



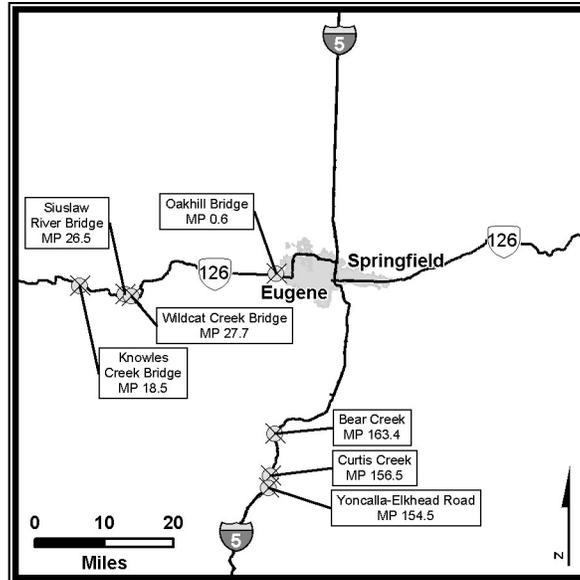
Construction Activity

December 2009 — along Oregon 126:

- Traffic was shifted onto detour bridges constructed alongside both the Siuslaw River Bridge at milepost 26.5, near Siuslaw Road, and the Knowles Creek Bridge at milepost 18.5, four miles east of Mapleton.

January 2010 — along Interstate 5:

- At Curtis Creek Bridge (milepost 156.5), all traffic shifted west to accommodate replacement of the northbound structure. ODOT is maintaining two northbound lanes and one southbound lane until spring 2010.
- At Elkhead Road Bridge at the Elkhead Road interchange (exit 154), all traffic shifted west to allow for construction of the eastern portion of the structure. ODOT is maintaining two northbound lanes and one southbound lane until spring 2010.
- At Bear Creek Bridge at Curtin (exit 163), both northbound lanes shifted east to allow for replacement of the median. Southbound travel lanes are unaffected.



Project overview map showing affected areas in Lane and Douglas counties.

Project overview

The Oregon Department of Transportation is repairing one bridge and replacing three bridges along Oregon 126 between Eugene and Mapleton in Lane County. In Douglas County, ODOT is repairing one bridge and replacing three bridges along Interstate 5 between Curtin and Yoncalla.

Highway 126 corridor overview

ODOT will repair the Wildcat Creek Bridge on Oregon 126 at milepost 27.7, about five miles west of Walton.

ODOT will replace the following three bridges on Oregon 126:

- Oakhill Bridge over the Central Oregon and Pacific Railroad where Oregon 126 and KR Neilson Road intersect west of Eugene.
- Siuslaw River Bridge at milepost 26.5, near the access road for the Austa boat launch.
- Knowles Creek Bridge at milepost 18.5, four miles east of Mapleton.

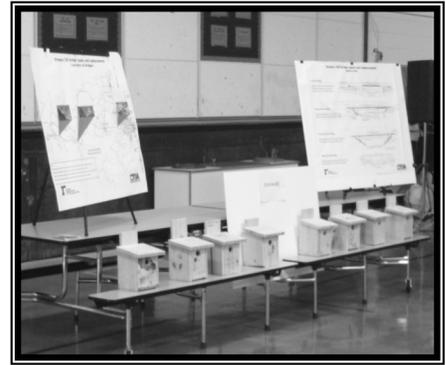
I-5 corridor overview

ODOT will repair the southbound I-5 bridge over Curtis Creek, milepost 156.5.

ODOT will replace the following three bridges on I-5:

- Bear Creek Bridge at the Curtin exit 163.
- Curtis Creek Bridge northbound at milepost 156.5.
- Elkhead Road overpass bridge at exit 154.

The project design and construction budget of \$53.4 million is funded by the Oregon Transportation Investment Act.



Left to right: ODOT Director Matthew Garrett presents a certificate of appreciation at the project open house; Veneta Elementary School students take a break from building birdhouses to pose for the camera; student birdhouses are displayed at the project open house.

Area students contribute to project success

The Oregon Department of Transportation sponsored a school-based outreach program for students at Veneta Elementary and Fern Ridge Middle schools before the Oregon 126 bridge project open house held in November.

Students learned about the professions and educational requirements of ODOT project team members.

The school program included a hands-on component in which pairs of students built their own birdhouses.

Local businessman Dale Claassen, from Swanson Group Manufacturing, showed more than

80 Veneta Elementary School students how to use a bore to tell the age of a tree. Jim Muck, from the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife, told the students about waterfowl and other birds in the Fern Ridge area.

At the evening open house, students displayed more than 40 birdhouses and told open house attendees about what they'd learned from the ODOT school program.

Student representatives from each participating school presented a symbolic birdhouse to the mayor of Veneta for the beautification of Veneta and the surrounding area. Mayor Sharon Hobart-Hardin thanked ODOT Director Matt

Garrett for participating in the open house and providing an enriching program to the students. Director Garrett presented certificates of appreciation to Dale Claassen and Jim Muck for participating in the school-based outreach program.

The thank-you letter written to ODOT by the elementary school teachers said, "The students enjoyed listening to the demonstrations about tree growth and bird habitats... But the most valuable experience was not directly stated: you gave us the opportunity to learn how our lives connect to your occupations... Thank you for this rare event."

Did you know...

- When the Oregon Department of Transportation removed trees for highway and bridge construction for parts of this project, it donated the logs to the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife. ODFW uses logs in environmental restoration projects, such as creating fish habitat throughout the state.
- In this project, ODOT will recycle more than 11,000 tons of concrete from the old bridges. This is enough to fill 545 dump trucks! The material will be processed and used for road base fill, which is the first layer laid down for a new road.
- 86,751 cubic yards of soil and rock will be used during this project. This is enough to fill a football field 40 feet high!



Construction Schedule

	Early 2010	Mid 2010	Late 2010	Early 2011	Mid 2011	Late 2011
Oakhill Bridge (replace) Oregon 126 over COPR near KR Neilson Road west of Eugene.	[Bar]					
Wildcat Creek Bridge (repair) Oregon 126 at milepost 27.7, five miles west of Walton.		[Bar]				
Siuslaw River Bridge (replace) Oregon 126 at milepost 26.5 near the Austa boat launch access road.	[Bar]					
Knowles Creek Bridge (replace) Oregon 126 at milepost 18.5, four miles east of Mapleton.	[Bar]					
Bear Creek Bridge (replace) I-5 over Bear Creek at Curtin exit 163.	[Bar]					
Elkhead Road Bridge (replace) I-5 at the Elkhead Road interchange, exit 154.	[Bar]					
Curtis Creek Bridge (repair) Southbound I-5 at milepost 156.5 over Curtis Creek.	[Bar]					
Curtis Creek Bridge (replace) Northbound I-5 at milepost 156.5 over Curtis Creek.	[Bar]					

SPRING AND SUMMER 2010: A LOOK AT UPCOMING CONSTRUCTION NEAR YOU

Drivers can expect to see minor traffic shifts on Interstate 5 and Oregon 126 in the spring and summer of 2010.

Spring 2010:

I-5 corridor

- At Curtis Creek Bridge (milepost 156.5), construction of the northbound I-5 bridge will be completed. Southbound lanes will return to their normal two-lane configuration at that time.
- At the Elkhead Road Bridge (exit 154), northbound I-5 traffic will shift east onto the reconstructed northbound structure to allow for construction of the median.

Summer 2010:

I-5 corridor

- At Bear Creek Bridge near Curtin (exit 163), both southbound lanes on I-5 will shift east onto the reconstructed median to allow for construction of the western part of the structure. Northbound travel lanes will remain unaffected.

Oregon 126 corridor

- On Oregon 126, traffic at the Siuslaw River Bridge (milepost 26.5) and Knowles Creek Bridge (milepost 18.5) will be directed back onto the completed structures during this final stage of construction, and the detour bridges will be removed.

- Oregon Department of Transportation projects near you.
- Anticipated construction periods and traffic impacts.
- ODOT working with local students to improve bird habitat and beautify the Veneta and Elmira communities.
- How ODOT is helping our environment.

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