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Construction begins on Oregon 99 enhancement

TALENT — Construction begins Monday, April 23 on a \$5.4 million project that will build numerous enhancements along a stretch of Oregon 99 from Talent to Ashland. The city of Talent is contributing \$400,000 to the project.

“This will be one of the pivotal projects for Talent and its future,” said Talent Mayor Darby Ayers-Flood. “What makes this a particularly great project is the impact it presents across the board. It’s not just safety but also livability and economic development potential for Talent.”

Prime contractor Knife River Materials will begin excavation for storm drains, curbs, gutters, sidewalks and bike lanes between Rapp Road and Creel Road.

The contractor’s schedule is planned in stages with work beginning on the east side of Oregon 99 between Rapp Road and Creel Road. That work will be complete before the contractor switches to the west side of the highway. New pavement and striping is planned from Creel Road south to the Ashland city limits. However, that stage of work won’t begin until late summer.

Other project enhancements include a new bike lane along northbound Oregon 99 from Jackson Road to South Valley View Road. The new bike lane will help riders connect to the Bear Creek Greenway near South Valley View Road.

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Work zone accessibility:

Where traffic is routed through or around a work zone, pedestrians, including those with disabilities, will also be provided routes through or around the work zone.