



Oregon Department of Transportation

# NOTICE OF BRIDGE WORK

Sept. 2015



## FREEWATER HWY. (HWY. 339) BRIDGE PROJECT

### ***Road closure scheduled October 19-24***

The Oregon Department of Transportation bridge maintenance crews will be replacing the small bridge that spans the West Crockett Branch Canal (irrigation ditch) along the Freewater Highway (Hwy. 339), north of Milton-Freewater near mile point 2.76. The circa 1921 structure, located between the intersections of Sunnyside Road (Highway 332) and Locust Road, has exceeded its useful life. Recent bridge inspections identified heavy cracks in the structure, cracks and exposed rebar in abutment walls, scour issues at bridge supports, plus other signs of aging. The old bridge will be replaced with a new box culvert in October. The work is similar to two other local bridge replacement projects over the past several years.

**TRAFFIC IMPACTS:** To facilitate the project the **highway will be closed** at the bridge site **for about a week beginning October 19**, followed by about two weeks of periodic single lane travel while crews finish the work.

**DETOUR ROUTE:** During the October 19-24 road closure, traffic will be detoured around the work area along sections of Sunnyside Road (Hwy. 332), Prunedale Road, County Roads 517 and 650, and Broadway Avenue (see detour map). Travelers are reminded to watch for detour signs and drive with extra caution along the detour route and through the work zone. Variable message reader boards will be placed near the structure prior to the highway closure to remind travelers of the upcoming project and detour.



“Timing of this project is due to the irrigation ditch schedule, as water will be shut off between October and March,” said ODOT Bridge Maintenance Manager Rich Lani. “The culvert sections are scheduled to be delivered around October 22, when a large crane will be used to move each section in place.”

Construction activities will continue in the area after the full road closure, with periodic single-lane travel controlled by flaggers through the work zone. During this time crews will be constructing the wing walls and resurfacing the road over the culvert.

“We hope to have the project complete and traffic back to normal by the end of October,” Lani said. “We really appreciate everyone’s patience and cooperation during this much needed project that will result in a safer and smoother passing over the canal.”

*For more information regarding this project, please contact Rich Lani at (541) 541-429-6699,*

*or by email at: [Richard.Lani@odot.state.or.us](mailto:Richard.Lani@odot.state.or.us).*

**A detour map of the project area is on the back of this notice.**

# Section of Freewater Hwy. (HWY 339) Closed October 19-24 for West Crockett Branch Canal Bridge Replacement

Watch for work crews in the area and pedestrian/bike traffic along detour route

