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## Eastern Oregon highway construction update

### *Slow down, stay alert and be prepared for work zones*

LA GRANDE, Ore. – We are working on over two dozen key highway projects this year in eastern Oregon, aimed at creating a smoother, safer ride. Below is a list of these activities, along with anticipated traffic impacts. Please remember to watch for crews, equipment and flaggers and be prepared to slow down or stop when you see those orange cones and construction signs.

Being distracted and driving too fast are the two 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 milepost number for the highway section. Construction timeframes are estimates and subject to change. Information in **red text** indicates a change from the previous report.

We will share additional updates 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). **No impacts. This work is completed.** Completion: **6/2019**

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

to be completed late June. Work near milepost 1 and 2 will continue through summer. Completion: 10/2019

I-84 (Old Oregon Trail Highway) - Pavement patching in eastbound and west bound lanes, milepost 159 to 188. Multiple locations. **Lane closures, reduced speeds and minor delays.** Start date July 8. Completion: 7/2019.

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

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

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

I-84 (Old Oregon Trail Highway) – Pavement patching along eastbound and westbound freeways between Meacham and Spring Creek, milepost 237 to 246. **Lane closures, crews and equipment on roadway, minor delays.** Work scheduled for August 7 to August 22. Completion: 9/2019

I-84 (Old Oregon Trail Highway) – Pavement resurfacing (grind/inlay) of slow lanes 12 miles west of La Grande, milepost 248.3 to 248.5. **Reduced speeds, lanes closures, minor delays, nighttime paving operations.** Work starts later this summer and is expected to last a couple days. Completion: 9/2019

U.S. 395 (Hermiston Highway) – Repair concrete sidewalk/pavement through downtown Hermiston area, milepost 3.4 to 6.34. **No impacts, work completed.** Completion: 6/2019

U.S. 730 (Columbia River Highway) – Juniper Creek Bridge drilling/repair, milepost 199.03. **No impacts, work completed.** Completion: 6/2019

OR 37 (Cold Springs Highway) – Pavement patching at multiple locations, milepost 8 to 14. **Lane closures, flaggers, delays up to 20 minutes.** Starts July 22 and continues through early August. Completion: 8/2019

OR 74 (Heppner Highway) – Shoulder paving/maintenance between Nye Junctions and Butter Creek Road. **Lane closures, flaggers, delays up to 20 minutes.** Work ongoing through early July. Completion: 7/2019

OR207 (Heppner-Spray Highway) – Pavement patching between I-84 and Butter Creek at milepost 20. **Lane closures, flaggers, delays up to 20 minutes.** Work starts July 1 and will take about 3 days. Completion 7/2019.

OR 207 (Heppner-Spray Highway) – Pavement crack seal between Hardman and Wheeler County line, milepost 10 to 24. **No impacts, work completed.** Completion: 6/2019

OR 334 (Athena-Holdman Highway) – Repave highway between Athena and OR 11, milepost 17.6 to 18.12. **Lane closures, flaggers, possible pilot cars, reduced speeds, delays up to 20 minutes.** Paving work completed, some shoulder work remains. Completion: 7/2019

OR 335 (Havana-Helix Highway) – Repave highway between Helix and OR 334 junction, milepost zero to 5.5. **Lane closures, flaggers, possible pilot cars, reduced speeds, delays up to 20 minutes.** Paving work completed, some shoulder work remains. Completion: 7/2019

#### **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 at mileposts: 195 eastbound; 248.55 eastbound and westbound; 248.94 eastbound and westbound; 258.89 eastbound and westbound; 259.13 eastbound; and 304.13 westbound. **Expect lane closures, reduced speeds, and minor delays.** Work ongoing with activities lasting one to three days at each site. Completion: 8/2019

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

I-84 (Old Oregon Trail Highway) – Paving, shoulder widening between La Grande and Ladd canyon, milepost 260 to 270. Bridge replacement, culvert work, paving and construction of third eastbound lane in Ladd Canyon area, milepost 270 to 273. **Lane closures, reduced speeds, traffic pattern changes, minor delays. westbound 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 milepost 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 OR 203 between La Grande and Union, and OR 237 between Union and North Powder.** Paving between La Grande and Ladd Canyon, milepost 260 to 270 is complete, other work is ongoing. Two-year project. Completion: 10/2020

I-84 (Old Oregon Trail Highway) – Pavement resurfacing (grind/inlay) of slow lanes 10 miles west of North Powder, milepost 275.46 to 276.71. **Reduced speeds, lanes closures, minor delays, possible nighttime paving operations.** Work starts later this summer and is expected to last a couple days. Completion: 9/2019

I-84 (Old Oregon Trail Highway) – Eastbound pavement repairs near Durkee, milepost 325.5. **No impacts, project completed.** Completion: 6/2019

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

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

OR 82 (Wallowa Lake Highway) – Pavement crack seal through town of Wallowa, milepost 46.28 to 47.58. **Lane closures, flaggers, reduced speeds, delays up to 20 minutes.** Work ongoing.  
Completion: 6/2019

OR 82 (Wallowa Lake Highway) – Grind out old, deteriorating asphalt and repave highway between Joseph and Enterprise, milepost 65 to 71. **Lane closures, flaggers, pilot cars, reduced speeds, delays up to 20 minutes.** Work expected to begin **in July (no work during Chief Joseph Days).**  
Completion: 10/2019

OR 244 (Ukiah-Hilgard Highway) – Repair Marley Creek culvert under highway near Camp Elkanah, milepost 31. **Occasional lane closures and minor delays.** Work ongoing **with most activities occurring off the roadway.** 12/2019.

OR 350 (Little Sheep Creek Highway) – Realign intersection to Forest Road 39 (Wallowa Forest Loop Road) and replace bridge near the junction. **Lane closures, minor delays for intersection work. Lane closures and 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, milepost 378. **Lane closures, reduced speeds, traffic pattern changes and commercial truck detour via U.S. 95 and U.S. 30.** Work ongoing. Completion: 8/2020

I-84 (Old Oregon Trail Highway) – Farewell Bend Point of Entry resurfacing at Exit 353. **Possible minor impacts.** Work ongoing. **Paving complete, port and on/off ramps at Exit 353 are open.**  
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, milepost 345 to 368. **No impacts, work completed.** Completion: 6/2019

U.S. 20 (Central Oregon Highway) – Apply chip seal to highway between Hampton and Burns, milepost 62 to 128, and through downtown Vale milepost 245 to 247. **Pilot cars, lane closures,**

**reduced speeds, day and nighttime flaggers, loose rock on roadway.** Expected to **start around July 8.** Completion: 9/2019

OR 201 (Yturri Blvd) - Apply chip seal to highway between Washington Avenue and Airport Corner, milepost 25 to 28. **Pilot cars, lane closures, reduced speeds, day and nighttime flaggers, loose rock on roadway.** Expected to **start later this summer.** Completion: **10/2019**

OR 453/OR 454 (Adrian-Arena Valley and Adrian-Caldwell Highways) – Pavement resurfacing and shoulder maintenance at Big Bend area, 1.5 miles south of Adrian, milepost zero to 5.1. **Lane closures, flaggers, reduced speeds, and minor delays.** Paving work complete, **shoulder work ongoing.** 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).

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