

2016 Eastern Oregon Highway Summer Construction

Impacts for Bicycle Riders

Bicycle riders can expect some delays, detours and a number of chips seals this summer as ODOT's summer construction season kicks into gear. In addition to road construction impacts, higher speed limits along numerous routes in eastern and central Oregon took effect March 1. To help plan short bike trips down the road and extended two-wheel adventures, please check out the attached ODOT [Region 5 Summer Construction Report](#), the [Region 5 Summer Construction Map](#) and the [Speed Limit Increase Map](#). Links to all three are also posted on the ODOT Region 5 website at www.tinyurl.com/odot-region5.

Need information outside the eastern Oregon area? Check out the statewide ODOT Summer Construction Map, available in May at www.oregon.gov/odot. Links to [Oregon's Bicycle Safety Programs](#) are also available at this site.

Before heading out the door always visit www.TripCheck.com for current travel impacts and information.

Motorists and bicycle riders are reminded to **share the road**, obey all construction zone directions (signs and flaggers), and to watch out for each other, especially in work zones where travel lanes may be restricted.

Bicycle Related Project Highlights

Chip Seals: Eight highway segments in eastern Oregon will receive pavement chip seal treatments along U.S. 26, U.S. 395, OR 206, OR 244, OR 74 and OR 78. Although chip seals are not the favorite road treatment for bicycle riders, their application is necessary to help protect and extend the life of existing highway surfaces.

Rumble Strips: Numerous highway sections are receiving center line and/or fog line rumble strips to help prevent run-off-the-road crashes. In the case of fog-line rumble strips near the shoulder areas, they will only be added when the shoulder width is four feet or greater. Rumble strips are proven to save lives, especially on Oregon's remote, rural highways.

I-84 Detour south of Baker City: A highway resurfacing project on Interstate 84 about 20 miles south of Baker City includes a short detour for bicycle riders. Between Durkee and Nelson Point bike riders will be directed to detour along old U.S. 30 between Exit 327 and Exit 330. U.S. 30 parallels the freeway in this area, so the detour adds minimal extra time or mileage. The detour for bikes is necessary due to condensed freeway traffic that is narrowed to one lane for each direction through the work zone.

New higher speed limits: Over a dozen highway segments, including I-84 between The Dalles and the Idaho border saw speed limits increase this spring. Oregon's HB 3402 and HB 4047 allows travelers to legally drive higher speeds along segments of I-84, I-82, U.S. 20, U.S. 26, U.S. 95, U.S. 97, U.S. 197, U.S. 395, OR 31, OR 78 and OR 205. Speed limits for interstate segments, as well as U.S. 95 increased to 70 mph for passenger vehicles and 65 mph for trucks. On other affected highways the speed limit increased to 65 mph for passenger vehicles and 60 mph for trucks. The specific highway segments and their related travel speeds are identified on the [attached map](#). Check it out, along with other related information on the Speed Limit Increase website at www.tinyurl.com/OR-speed2016.

We hope this information will help you stay in-the-know before planning your next trip.

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