Oregon 42: Lookingglass Creek to Interstate 5 (Winston)

This project will resurface Oregon 42 from Winston to I-5, install a new traffic signal at Rolling Hills Road, add safety features to help reduce crashes through the Green District, and upgrade curb ramps to better accommodate wheelchair users and other pedestrians.



What is the problem?

The three-mile area of Oregon 42 between the South Umpqua River and Interstate 5 has seen several serious crashes in recent years, some involving fatalities. Many of these crashes involve turning movements or vehicles departing their lane of travel.

Pedestrian facilities do not meet Americans with Disabilities Act standards. Sidewalks and curb ramps can be difficult for wheelchair users to navigate.

The four-mile area of Oregon 42 between Lookingglass Creek and Grant Smith Road was last paved nearly 20 years ago. The pavement shows extensive surface wear and cracking, and the travel lanes are rutted in several areas. Most of the bridges along this stretch of highway are in need of maintenance and resurfacing.

What does ODOT plan to do?

This project will include features to improve safety and reduce crashes between the South Umpqua River and Interstate 5.

• **A new traffic signal** will be installed on Oregon 42 at Rolling Hills Road/Grange Road. The signal will include streetlights, crosswalks and dedicated left-turn lanes in both directions of Oregon 42.

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- Turn restrictions: Channelizing islands and median barrier will be installed along Oregon 42 between Rolling Hills Road and Carnes Road. The islands and barriers will limit left-turn movements to fewer intersections, helping to reduce crashes involving turn movements and lane departures.
- **U-turns:** Due to the new turn restrictions, U-turn accommodations will be provided for Oregon 42 motorists at two signalized intersections, Rolling Hills Road (westbound to eastbound) and Roberts Creek Road/Carnes Road (eastbound to westbound). The U-turn accommodations will allow travel between both directions of Oregon 42 and the neighborhoods north of the highway.
- **New streetlights:** Additional illumination will be provided along the multiuse path near the Oregon 42 intersections at Landers Avenue and Jackie Avenue.
- **Crossover crashes:** Raised concrete barrier will be placed along the center median of Oregon 42 between Grant Smith Road and the northbound I-5 ramps. This will help prevent head-on collisions.
- **Approaching on-ramp:** The striping on Oregon 42 eastbound will be adjusted at Exit 119 so that the left lane drops and traffic merges to the right. This is expected to help ease the lane imbalance as Oregon 42 traffic approaches the northbound on-ramp.
- **Right-turn lanes** will be provided for westbound Oregon 42 at Landers Avenue and Rolling Hills Road. This will reduce the risk of rear-end collisions by allowing vehicles to exit the highway travel lanes before turning.
- **Curb ramps:** Pedestrian facility improvements will involve replacing ADA curb ramps at 14 intersections along Oregon 42 between Main Street (the Cheetah intersection) and Grant Smith Road.
- Paving work will begin at Lookingglass Creek and continue to I-5. Most of this area will receive a 2-inch grind and inlay. Intersections that are more damaged or rutted will receive a 4-inch grind/inlay. The half-mile area between Grant Smith Road and the northbound I-5 ramps will also be resurfaced due to striping changes and median installation.
- **Bridge repairs:** As part of the resurfacing work, several bridges within the project area will receive new expansion joints, deck seals and overlays.
- Traffic signal improvements: ODOT will install new hardware on the Oregon 42 traffic signals at Grant Smith Road, Carnes Road (Kelly's Corner), Rolling Hills Road and the Oregon 42/Oregon 99 junction (Cheetah intersection) to help reduce rear-end crashes and improve safety at these intersections.

How will construction affect me?

Paving projects usually require intermittent lane closures and traffic delays. Flaggers will provide traffic control as needed. Additional construction and traffic impacts will be determined at a later time.

For more information or to sign up for updates, visit the project webpage at www.Winston42.com.

Project fast facts

Location Oregon 42, MP 72.5 - 77.0 (Winston, Green District)

Overall budget \$17.8 million (estimate)

Construction timeline 2025-2026

General Goals

Bid let date October 31, 2024

Preserve roadway and maintain bridges

Upgrade pedestrian facilities

Improve safety

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