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Eastern Oregon hwy. construction update – Oct. 12

LA GRANDE, Ore. – The summer highway construction season is winding down and many projects are complete. Travelers still need to watch for crews and equipment as some projects remain active throughout the eastern Oregon area. The Oregon Department of Transportation reminds travelers to: watch for orange traffic cones, signs and construction workers; slow down; pay extra attention; and be prepared for flaggers and traffic pattern changes. Distracted or inattentive driving and speed are primary causes of crashes. Traffic fines are double the amount in all work zones, regardless of the presence of construction workers.

Your patience is greatly appreciated as crews repair and resurface pavement, replace aging bridges and culverts, and perform other work to help keep highways safe and efficient.

Listed below are a number of key highway projects in the eastern Oregon area. Information is sorted by county area, with interstate and U.S. highways listed first. The highway number and anticipated traffic impacts are listed in bold type. Location information is listed via mile post (MP) number for the highway section. Construction timeframes are estimates and subject to change. Updated information from the previous construction report is shown in red text.

Umatilla / Morrow / east Wheeler County Area

U.S. 395 (Umatilla-Stanfield Highway) – Upgrade traffic signals and intersection improvements in Hermiston area along U.S. 395 and OR 207. **Occasional lane restrictions, flaggers, minor delays.** Signal and ADA ramp work is mostly complete. Crews are testing signal upgrades.

Completion: 11/2015

U.S. 395 (Pendleton - John Day Highway) – Sidewalk upgrades along west side of Southgate (U.S. 395) in Pendleton, between SW Perkins Ave. and previous sidewalk upgrade area near St. Anthony Hospital, MP 2.5-2.75(B). **Lane and shoulder closures, flaggers, full temporary closure of westbound lane of Southgate Place where it connects to Southgate (U.S. 395). Motorists can use SW 37th Street to connect to Southgate.** Work began late September. Completion: 10/2015

U.S. 395 (Pendleton-John Day Highway) – Pavement grind/inlay from Bully Creek Road to Meadowbrook Summit, MP 66.61-71.11(B). **No impacts, work is now complete.**

OR 19 (John Day Highway) – Pavement chip seal between Fossil and OR 207 (3 miles east of Spray), MP 59.6-95.4. **No impacts, work is now complete.**

OR 37 (Frazer Ave. in Pendleton) - Install pedestrian improvements (flashing crosswalk beacon and crosswalk upgrades) in Pendleton at intersection of Frazer Ave. and 13th Street (near Hawthorne School). MP 1.24. **No impacts, work is now complete.**

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OR 207 (Hermiston Highway) – Replace Hinkle Bridge (1 mile north of I-84 Exit 182), MP 11.8. **Occasional flaggers, lane restrictions, minor delays. Work on this multi-year project is mostly complete. Some finish work is ongoing.** 11/2015

OR 207 (Lexington - Echo Highway) – Pavement chip seal between Kilkenny Road (10 miles east of Lexington) and Morrow county line, MP 10-19.5. **No impacts, work is now complete.**

OR 334 (Athena - Holdman Highway) – Pavement overlay west of Athena, MP 14.42 - 17.0. **No impacts, work is now complete.**

OR 339 (Freewater Highway) – Bridge replacement at West Crocket Branch Canal north of Milton-Freewater, between Sunnyside Road (OR 332) and Locus Road, MP 2.76. **Road closed Oct. 19-24 between Sunnyside Road (OR 332) and Locus Road. Travelers to follow detour signs along sections of Sunnyside Road (Hwy. 332), Prunedale Road, County Roads 517 and 650, and Broadway Avenue. Expect lane closures and delays of up to twenty minutes for about two weeks after closure.** Completion: 11/2015

Powerline Rd. (Umatilla Co.) - Realign section of Powerline Road and modify connection to U.S. 730 at west end of Umatilla River Bridge in Umatilla. **Possible intermittent delays with flaggers. Construction work is complete, some finish work is ongoing.** Completion: 10/2015

Union / Wallowa / Baker County Area.

I-84 (Old Oregon Trail Highway) – Pavement upgrades, median barrier replacement and climbing lane construction between Kamela Exit 246 and Exit 252 at Hilgard State Park, MP 245-252.

Possible minor delays, occasional lane closures for finish work. Major construction work is complete and traffic has returned to normal configuration. Completion: 11/2015

I-84 (Old Oregon Trail Highway) –Bridge rail upgrades on four structures between North Powder Exit 285 and Powder River Bridge, MP 285.68 – 289.17. **Lane restrictions, minor delays. Work is ongoing.** Completion: 1/2016

I-84 (Old Oregon Trail Highway) – Pavement crack seal along fog lines on eastbound and westbound freeways from North Powder to Baker City, MP 285-297. **No impacts, work is now complete.**

I-84 (Old Oregon Trail Highway) – Pavement grind/inlay and guardrail upgrades between Nelson Point and Lime, MP 330.7-342.12. **Intermittent lane closures, flaggers and minor delays. Paving work is complete. Rumble strips and other finish work continue in some areas.** Completion: 11/2015

U.S. 30 (La Grande - Baker highway) - Upgrade traffic signals in La Grande on U.S.30 and OR 82 (Island Ave.), U.S. 30 MP 1.5-2.7. **No impacts, work is now complete.**

U.S. 30 (La Grande - Baker Highway) - Intersection improvements and signal installation at U.S. 30 and McAlister Road (RR xing) east of La Grande, MP 4.95. **No impacts this year, project has been postponed until 2016 construction season.** Completion: 10/2016

OR 7 (Whitney Highway) – Pavement chip seal between UPRR undercrossing in Baker City and OR 245 @ Salisbury Junction, MP 41.8-50.5. **No impacts, work is now complete.**

OR (82 Wallowa Lake Highway) – Pavement chip seal between Wallowa and Joseph, MP 46-71.5. **No impacts, work is now complete.**

OR 203 (La Grande - Baker Highway) – Pavement chip seal between I-84 Exit 265 and OR 237 in Union, MP 5.8-17.8. **No impacts, work is now complete.**

OR 203 (La Grande - Baker Highway) – Pavement patching east of Union (Catherine Cr. Park area) MP 5-9. **No impacts, work is now complete.**

OR 245 (Dooley Mountain Highway) – Pavement (machine) patching 11 miles east of Unity, MP 11-13. **No impacts, work is now complete.**

Ladd Cr. Rd. (Union Co.) - Replace Ladd Creek culvert and reestablish creek bed adjacent to I-84 at Exit 270. **Minor delays. Work is ongoing.** 11/2015

Deer Cr. Rd. (Wallowa Co.) - Replace Deer Creek Bridge and relocate old structure to Wallowa. **No impacts this year, project has been postponed until 2016.** Completion: 11/2015

Malheur / Harney / Grant / east Wheeler County Area

I-84 (Old Oregon Trail Highway) – Concrete pavement repairs, westbound slow lane between Huntington and Farewell Bend, MP 345.81-353.21. **Lane closures, flaggers, and minor delays. Day and nighttime work. Work is ongoing.** Completion: **11/2015**

U.S. 20 (Central Oregon Highway) - Upgrade several traffic signals in Burns, plus Broadway/Monroe intersection, MP 131.5-130.25. **Lane closures, flaggers, detour for trucks, minor delays. Work is ongoing.** Completion: 11/2015

U.S. 20 (Central Oregon Highway) - Pavement overlay and guardrail upgrades from Black Canyon to Harper, MP 203.00-223.37. **Minor delays. Paving work complete, striping to be completed by mid-Oct.** Completion: 11/2015

U.S. 20, U.S. 26, U.S. 395, U.S. 95, OR 207, OR 11 and other routes – Add new and seal existing rumble strips along fog and center line of various highways. **Pilot cars, up to twenty minute delays. Watch for crews and equipment.** Majority of work for 2015 is complete, except striping. Work will continue in 2016 construction season. Completion: 9/2016

U.S. 26 (John Day Highway) – Pavement crack seal between OR19 junction and Mt. Vernon, MP 125.45-154.03. **No impacts, work is now complete.**

U.S. 26 (John Day Highway) – Shoulder paving between OR19 junction and Mt. Vernon, MP 125.45-150. **No impacts, work is now complete.**

U.S. 26 (John Day Highway) – Pavement crack seal between junction of OR 7 and Jameison, MP 190.5-261.6. **No impacts, work is now complete.**

U.S. 20/26 (Central Oregon Highway) - Pavement grind/inlay Vale to Cairo, MP 246.82-258.05. **Paving work is complete, minor delays for striping.** Completion: 11/2015

U.S. 95 (Idaho-Oregon-Nevada Highway) – Bridge deck sealing/waterproof membrane repair, Succor Creek to Rome, MP 2.16-29.92. **Bridge work is complete, minor delays for striping.** Completion: 11/2015

U.S. 395 (John Day - Burns Highway) – Fog seal highway (north and south bound lanes) between Long Creek and Mt. Vernon, MP 90.77-120 (B). **No impacts, work is now complete.**

U.S. 395 (John Day - Burns Highway) – Hazard tree removal between John Day and Izee-Paulina Highway, MP 4-17(C). **Lane closures, reduced speeds with flaggers and pilot cars controlling traffic. Expect up to 20 minute delays.** Work ongoing. Completion: 11/2015

U.S. 395 (John Day - Burns Highway) – Culvert replacement 5 miles south of John Day, MP 5-17(C). **Lane closures, reduced speeds with flaggers and pilot cars controlling traffic at times. Full highway closure expected to take place November 4 - 14. No local detour. Travelers will need to use alternate routes during U.S. 395 closure times and are advised to stay on main highways due to potential winter weather.** Signs will be posted in area announcing road closure times. Completion: 12/2015

U.S. 395 (John Day - Burns Highway) – Sign upgrades between John Day and Burns, MP 0.0-67(C). **Lane closures, reduced speeds, flaggers, minor delays. Work is ongoing.** Completion: 11/2015

OR 19 (Wasco-Heppner Highway) – Pavement crack seal MP 96 -106 (OR 207 junction east of Spray to Kimberly). **No impacts, work is now complete.**

OR 74 (Heppner Highway) – Pavement crack seal MP 30-46 (approx. 2 miles south of Lone to OR 206 junction). **No impacts, work is now complete.**

OR 78 (Steens Highway) – Pavement crack seal between Harney County line and Burns Junction, MP 60.88-91.60. **No impacts, work is now complete.**

OR 201 (Olds Ferry – Ontario Highway/Yturri Beltline) – Pavement crack seal along Yturri Beltline (OR201) in Ontario, MP 25.2-29.5. **No impacts, work is now complete.**

FOR MORE INFORMATION

For up to date traffic condition information, please visit **TripCheck.com**. Road condition information is also available by phone by dialing **5-1-1**, or (800) 977-6368. Outside of Oregon, travelers can call (503) 588-2941.

For updated eastern Oregon highway projects information, visit www.tinyurl.com/ODOT-region5 or contact ODOT Public Information Officer Tom Strandberg at 541-963-1330, email Thomas.m.strandberg@odot.state.or.us.

The ODOT 2015 Summer Construction Map listing major highway projects statewide is posted at www.Oregon.gov/ODOT.

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