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## Highway projects planned in Grant Co. area this summer

JOHN DAY, Ore. – Highway construction season is just around the corner. The Oregon Department of Transportation will be working this year on several projects in the Grant County area along U.S. 395 and U.S. 26. Below are listed a few of the projects currently scheduled that will result in lane closures and traffic delays. The good news, these projects will help extend the useful life of our transportation infrastructure and improve safety. Construction updates will be shared with media in the future as the work gets underway. Motorists are reminded to slow down, watch for crews and equipment, minimize distractions and expect delays when you see orange cones and flaggers. Whether driving, bicycling or walking, keep safety in mind at all times.

**U.S. 395 Canyon Creek Flood Mitigation Project:** This project will include flood mitigation work that will help protect the highway south of Canyon City near mile point 4.5-C (a known flooding area) and the Canyon Creek Bridge at mile point 7.25-C. Work will start later this summer. Expect delays of up to twenty minutes at the work zones. See attached project information paper for details or visit the project page at [www.tinyurl.com/odot-region5](http://www.tinyurl.com/odot-region5).

**U.S. 26 Little Pine Creek Culvert Replacement Project:** The aging culvert under U.S. 26 at mile point 164.1, a few miles east of John Day, will be replaced with a larger concrete unit. Work will start later this summer. Expect delays of up to twenty minutes at the work zone. See attached project information paper for details or visit the project page at [www.tinyurl.com/odot-region5](http://www.tinyurl.com/odot-region5).

**U.S. 395 Hazard Tree Mitigation Project:** A project to address hazard trees near the highway that were damaged in the 2015 fire south of Canyon City is scheduled to begin next month. The work will result in traffic delays of up to twenty minutes with flaggers and pilot cars. ODOT is working with the U.S. Forest Service on this effort and more details will be released later this month.

**U.S. 395 Cape Horn to Long Creek Chip Seal Project:** The project will chip seal sections of U.S. 395-B between Cape Horn and Long Creek to protect and extend the life of existing pavement

surface. Expect delays of up to twenty minutes through the work zones, flaggers, pilot cars, and loose rock on the roadway. The project is scheduled for the summer/fall timeframe. More details will be shared prior to work starting.

These are just some of the key projects expected to be active this year in the Grant County area. More ODOT project information for the eastern Oregon region will be relayed to media in the future and posted at [www.tinyurl.com/odot-region5](http://www.tinyurl.com/odot-region5).

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