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Eastern Oregon Highway construction update

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LA GRANDE, Ore. – As the summer construction season in eastern Oregon continues, many projects are completed and others are just starting up. Motorists are encouraged to be prepared for possible delays and traffic impacts by checking TripCheck.com and planning for extra travel time.

New work expected to start this or next week includes eight miles of pavement upgrades on I-84 between La Grande and North Powder, concrete repairs on I-84 between Huntington and Farewell Bend, bridge deck repairs on I-84 near Ontario and on U.S. 95 in south Malheur County, and sidewalk upgrades in John Day.

Major changes in project schedules include the delay of the temporary closure of Whiskey Creek Road in Wallowa County and the postponement of some chip seal work until 2015.

ODOT reminds travelers that most global positioning system (GPS) devices do not reflect construction activities that can include road closures, detours and other traffic pattern changes. Watch for and obey all highway construction signs.

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 highway mile post (MP) number. Construction timeframes are estimates and subject to change. Additional updates will be shared throughout the construction season.

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

Umatilla / Morrow County Area

U.S. 30 Pendleton Highway. Pavement chip seal at east end of Pendleton between OR 11 and I-84 Exit 213, MP 4.62-6.49. **No construction impacts, work was completed in June.**

U.S. 395 Umatilla-Stanfield Highway – Upgrade traffic signals and improve radius of Elm Avenue intersection in Hermiston between U.S. 730 and SE 4th Street., MP 0.0-6.1. **No construction impacts at this time. Work expected to start in 2015.**

U.S. 395 Pendleton-John Day Highway – Pavement chip seal between Pendleton and Cape Horn, MP 2.74-36(B). **No construction impacts, work was completed in July.**

U.S. 730 Columbia River Day Highway – Pavement chip seal between I-84 and Washington State Line. MP 168.2-174.3 and MP 191.6-203.3 (no work between Canal Road @ MP 174.3 and OR 207 @ MP 191.6). **No construction impacts, work was completed in June.**

OR 207 Lexington - Echo Highway – Pavement chip seal between Kilkenny Road (10 miles east of Lexington) and I-84 Exit 188, MP 10-19.5 and MP 27.2-37.1 (no work MP 19.5-27.2). **No construction impacts. Work near Echo is now complete. The chip seal west of Echo (MP 10-19.5) will be constructed in 2015.**

OR 207 Hermiston Highway – Replace Hinkle Bridge (1 mile north of I-84 Exit 182), MP 11.8. **Occasional flaggers, lane closures, on site detour and delays up to 20 minutes.** Work on this multi-year project is on-going. Completion: 11/2015

OR 331 Umatilla Mission Highway – Pavement chip seal between OR 11 and Wild Horse Resort, MP 0.0-4.2. **No construction impacts, work was completed in June.**

Union / Wallowa / Baker County Area.

I-84 Old Oregon Trail Highway – Pavement upgrades, median barrier replacement, climbing lane construction and chain up area upgrades between Kamela Exit 246 and the 2nd Street overcrossing in La Grande, MP 246-260. This is a multi-year project that began construction in 2013. **Expect reduced speeds, traffic pattern changes and single lanes for eastbound and westbound travel with traffic separated by concrete barrier. Westbound on-ramp at Exit 259 remains closed due to construction (where U.S. 30 at west end of La Grande connects to freeway). Bicycles are NOT allowed through the seven-mile work zone from Hilgard State Park to La Grande (MP 252-261). Visit www.tinyurl.com/odot-region5 for bicycle detour info.** Work is on-going. Completion: 11/2016

I-84 Old Oregon Trail Highway – Pavement grind/inlay in westbound slow lane between Drinking Fountain Grade and North Powder, MP 277-285. **Expect lane closures, flaggers and minor delays. Work expected to start August 11 and be completed by August 15.**

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 this summer.** This project will be constructed in 2015.

OR 203 La Grande - Baker Highway – Pavement chip seal between I-84 Exit 265 and OR 237 in Union, MP 5.8-17.8. A fog seal will be applied to the chip seal in downtown Union after the chip seal. **No impacts this summer.** This project will be constructed in 2015.

OR 203 La Grande-Union Highway - Install box culvert for Branch Ladd Creek flood mitigation west of Hot Lake, MP 8.8. **Expect lane closures, reduced speeds, on-site detour, flaggers and occasional delays of up to 20 minutes.** Work is on-going and is expected to be completed by early September.

Whiskey Cr. Rd. (Wallowa Co.) - Replace culvert with new bridge **5.5 miles northeast** of Wallowa. **Flaggers, lane closures and delays up to twenty minute. A two-week road closure at the work site that was to take place in late July is on hold until late August or early September.** Work began July 9 and will be completed **by end of September.** www.tinyurl.com/odot-region5 for background info.

Malheur / Harney / Grant / east Wheeler County Area

I-84 Old Oregon Trail Highway – Concrete pavement repairs, eastbound slow lane between Huntington and Farewell Bend, MP 346.27 - 353. **Expect lane closures, flaggers, and minor delays. This project is scheduled to be constructed mostly at nighttime to reduce traffic impacts.** Work expected to start in late August or September. Completion: 10/2014

I-84 Old Oregon Trail Highway – Bridge deck repairs on six structures in Ontario area, MP 369.9–376. **Expect lane closures, flaggers, some nighttime work and minor delays.** Work expected to start August 18. Completion: 10/2014

U.S. 20 Central Oregon Highway - Pavement chip seal from Warn Springs Road to Black Canyon, MP 171- 203. **Moving lane closures and minor construction impacts. Chip seal is completed. On-going striping work to be completed by August 20.**

U.S. 20/26 Central Oregon Highway - Pavement resurfacing, sidewalk/signal upgrades in Nyssa between Locust Ave. and NE 4th Street, MP 265.4-266.6. **Majority of work is now completed. Possible minor delays for signal upgrade work.** Completion: 9/2014. www.tinyurl.com/odot-region5 for more info.

U.S. 26 John Day Highway – Pavement chip seal between Mt. Vernon and John Day, MP 154-161.5 **No construction impacts. Work is now completed.**

U.S. 26/395 John Day Highway/John Day-Burns Highway – Sidewalk upgrades along short sections of US 26 (U.S. 395 to SE Elm Street) and on U.S. 395 (U.S. 26 to SW 2nd Street) in Downtown John Day, U.S. 26 MP 162.3-162.4, U.S. 395 MP 0.0-0.18. **Expect lane restrictions, flaggers, sidewalk detours, plus occasional delays up to 20 minutes. Work scheduled to start week of August 11.**

U.S. 26 John Day Highway – Pavement chip seal between Blue Mt. Summit and Willow Creek, MP 199.4-221 and MP 261.6-267.8 (no work between MP 221 and 261.6). **No construction impacts. Work is now completed.**

U.S. 395 Pendleton-John Day Highway – Pavement chip seal between Long Creek and Mt. Vernon, MP 90.8-120.5(B). **No construction impacts. Work is now completed.**

U.S. 395 John Day-Burns Highway – Realign sharp curve five miles south of Seneca, MP 31(C). **Expect lane closures, flaggers and delays up to 20 minutes.** Work is on-going. Completion: 11/2014

U.S. 95 Idaho-Oregon-Nevada Highway – Bridge deck repairs on up to six structures in south Malheur County between Idaho border and Burns Junction, MP 2.16–52.97. **Expect lane closures, flaggers, nighttime work and delays up to twenty minutes. Work expected to start after August 18.** Completion: 10/2014

OR 19 John Day Highway – Pavement chip seal between Fossil and junction of OR 207 (3 miles east of Spray), MP 59.6-95.4. **No construction impacts this year. Work will be constructed in 2015.**

OR 78 Steens Highway – Pavement chip seal between Crane and New Princeton, MP 28.4-37.6. **No construction impacts. Work was completed in July.**

To view the ODOT Eastern Oregon Summer Construction Map and project listing online, visit www.tinyurl.com/odot-region5 . For a listing of statewide construction projects, check the information posted at www.oregon.gov/ODOT/COMM/Pages/2014_ConstMap.aspx.

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