freight corridor that links California and Washington. This section of highway is also an important commuter route between Bend, Sunriver and La Pine. Keeping highways in good condition and providing a safe, efficient transportation system that supports economic opportunity is a critical aspect of the mission for the Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT).

U.S. 97 Pavement Condition

This section of US 97 is showing signs of extensive cracking, patching and pothole repairs, and moderate rutting. The latest pavement ratings show most of this section of highway as being poor. The last time it was paved was in 2004. In 2014, to extend the life of the roadway and to address safety concerns, maintenance crews filled in ruts between the Sunriver Exchange and just south of Vandevent Road. In the spring of 2015, ODOT did additional work filling pot holes and sealing cracks to extend the life of the roadway until it could be repaved.



Patching of U.S. 97 south of Sunriver.

La Pine Downtown Corridor

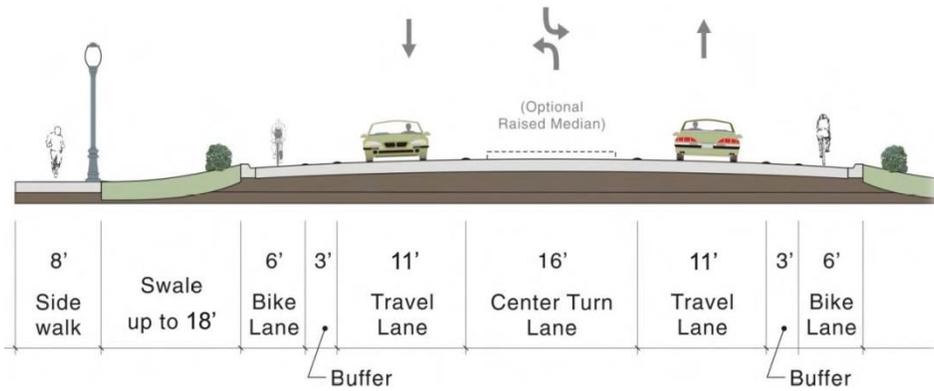
The 2011 [US 97/La Pine Corridor Plan](#), which was later folded into the 2013 [La Pine Transportation System Plan](#), identified a number of concerns in the 1st Street to 6th Street corridor. Some of those concerns have been or are in the process of being addressed (restriping of US 97 through town, installing a driver feedback speed sign north of 1st Street and improving signs throughout the corridor in 2012, and implementing the [US 97 @ 1st Street Project](#) in 2015).

One of the Corridor Plan findings identified the lack of continuous sidewalks on the westside of US 97 and the need to improve pedestrian crossings. The many driveways in the corridor also present conflicts between pedestrians and motorists turning into driveways or backing up over existing sidewalks.

What is planned

Pavement Preservation - ODOT plans to grind out the top portion of the pavement and replace it with 2-3" of dense hot mix asphalt concrete over the full width of the roadway. Safety improvements such as centerline rumble strips, shoulder rumble strips and durable striping will be installed. Any portions of that section of highway that have been recently repaved or newly constructed will be omitted.

Sidewalk/Streetscape - The City of La Pine adopted a sidewalk and streetscape design that has been implemented in front of city hall and soon with the US 97 @ 1st Street Project. With this project, the priority will be the west side of US 97 beginning just north of 3rd Street and constructing new sidewalks/streetscape elements south to 6th Street (see following diagram), or as far as current funding allows.



ODOT and the City of La Pine will work with property owners and businesses to address access concerns related to the construction of new sidewalks and streetscape elements.

The proposed project will create continuous and safe sidewalk access on the west side of US 97 through La Pine, and enhance crossings which connect the schools with residences east of US 97 by installation of raised medians and rapid rectangular flashing beacons (RRFB).

Traffic control during construction

Paving is anticipated to occur at night to lessen the impacts on traffic. Lane closures, travel lane shifts and delays up to 20 minutes can be expected. The sidewalk and streetscape work will mostly occur during the day and should have little impact on traffic. Business access will be maintained during construction.



Sidewalk gaps on the west side of U.S. 97 in La Pine.

Timeline

Project Development	2015-2016
Bid Opening	2017
Construction	2017

Estimated Project Cost

Total Estimated Construction Costs - \$8.5 M

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