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Nighttime paving, grinding planned May 2-3 on U.S. 199 and on 7th Street Bridge approach

GRANTS PASS — Beginning Monday night, May 2, ODOT's Grants Pass maintenance crew and Copeland Paving will tackle problem spots leading up to the 7th Street Bridge and along U.S. 199, from the Ringuette Street intersection east toward the bridge. Two consecutive nights of grinding and paving work are planned from approximately 10 p.m. to 4 a.m., weather permitting.

"Travelers should expect intermittent delays and lane closures during the repair work," said ODOT Maintenance Coordinator Russ Peterson. "Area residents near the 7th Street Bridge should expect intermittent construction noise from the grinding and paving."

Peterson said dry weather is needed for the repair work, which will provide a smoother ride and extend the life of the highway.

"We understand how important it is to motorists and local businesses to finish this work safely and with as little disruption to traffic as possible," said Peterson. "We ask motorists to drive with caution and exercise patience during this maintenance activity."

Tips for driving safely in work zones

- Orange is your clue to slow down. When you see orange barrels, cones and signs — even when no construction work is visible — hazards may still exist.
- Realize that it's not business as usual in a work zone. Expect the unexpected. The roadway may have changed. There may be a detour or a flagger.
- Maintain extra space between your vehicle and the one ahead to give yourself extra reaction time in case of a problem.

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