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## Be prepared for eastern Oregon highway projects

*Safer roads ahead, after construction season*

LA GRANDE, Ore. – We will be constructing over two dozen key highway projects this year in eastern Oregon to fix pavement, bridges and make the highways safer. Some are underway now and others are scheduled to begin in the coming weeks. Below is a list of these activities, along with anticipated traffic impacts. Please remember to watch for crews, equipment and flaggers, and to be prepared to slow down or stop when you see those orange cones and construction signs.

Distracted or inattentive driving and speed remain primary causes of crashes, so please put cell phones and other distractions away, and ease up on the gas. We want you and our crews to all get home safely at the end of the day. Traffic fines are double the amount in all work zones.

Highway project information is sorted by county area, with interstates and U.S. highways listed first, followed by state routes. The anticipated traffic impacts are listed in bold type. Location information is listed via mile post (MP) number for the highway section. Construction timeframes are estimates and subject to change.

Additional updates will be shared throughout the construction season. For more information on key projects visit [www.tinyurl.com/odot-region5](http://www.tinyurl.com/odot-region5) or contact Tom Strandberg at 541-963-1330 [thomas.m.strandberg@odot.state.or.us](mailto:thomas.m.strandberg@odot.state.or.us).

### **Umatilla / Morrow / east Wheeler County Area**

I-82 (McNary Highway) – Repair eastbound Columbia River Bridge at Washington border (project managed by Washington State DOT). **Lane closures, reduced speeds, traffic pattern changes, minor delays.** Work is ongoing. Completion: fall 2019

I-82 (McNary Highway) – Replace concrete panels in road surface that connect to bridges at multiple locations, between MP 1 and 2 and at MP 10.2. **Lane closures, traffic pattern changes, reduced speeds and minor delays.** Work is ongoing. Completion: 10/2019

I-84 (Old Oregon Trail Highway) – Repair westbound bridge over Noland Road near MP 195. **Reduced speeds, single lane closure on westbound freeway, minor delays (no impacts for eastbound freeway).** Work expected to start May 20. Completion: 10/2019

I-84 (Old Oregon Trail Highway) – Install snow fencing to reduce blowing snow in wintertime at Poverty Flats area, MP 222.6-224.24. **Shoulder and intermittent lane closures, reduced speeds, minor delays.** Work expected to start after June 1. Completion: 11/2019

I-84 (Old Oregon Trail Highway) – Install new variable message reader signs, curve warning signs, road and weather conditions sensors, highway cameras, lighting, ramp gate, cable median barrier and electric power/wiring at various locations between La Grande and Pendleton, MP 220 - 259. **Lane closures, reduced speeds, minor delays.** Work ongoing. Two-year project. Completion: 10/2019

U.S. 395 (Hermiston Highway) – Repair concrete pavement through downtown Hermiston area, MP 3.4 - 6.34. **Intermittent lane closures, flaggers, minor delays, sidewalk detours.** Work ongoing. Completion: 7/2019

US 730 (Columbia River Highway) – Juniper Creek Bridge drilling/repair, MP 199.03. **Lane closures, flaggers, delays up to 20 minutes.** Work to start May/June timeframe. Completion: 7/2019

OR74 (Heppner Highway) – Shoulder paving/maintenance between Nye Junctions and Butter Creek Road. **Lane closures, flaggers, delays up to 20 minutes.** Work ongoing. Completion: 7/2019

OR207 (Heppner-Spray Highway) – Pavement crack seal between Hardman and Wheeler County line, MP 10 - 24. **Lane closures, flaggers, delays up to 20 minutes.** Work ongoing. Completion: 6/2019

OR 335 (Athena-Holdman Highway) – Repave highway between Athena and OR11, MP 17.6 to 18.12. **Lane closures, flaggers, pilot cars, reduced speeds, delays up to 20 minutes.** Potential project could start May 28. Completion: 8/2019

OR 335 (Havana-Helix Highway) – Repave highway between Helix and OR334 junction, MP zero to 5.5. **Lane closures, flaggers, pilot cars, reduced speeds, delays up to 20 minutes.** Work expected to start May 28. Completion: 8/2019

### **Union / Wallowa / Baker County Area.**

I-84 (Old Oregon Trail Highway) – Replace worn rubber-like seals on bridge surface joints at multiple locations between Echo and Baker City: MP 195 EB; 248.55 EB and WB; 248.94 EB and WB; 258.89 EB and WB; 259.13 EB; and 304.13 WB. **Expect lane closures, reduced speeds, and minor delays.** Work will start later this summer with activities lasting 1-3 days at each site. Completion: 8/2019

I-84 (Old Oregon Trail Highway) – Pavement crack seal between Spring Creek grade and La Grande, eastbound and westbound freeways, MP 246 – 260. **Lane closures, crews and equipment on roadway, minor delays.** Work is ongoing. Completion: 6/2019

I-84 (Old Oregon Trail Highway) – Paving, shoulder widening between La Grande and Ladd canyon, MP 260-271. Bridge replacement, culvert work, paving and construction of third EB lane in Ladd Canyon area, MP 270-273. **Lane closures, reduced speeds, traffic pattern changes, minor delays. WB freeway on ramp from Ladd Canyon Road at Exit 270 closed for bridge replacement work 7 a.m. – noon and 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. Freeway closed to bicyclists and pedestrians between MP 270 and 273 due to no safe shoulder space during construction. Pedestrians/bicyclists will need to use local transit bus service ([www.neotransit.org](http://www.neotransit.org)) between La Grande and North Powder. Bicyclists can also use signed detour route via OR203 between La Grande and Union, and OR237 between Union and North Powder.** Work is ongoing. Two-year project. Completion: 10/2020

I-84 (Old Oregon Trail Highway) – Eastbound pavement repairs near Durkee, MP 325.5. **Lane closures, reduced speeds, minor delays.** Work starts June 3 and will take about two days, followed by a week-long lane closure for concrete hardening. Completion: 7/2019

I-84 (Old Oregon Trail Highway) – Pavement repair between Plano Road and Huntington Interchange, MP 331-344. **Lane closures, reduced speeds, minor delays.** Work starts this summer. Completion: 10/2019

OR 82 (Wallowa Lake Highway) – Realign hairpin corner at Minam Curve, construct bank stabilization west of Minam, MP 30.7 and 32.58. **Lane closures, flaggers, delays of up to 20 minutes. Possible longer delays during occasional blasting operations.** Work is ongoing. Completion: 11/2019

OR82 (Wallowa Lake Highway) – Pavement crack seal through town of Wallowa, MP 46.28 – 47.58. **Lane closures, flaggers, reduced speeds, delays up to 20 minutes.** Work ongoing. Completion: 6/2019

OR82 (Wallowa Lake Highway) – Grind out old, deteriorating asphalt and repave highway between Joseph and Enterprise, MP 65 - 71. **Lane closures, flaggers, pilot cars, reduced speeds, delays up to 20 minutes.** Work expected to begin sometime after July 1. Completion: 10/2019

OR244 (Ukiah-Hilgard Highway) – Repair Marley Creek culvert under highway near Camp Elkanah, MP 31. **Occasional lane closures and minor delays.** Work expected to begin mid-to-late June. Completion: 12/2019.

OR350 (Little Sheep Creek Highway) – Realign intersection to Forest Road 39 (Wallowa Forest Loop Road), replace bridge along Forest Road. **Lane closures, minor delays for intersection work, lane closures, delays up to 20 minutes for bridge work.** Work ongoing. Completion: 12/2019

#### **Malheur / Harney / Grant / east Wheeler County Area**

I-84 (Old Oregon Trail Highway) – Repair Snake River bridges at Oregon/Idaho border, MP 378. **Lane closures, reduced speeds, traffic pattern changes and commercial truck detour via U.S. 95 and U.S. 30.** Work is ongoing. Completion: 8/2020

I-84 (Old Oregon Trail Highway) – Farewell Bend Point of Entry at WB Exit 353 is closed for repairs through end of May. **The off and on ramps at Exit 353 are open, but the port is closed.** Work is ongoing. Completion: 7/2019

I-84 (Old Oregon Trail Highway) – Apply durable pavement markings such as fog lines, center line stripes, etc. between North Huntington Interchange and North Fork Jacobson Gulch, MP 345-368. **Lane closures, reduced speeds, minor delays.** Work ongoing. Completion: 7/2019

U.S. 20 (Central Oregon Highway) – Apply chip seal to highway between Hampton and Burns, MP 62-128, and through downtown Vale MP 245-247. **Pilot cars, lane closures, reduced speeds, day and nighttime flaggers, loose rock on roadway.** Expected to start sometime after June 1. Completed: 9/2019

OR201 (Yturri Blvd) - Apply chip seal to highway between Airport Corner and Loves Truck stop, MP 25-28. **Pilot cars, lane closures, reduced speeds, day and nighttime flaggers, loose rock on roadway.** Expected to start sometime after June 1. Completed: 8/2019

OR453/OR454 (Adrian-Arena Valley and Adrian-Caldwell Highways) – Pavement resurfacing and shoulder maintenance at Big Bend area, 1.5 miles south of Adrian, MP zero – 5.1. **Lane closures, flaggers, reduced speeds, pilot cars and delays up to 20 minutes.** Paving work complete, shoulder work scheduled for June/July timeframe. Completion: Aug 2019.

#### **FOR MORE INFORMATION**

For up to date traffic condition information, please visit **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.

For updated eastern Oregon highway projects information visit [www.tinyurl.com/ODOT-region5](http://www.tinyurl.com/ODOT-region5) or contact ODOT Public Information Officer Tom Strandberg at 541-963-1330, email [Thomas.m.strandberg@odot.state.or.us](mailto:Thomas.m.strandberg@odot.state.or.us).