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Eastern Oregon state hwy. construction update

LA GRANDE, Ore. – With over three dozen highway construction or repair projects planned for eastern Oregon this year, orange cones and reflective vested crews will be popping up throughout the area. While a hand full of projects have already begun, many more are scheduled to start within the next few months. Through the spring, summer and fall construction crews will resurface or repair hundreds of lane miles of pavement, repair or replace aging bridges, and upgrade guardrail, signs and other fixtures to help keep region highways safe and efficient. The Oregon Department of Transportation and their contractors remind motorists to slow down and be prepared for flaggers and traffic pattern changes whenever they see orange cones or construction signs along the highways.

“Several highway projects are underway now with more beginning soon,” said ODOT Public Information Officer Tom Strandberg. “Along with daffodils and tulips, another sure sign of spring is seeing those bright orange traffic cones and construction signs along the highways. When you see them, please slow down and be prepared for flaggers and traffic pattern changes. Your patience is greatly appreciated as crews work to keep our highways safe and efficient.”

Listed below are a number of key highway projects currently underway or expected to start later this summer. Project 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. All construction timeframes are dependent on weather conditions and are subject to change. Additional updates will be shared throughout the construction season. Also, check www.TripCheck.com on the Web for highway construction and traffic incident information.

Umatilla / Morrow County Area

I-84 Old Oregon Trail Highway – Pavement repairs at Exit 180 interchange. **Flaggers, lane closures, intermittent freeway ramp closures, June 3-4.**

I-84 Old Oregon Trail Highway – Interchange lighting and embankment/guardrail repairs near Exit 216 (near Wildhorse Resort). **Shoulder and possible lane closures, flaggers, minor delays starting late April and continuing through end of Sept.** Completion: 10/2013

I-84 Old Oregon Trail Highway – Construct/upgrade several chain-up areas between Pendleton and Spring Cr. MP 217-245. **Shoulder and intermittent lane closures at various locations, minor delays. Work is in progress.** Completion: 10/2013

I-84 Old Oregon Trail Highway – Concrete repair and durable striping applied to center skip line, MP 218 - 238. **Lane closures, traffic pattern changes through work zone, minor delays. Work is in progress.** Completion: 7/2013.

I-84 Old Oregon Trail Highway – Deadman's Pass Rest Area and freeway ramp paving at Exit 228. **No impacts expected in May.** Freeway ramp and rest area closures at times in June. Completion: 7/2013

I-84 Old Oregon Trail Highway – Pavement upgrades, median barrier replacement, climbing lane construction, chain up area upgrades between Kemala and 2nd Street overcrossing in La Grande. MP 246-260. Multi-year project. **Reduced speeds, traffic pattern changes and single lane travel for eastbound and westbound traffic separated by reflective cones starting in May.** Completion: 11/2015

U.S. 30 (I-84 frontage road) – Pavement patching and repair on frontage road near Meacham area. MP 230-232. **Lane closures, flaggers, up to 20 minute delays June 10-11.**

U.S. 395 Pendleton-John Day Highway – Intersection improvements in south Pendleton for new hospital at Southgate (U.S. 395) and 37th St. **Lane closures, flaggers, up to 20 minute delays Work is in progress.** Completion: 9/2013

U.S. 395 Pendleton-John Day Highway – Pavement patching between Pendleton and Long Creek at various locations. MP 16-24(B), 34-36(B), 46(B) and 72-73(B). **No impacts May or June.** Lane closures, flaggers, up to 20 minute delays July 8-15.

U.S. 395 Pendleton-John Day Highway – Rock fall protection, install rock screening south of Ukiah. MP 52.3(B). Lane closures, flaggers, delay of up to 20 minutes. **Work will start later this summer.** Completion: 11/2013

U.S. 730 Columbia River Highway – Crosswalk upgrades in Irrigon at 1st Street. Sidewalk, **shoulder and occasional lane closures, flaggers, minimal delays. Work is in progress.** Completion: 7/2013

U.S. 730 Columbia River Highway – Pavement repair/patching between I-84 and I-82. MP 168-175, 185-203. **No impacts May or June.** Lane closures, flaggers, up to 20 minute delays July 29 - Aug. 5.

OR 37 Cold Springs Highway – Pavement overlay between Hartel Road and junction of Athena-Holdman Hwy. MP 12.3 - 20.3. **Lane closures, flaggers, pilot cars, up to 20 minute delays anticipated late May / June timeframe.** Completion: 7/2013

OR 74 Lexington Highway – Pavement repair/patching north of Ione. MP 13-28. **Lane closures, flaggers, pilot cars, up to 20 minute delays May 13-16.**

OR 320 Echo Highway – Pavement repair/patching between junction of OR 207 and Echo. MP 27-37. **No impacts May or June.** Lane closures, flaggers, pilot cars, up to 20 minute delays July 29 - Aug. 5.

OR 331 Mission Highway – Pavement repair/patching at Mission / Market Road intersection. **Lane closures, flaggers, up to 20 minute delays June 5-6.**

OR 332 Sunnyside-Umapine Highway – Pavement maintenance in Milton-Freewater area. MP 0-8. **Lane closures, flaggers, up to 20 minute delays May 13-16.**

OR 334 Athena-Holdman Highway - Pavement resurfacing (concrete & asphalt), sidewalk ADA ramp upgrades and other improvements in downtown Athena. **Single lane travel, flaggers, up to 20-minute delays. Work is in progress.** Completion: 10/2013

OR 339 Freewater Highway - Pavement maintenance in Milton-Freewater area. MP 0-3.5. **No impacts expected May or June.** Single lane travel, flaggers, up to 20-minute delays July 2-3.

Union / Wallowa / Baker County Area.

I-84 Old Oregon Trail Highway – Construct shoulder rumble strips at various locations between La Grande and Idaho state line. MP 260-378. **Shoulder and intermittent lane closures at various locations, minor delays later this summer.** Completion: 11/2013

I-84 Old Oregon Trail Highway – Install new variable message reader board west of Baker City. MP 300. **Shoulder and intermittent lane closures, minor delays this summer.** Completion: 11/2013

I-84 Old Oregon Trail Highway – Install snow fence at various locations south of North Powder. MP 294-296. **Shoulder and intermittent lane closures later this summer.** Completion: 11/2013

US 30 La Grande - Baker Highway - Install new traffic signal at McAllister Lane east of La Grande. MP 5. **Intermittent lane closures, flaggers, minor delays later this summer/fall.** Completion: 2/2014

OR 86 Baker-Copperfield Hwy - Guardrail upgrades east of Richland. MP 51-64. **Lane closures, flaggers, up to 20 minute delays this summer.** Completion: 11/2013

OR 203 La Grande - Union Highway - Replace Ladd Creek culvert for flood mitigation. MP 8.8. **Lane closures, flaggers, delay of up to 20 minutes later this summer.** Completion: 11/2013

OR 237 Old Oregon Trail Highway - Rock wall excavation to reduce winter snow drifts in Pyles Canyon south of Union. MP 18. **Lane closures, flaggers, up to 20 minute delays for three weeks in August.** Completion: 9/2013

OR 245 Dooley Mnt. Highway - Pavement resurfacing between junction of U.S. 26 at MP zero (Unity area) and MP 10 (Hereford area). **Lane closures, flaggers, pilot cars, delays up to 20 minutes, weekdays May 23 – June 4.**

Hurricane Creek Road (Wallowa County). Rebuild/widen Hurricane Creek Road between Enterprise and Joseph. **Lane closures, flaggers, delays up to 20 minutes possibly starting in May.** Completion: 11/2013

Malheur / Harney / Grant / east Wheeler County Area

I-84 Old Oregon Trail Highway – Concrete pavement repairs between Huntington and Farewell Bend. MP 345 - 355. **No impacts anticipated May-June.** Reduced speeds, traffic pattern changes and single lane travel for eastbound and westbound traffic in late summer/fall timeframe. Completion: 12/2013

I-84 Old Oregon Trail Highway – Paving upgrades between North Fork Jacobsen Gulch and Idaho State line. MP 368-378. **Reduced speeds, traffic pattern changes and single lane travel for eastbound and westbound traffic separated by reflective cones. Work is in progress.** Completion: 11/2013

U.S. 20 Central Oregon Highway - Sign upgrades between Fry Lane in Burns and Riley. MP 104-135. **Shoulder and intermittent lane closures, later this summer.** Completion: 11/2013

U.S. 20 Central Oregon Highway – Pavement resurfacing through downtown Burns along Broadway Street (U.S. 20) between North Alder Avenue (near Triangle Park) to Monroe Street at the south end of town. **Single lane traffic with flaggers and pilot cars, delays of up to twenty minutes May 5-6. In addition, parking along the street will not be allowed during the paving activities.**

U.S. 26 John Day Highway – Pavement resurfacing through Picture Gorge area west of Dayville. MP 124-125. **Single lane traffic with flaggers and pilot cars, delays of up to twenty minutes May 13-14.**

U.S. 395 John Day – Burns Highway – Pavement resurfacing 10 miles south of John Day. MP 10-13.5(C). **Single lane traffic with flaggers and pilot cars, delays of up to twenty minutes, weekdays May 15-22.**

U.S. 395 John Day – Burns Highway – Pavement chip seal / resurfacing 2 miles south of John Day. MP 2.5-10(C). **Single lane traffic with day and nighttime flaggers and pilot cars, loose rock on the roadway, reduced speeds, delays of up to twenty minutes, weekdays June 10-14.**

OR 19 John Day Highway – Pavement patching between Fossil and Spray. MP 59 - 96. **No impacts expected May or June.** Lane closures, flaggers, up to 20 minute delays July 16-29.
Completion: 8/2013

FOR MORE INFORMATION

For up to date traffic condition information, please check ODOT's award winning Web site, **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.

ODOT's 2013 Summer Construction Map listing major highway projects statewide will be posted on the main ODOT website by late May at www.Oregon.gov/ODOT.

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