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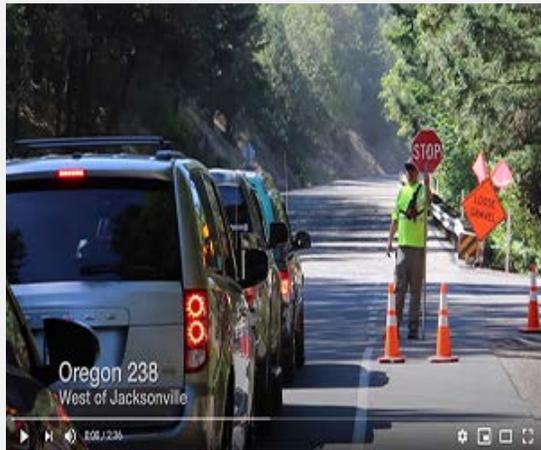
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Drive Sober this Labor Day Holiday



However you decide to celebrate the Labor Day holiday weekend this year, remember to plan a sober ride home before you leave for the party or campground. The 2020 national enforcement mobilization "Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over" goes into effect across the country Aug. 19 to Sept. 7 to raise awareness about one of the deadliest and most often committed - yet preventable - traffic safety issues. This weekend, travelers should [expect heavy and slow traffic](#), especially at the beginning and end of the weekend as many people travel between the Coast and Willamette Valley. Celebrate Labor Day, but celebrate safely.

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Projects Make Travel Safer in Eastern Oregon

If you live or travel in eastern Oregon, you will be interested in this [new video posted to the ODOT YouTube channel](#). It gives a brief overview of three BIG transportation safety projects to be completed in 2020: Snow Zone Safety Improvements, Ladd Canyon Freight and Culvert Improvement, and Minam Curve Realignment.

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Chip Seal in Southern Oregon

All across the state, our Maintenance crews are spending the dog days of summer on road construction projects to preserve our roads. Some Oregon rural state highways and county roads are applying new 'chip seal' which is a low cost and effective way to get the most out of our pavements - and your gas taxes! Many times these low cost, low margin projects are done by state or county road departments. Sometimes, such as in southern Oregon, they join forces to get the most out of limited roadway maintenance funds.

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Virtual Safety Town

With a goal to teach children about the importance of safety, City of Eugene has brought the Safety Town experience online in a virtual environment to allow everyone to participate! Parents can view informative and educational videos, and materials online related to important Safety Town topics. Information covered includes animal safety, bicycle safety, fire safety, meet a police officer/tour a police car, and poison

safety, to name a few.

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New Report Highlights Need for E-Scooter and E-Bike Safety Initiatives

Personal transportation device use will likely grow as wary commuters avoid public transit during the pandemic, requiring education, infrastructure investment, improved data collection and enforcement to protect road users.

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State Traffic Data

National Highway Traffic Safety Administration's National Center for Statistics and Analysis recently released the report [2018 State Traffic Data](#). The fatality rate per 100 million vehicle miles traveled was 1.13 for the United States. New Hampshire (+44 percent), Oregon (+15 percent), and Hawaii (+9 percent) had the greatest fatality increases from 2017 to 2018. The fatality rate in Oregon was 1.37 in 2018 compared to 1.19 in

2017. In the U.S., alcohol-impaired driving was involved in 29 percent of traffic fatalities in 2018 and almost half (47%) of the passenger vehicle occupants killed were unrestrained (based on known restraint use).

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