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Eastern Oregon Highway construction update

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LA GRANDE, Ore. – As the summer construction season in eastern Oregon winds down, many projects are completed and others will continue into fall. Motorists are encouraged to be prepared for possible delays and traffic impacts by checking TripCheck.com and planning for extra travel time.

Activities expected to gear up next week include the replacement of the Whiskey Creek Road culvert in Wallowa County. Work will result in a two week closure of the county road at the work site approximately 5.5 miles east of Wallowa starting September 8. The route is expected to be open for traffic by September 19.

Another contract scheduled to start up next week will include sidewalk upgrades in John Day. This Transportation Enhancement project will construct/improve walkways along short sections of U.S. 26 (U.S. 395 to SE Elm Street) and on U.S. 395 (U.S. 26 to SW 2nd Street) in the downtown area. Travelers and pedestrians can expect lane and sidewalk closures, along with other minor impacts.

ODOT reminds travelers that most global positioning system (GPS) devices do not reflect construction activities that can include road closures, detours and other traffic pattern changes. Watch for and obey all highway construction signs.

Project information is sorted by county area, with interstate and U.S. highways listed first. The highway number and anticipated traffic impacts are listed in bold type. Location information is listed via highway mile post (MP) number. Construction timeframes are estimates and subject to change. Additional updates will be shared throughout the construction season.

Your patience is greatly appreciated as crews resurface hundreds of lane miles of pavement, repair or replace aging bridges and culverts, and perform other work to help keep Oregon highways safe and efficient.

Umatilla / Morrow County Area

U.S. 30 Pendleton Highway. Pavement chip seal at east end of Pendleton between OR 11 and I-84 Exit 213, MP 4.62-6.49. **No construction impacts, work was completed in June.**

U.S. 395 Umatilla-Stanfield Highway – Upgrade traffic signals and improve radius of Elm Avenue intersection in Hermiston between U.S. 730 and SE 4th Street., MP 0.0-6.1. **No construction impacts at this time. Work expected to start in 2015.**

U.S. 395 Pendleton-John Day Highway – Pavement chip seal between Pendleton and Cape Horn, MP 2.74-36(B). **No construction impacts, work was completed in July.**

U.S. 730 Columbia River Day Highway – Pavement chip seal between I-84 and Washington State Line. MP 168.2.-174.3 and MP 191.6-203.3 (no work between Canal Road @ MP 174.3 and OR 207 @ MP 191.6). **No construction impacts, work was completed in June.**

OR 207 Lexington - Echo Highway – Pavement chip seal between Kilkenny Road (10 miles east of Lexington) and I-84 Exit 188, MP 10-19.5 and MP 27.2-37.1 (no work MP 19.5-27.2). **No construction impacts. Work near Echo is now complete. The chip seal west of Echo (MP 10-19.5) will be constructed in 2015.**

OR 207 Hermiston Highway – Replace Hinkle Bridge (1 mile north of I-84 Exit 182), MP 11.8. **Occasional flaggers, lane closures, on site detour and delays up to 20 minutes.** Work on this multi-year project is on-going. Completion: 11/2015

OR 331 Umatilla Mission Highway – Pavement chip seal between OR 11 and Wild Horse Resort, MP 0.0-4.2. **No construction impacts, work was completed in June.**

Union / Wallowa / Baker County Area.

I-84 Old Oregon Trail Highway – Pavement upgrades, median barrier replacement, climbing lane construction and chain up area upgrades between Kamela Exit 246 and the 2nd Street overcrossing in La Grande, MP 246-260. This is a multi-year project that began construction in 2013. **Expect reduced speeds, traffic pattern changes and single lanes for eastbound and westbound travel with traffic separated by concrete barrier. Westbound on-ramp at Exit 259 remains closed due to construction (where U.S. 30 at west end of La Grande connects to freeway). Bicycles are NOT allowed through the seven-mile work zone from Hilgard State Park to La Grande (MP 252-261). Visit www.tinyurl.com/odot-region5 for bicycle detour info.** Work is on-going. Completion: 11/2016

I-84 Old Oregon Trail Highway – Pavement grind/inlay in westbound slow lane between Drinking Fountain Grade and North Powder, MP 277-285. **Possible minor impacts (lane closures) during striping work for a couple days in September. Paving work was completed in August.**

OR 7 Whitney Highway – Pavement chip seal between UPRR undercrossing in Baker City and OR 245 @ Salisbury Junction, MP 41.8-50.5. **No impacts this summer.** This project will be constructed in 2015.

OR 203 La Grande - Baker Highway – Pavement chip seal between I-84 Exit 265 and OR 237 in Union, MP 5.8-17.8. A fog seal will be applied to the chip seal in downtown Union after the chip seal. **No impacts this summer.** This project will be constructed in 2015.

OR 203 La Grande-Union Highway - Install box culvert for Branch Ladd Creek flood mitigation west of Hot Lake, MP 8.8. **No construction impacts, work was completed early September.**

Whiskey Cr. Rd. (Wallowa Co.) - Replace culvert with new bridge **5.5 miles northeast** of Wallowa. **Flaggers, lane closures and delays up to twenty minute. A two-week road closure at the work site will begin September 8 and continue through September 19. During this time, travelers will need to take alternate routes.** All work will be completed by end of September. www.tinyurl.com/odot-region5 for background info and location map.

Malheur / Harney / Grant / east Wheeler County Area

I-84 Old Oregon Trail Highway – Concrete pavement repairs, eastbound slow lane between Huntington and Farewell Bend, MP 346.27 - 353. **Expect lane closures, flaggers, and minor delays. This project is scheduled to be constructed mostly at nighttime to reduce traffic impacts. Work is expected to start late September and is scheduled to be completed by the end of the year.**

I-84 Old Oregon Trail Highway – Bridge deck repairs on six structures in Ontario area, MP 369.9–376. **Expect lane closures, flaggers, some nighttime work and minor delays. Work started late August and is expected to be completed by November.**

U.S. 20 Central Oregon Highway - Pavement chip seal from Warn Springs Road to Black Canyon, MP 171- 203. **No construction impacts. Work was completed in August.**

U.S. 20/26 Central Oregon Highway - Pavement resurfacing, sidewalk/signal upgrades in Nyssa between Locust Ave. and NE 4th Street, MP 265.4-266.6. **No construction impacts. Work was completed in August.** Completion: 9/2014. www.tinyurl.com/odot-region5 for more info.

U.S. 26 John Day Highway – Pavement chip seal between Mt. Vernon and John Day, MP 154-161.5 **No construction impacts. Work is now completed.**

U.S. 26/395 John Day Highway/John Day-Burns Highway – Sidewalk upgrades along short sections of US 26 (U.S. 395 to SE Elm Street) and on U.S. 395 (U.S. 26 to SW 2nd Street) in Downtown John Day, U.S. 26 MP 162.3-162.4, U.S. 395 MP 0.0-0.18. **Expect lane restrictions, flaggers, sidewalk detours, plus occasional delays up to 20 minutes. Work is expected to start September 8 and will be completed by the end of the year.**

U.S. 26 John Day Highway – Pavement chip seal between Blue Mt. Summit and Willow Creek, MP 199.4-221 and MP 261.6-267.8 (no work between MP 221 and 261.6). **No construction impacts. Work is now completed.**

U.S. 395 Pendleton-John Day Highway – Pavement chip seal between Long Creek and Mt. Vernon, MP 90.8-120.5(B). **No construction impacts. Work is now completed.**

U.S. 395 John Day-Burns Highway – Realign sharp curve five miles south of Seneca, MP 31(C). **Expect lane closures, flaggers and delays up to 20 minutes.** Work is on-going. Completion: 11/2014

U.S. 95 Idaho-Oregon-Nevada Highway – Bridge deck repairs on up to six structures in south Malheur County between Idaho border and Burns Junction, MP 2.16–52.97. **Expect lane closures, flaggers, nighttime work and delays up to twenty minutes. Work is expected to start sometime in September and be completed this fall.**

OR 19 John Day Highway – Pavement chip seal between Fossil and junction of OR 207 (3 miles east of Spray), MP 59.6-95.4. **No construction impacts this year. Work will be constructed in 2015.**

OR 78 Steens Highway – Pavement chip seal between Crane and New Princeton, MP 28.4-37.6. **No construction impacts. Work was completed in July.**

To view the ODOT Eastern Oregon Summer Construction Map and project listing online, visit www.tinyurl.com/odot-region5 . For a listing of statewide construction projects, check the information posted at www.oregon.gov/ODOT/COMM/Pages/2014_ConstMap.aspx.

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