

U.S. 101: Thomas Creek Bridge & Reinhart Creek Bridge

U.S. Highway 101 is a lifeline road connecting several communities along the southern Oregon coast. In Curry County, the highway crosses more than 25 bridges, each vulnerable to wear-and-tear from traffic, corrosion from the harsh marine air, and damage from earthquakes.

Two box truss bridges are in need of attention. Thomas Creek Bridge (built 1961), the highest in Oregon at 345 feet, is located about eight miles north of Brookings. The lesser-known Reinhart Creek Bridge (built 1954) sits a few miles south of Humbug Mountain State Park, between Port Orford and Gold Beach.

Two upcoming projects are aimed at upgrading and prolonging the service life of these bridges.

- **Rehabilitation:** In 2016, a one-year project will resurface the bridge decks, replace bearings and rails, repair deck joints and provide a seismic retrofit to help both bridges better withstand earthquakes.
- **Painting:** Later in 2016, construction will begin on a multi-year project that will paint the steel trusses of both structures and the towers of Thomas Creek Bridge.

How will drivers be affected?

Motorists can expect intermittent lane closures and delays during construction, though most of the painting work will take place outside the travel lanes.

ODOT will notify local media and post updates on www.TripCheck.com prior to any new traffic impacts.



Project Fast Facts

Location	U.S. 101 Milepoint 311.4 (Reinhart Creek Bridge) U.S. 101 Milepoint 347.8 (Thomas Creek Bridge)
Overall budget	Rehabilitation project: \$2.5 million (estimate) Painting project: \$16 million (estimate)
Construction timeline	2016-19
Bid let date	Rehabilitation project: April 14, 2016 Painting project: September 15, 2016
General Goals	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Preserve historic bridges ▪ Improve safety along U.S. 101 ▪ Reduce maintenance costs

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