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## Eastern Oregon highway construction update

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

LA GRANDE –Our busy summer construction season continues in eastern Oregon with dozens of work zones throughout the region, including these three projects starting late July and early August that will result in traffic delays and a temporary road closure.

- We are replacing a culvert on OR 244, milepost 45, at Whisky Creek west of La Grande. Expect flaggers and delays.
- Crews are chip sealing various highway sections in Baker, Grant and Malheur counties, with work beginning in early August. Watch for crews, pilot cars, loose rock on the road and other construction impacts along OR 7, U.S. 26, U.S. 395 and other routes.
- Along OR 204 (Tollgate Highway) we will close the road between milepost 34 and 35 on August 4 and 5 to construct a retaining wall to help control erosion resulting from the heavy flooding and road damage in February.

The list below provides details for these projects, as well as the many others in eastern Oregon. 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.

Please put cell phones and other distractions away, and ease up on the gas. Distracted or inattentive driving and speed remain primary causes of crashes. Although traffic volumes are down from last summer due to the pandemic, there have been incidents of speeding on highways and in work zones. We want you and our crews to all get home safely at the end of the day. Stay safe and watch out for crews and equipment. Traffic fines double 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, with local crossroads/landmarks identified. Construction timeframes are estimates and subject to change.

Additional updates will be shared throughout the construction season. For more information on key projects visit <https://go.usa.gov/xwZ6X> 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 County area**

**I-82** McNary Highway – Replace bridge end panels, milepost 1-2. **Traffic pattern changes, lane closures, reduced speeds, minor delays.** Work is ongoing. Completion: August 2020.

**I-84** Old Oregon Trail Highway – Median cable barrier installation work at various sites between Boardman and Idaho border, milepost 155-378, with most work in Baker County area. **Occasional lane/shoulder closures near various work sites.** Work is ongoing. Completion: August 2020.

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**I-84** Old Oregon Trail Highway – Multiple safety enhancements between Pendleton and La Grande including new variable message boards, road sensors/cameras, lighting, curve signs and more, milepost 214-260. **Reduced speeds, 3-mile long lane closures on Cabbage Hill (MP 223-220) due to curves and steep grade, minor delays, plus intermittent shoulder/lane closures at MP 246-260 and other work sites.** Work is ongoing. Completion: November 2020.

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**U.S. 30** Court Ave. Pendleton - Sidewalk ADA ramp upgrades at SE 10th Street, SE 9th Street, and SE Frasier Place intersections in Pendleton, milepost 3.9-4.2. **No traffic impacts. Project complete.** <https://go.usa.gov/xwZ6X>

**US 395-B** Pendleton-John Day Highway – Sign upgrades between Ukiah and Nye Jct., milepost 23-50. **No traffic impacts. Project complete.**

**U.S. 395-B** Pendleton-John Day Highway – Slope repair 7 miles north of Mt. Vernon at milepost 114. **Lane closures, flaggers, delays up to 20 minutes.** Work starts early August for approximately two months. Completion: October 2020.

**U.S 730** Columbia River Highway – Pavement, storm drain and sidewalk/ADA ramp upgrades in downtown Umatilla, Umatilla River Bridge to Yerxa Avenue, milepost 182.7-183.4. **Flaggers, lane and sidewalk closures.** Work is ongoing. Completion: November 2020.

**OR 11** Oregon-Washington Highway (Main Street) – Sidewalk ADA ramp upgrades at SE 10th Street in Milton-Freewater. **No traffic impacts. Project complete.**

**OR 37** Pendleton-Cold Springs Highway – Repair bridge over Union Pacific Railroad at milepost 1, one mile east of U.S. 730. **Five week detour around work site via U.S. 730, U.S. 395 through Hermiston and I-84 between Stanfield and Pendleton.** Work to begin mid-August. Full bridge closure starts Sept. 8 and ends Oct. 13. Completion: November 2020. <https://go.usa.gov/xwZ6X>

**OR 207** Lexington-Echo Highway – Chip seal, from I-84 at Exit 182 to Butter Creek, milepost 12.59-17.81 (Hwy 333) and MP 27.3-19.6 (Hwy. 320). **No traffic impacts for 2020. Project postponed until 2021.** Completion: November 2021

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

**I-84** Old Oregon Trail Highway – Safety and paving improvements in Ladd Canyon area. Add third truck lane for eastbound Ladd Canyon traffic, MP 270-273. **Reduced speeds, lane closures, nighttime paving, and minor delays. Bicycle/pedestrian detours around Ladd Canyon work zone due to no shoulders.** Work is ongoing. Night paving of eastbound climbing land scheduled for the end of July 2020. Completion: November 2020. <https://go.usa.gov/xwZ6X>

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**U.S. 30** La Grande-Baker Highway – Construct and add illumination to turn-around near Gangloff Park, west of La Grande, milepost 0.6. **Possible flaggers, lane closures, delays up to 20 minutes.** Work is ongoing. Completion: September 2020.

**U.S. 30** La Grande-Baker Highway – Sidewalk ADA ramp upgrades at various intersections in downtown La Grande between 20<sup>th</sup> Street and McAlister Road, milepost 2.8-4.9. **Sidewalk closures, pedestrian detours and possible minor delays for motorists.** Work scheduled to start late September. Completion: November 2021. <https://openhouse.oregondot.org>

**OR 3** Enterprise-Lewiston Highway – Chip seal, from Buford Grade to Enterprise, milepost 5-43. **Lane closures, reduced speeds, day/nighttime flaggers, pilot cars, loose rock on the roadway, delays up to 20 minutes.** Chip seal work is ongoing and scheduled to be completed by end of August. Completion: September 2020.

**OR 3** Enterprise-Lewiston Highway – Sidewalk ADA ramp upgrades through downtown Enterprise, milepost 42.8-43.1. **Sidewalk closures, pedestrian detours, intermittent shoulder and lane closures with flaggers, minimal to no delays.** Work is ongoing. Completion: November 2021.

**OR 7** Whitney Highway – Chip seal, Grant Co. line to Mason Dam, milepost 9.5-35.5. **Lane closures, reduced speeds, day/nighttime flaggers, pilot cars, loose rock on the roadway, delays up to 20 minutes.** Work scheduled to start August 3 and take about a week. Completion: October 2020.

**OR 82** Wallowa Lake Highway - Sidewalk ADA ramp upgrades in La Grande at 26<sup>th</sup> Street intersection, milepost 1.29. **Sidewalk closures, pedestrian detours and possible minor delays for motorists.** Work scheduled to start late September. Completion: November 2021.

**OR 82** Wallowa Lake Highway – Sidewalk ADA ramp upgrades at various intersections in downtown Island City, milepost 2. **Sidewalk closures, pedestrian detours and possible minor delays for motorists.** Work scheduled to start late September. Completion: November 2021.

**OR 82** Wallowa Lake Highway – Sidewalk ADA ramp upgrades at various intersections in downtown Imbler between Hull Lane and Brooks Road, milepost 122-12.5. **Sidewalk closures,**

**pedestrian detours and possible minor delays for motorists.** Work scheduled to start late September. Completion: November 2021.

**OR 82** Wallowa Lake Highway - Sidewalk ADA ramp upgrades at various intersections in downtown Elgin between Hemlock Avenue and Third Avenue, milepost 19.6-20.6. **Sidewalk closures, pedestrian detours and possible minor delays for motorists.** Work scheduled to start late September. Completion: November 2021.

**OR 82** Wallowa Lake Highway – Improve safety by realigning hairpin corner at Minam Curve, construct bank stabilization west of Minam, milepost 30.7 and 32.7. **Lanes are now open. Possible flagging and delays up to 20 minutes.** Work is ongoing. Completion: August 2020.

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**OR 82** Wallowa Lake Highway – Chip seal from Minam to Wallowa, MP 33.7-46.3. **Lane closures, reduced speeds, day/nighttime flaggers, pilot cars, loose rock on the roadway, delays up to 20 minutes.** Chip seal work complete. Striping work mid to late July. Completion: 8/2020

**OR 82** Wallowa Lake Highway – Culvert Repair at milepost 39.5. **Lane closures, flaggers, delays up to 20 minutes.** Work starts July 21. Completion: September 2020.

**OR 82** Wallowa Lake Highway – Pavement patching from Spring Creek east of Wallowa to Wallowa River east of Lostine, milepost 49.4-60. **Lane closures, flaggers, delays up to 20 minutes.** Work starts this summer and will take several weeks. Completion: October 2020.

**OR 82** Wallowa Lake Highway – Sidewalk ADA ramp upgrades through downtown Enterprise, milepost 64.5-65.7. **Sidewalk closures, pedestrian detours, intermittent shoulder and lane closures with flaggers, minimal to no delays.** Work is ongoing. Completion: November 2021.

**OR 203** Medical Springs Highway – Sidewalk ADA ramp upgrades through downtown Union, milepost 0.05. **Sidewalk closures, pedestrian detours, intermittent shoulder and lane closures with flaggers, minimal to no delays.** Work is ongoing. Completion: November 2021.

**OR 204** Weston-Elgin Highway – Road repair and paving between Tollgate and Elgin, MP 20.8-40.3. Major road repair complete. **Lane closures, flaggers, delays up to 20 minutes, plus full**

**highway closure for two days, August 4-5 to construct retaining wall. Full closure will start by 6 a.m. August 4 and end by 6 a.m. August 6.** Completion: August 2020.

**OR 237** La Grande-Cove Highway – Sidewalk ADA ramp upgrades in downtown Cove between Foster Street and Church Street, milepost 13.3-13.7. **Sidewalk closures, pedestrian detours, occasional flaggers, minor delays.** Work expected to start late September. Completion: November 2021.

**OR 237** La Grande-Baker Highway – Sidewalk ADA ramp upgrades through downtown Union, milepost 16-17. **Sidewalk closures, pedestrian detours, occasional flaggers, minor delays.** Work is ongoing. Completion: November 2021.

**OR 244** Ukiah-Hilgard Highway – Replace Whiskey Creek Culvert 16 miles west of La Grande, milepost 45. **Lane closures, flaggers, delays up to 20 minutes.** Work ongoing. Completion: November 2020. <https://go.usa.gov/xwZ6X>

**OR 410** Sumpter Highway – Chip Seal, Junction OR 7 to Sumpter, milepost 0-3.7. **Lane closures, reduced speeds, day/nighttime flaggers, pilot cars, loose rock on the roadway, delays up to 20 minutes.** Chip seal work scheduled to start August 3 and take about a day or two. Completion: October 2020.

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

**I-84** Old Oregon Trail Highway – Median cable barrier installation work at various sites between Boardman and Idaho border, milepost 155-378, with most work in Baker County area. **Occasional lane/shoulder closures near various work sites.** Work is ongoing. Completion: August 2020. <https://go.usa.gov/xwZ6X>

**I-84** Old Oregon Trail Highway – Pavement repairs near Lime, milepost 330.4-344.8. **No traffic impacts. Project complete.**

**I-84** Old Oregon Trail Highway – Pavement repairs near Farewell Bend, milepost 351-353. **No traffic impacts. Project complete.**

**I-84** Old Oregon Trail Highway – Paving upgrades at Olds Ferry truck scale, milepost 354.4. **No traffic impacts. Project complete.**

**U.S. 20** Central Oregon Highway – Sidewalk ADA ramp upgrades at various intersections in downtown Vale, from Viking Drive to U.S. 26, milepost 245.7-278.2. **Sidewalk closures, pedestrian detours, shoulder closures, occasional flaggers and minor delays for motorists.** Work starts late September. Completion: November 2021.

**U.S. 20/26** Central Oregon Highway – Chip seal, Cairo Junction to Nyssa, milepost 258.3-265.4. **Lane closures, reduced speeds, day/nighttime flaggers, pilot cars, loose rock on the roadway, delays up to 20 minutes.** Work currently scheduled for late August, taking about 2 days for chip seal. Completion: October 2020.

**U.S. 20/26** Main Street Nyssa – Sidewalk ADA ramp upgrades at various intersections in downtown Nyssa. **Sidewalk closures, pedestrian detours, shoulder closures, occasional flaggers and minor delays for motorists.** Work starts late September. Completion: November 2021.

**U.S. 26** John Day Highway – Chip seal, from John Day to Prairie City, milepost 162.6-175. **Lane closures, reduced speeds, day/nighttime flaggers, pilot cars, loose rock on the roadway, delays up to 20 minutes.** Work scheduled to start August 7, taking about one week for chip seal. Completion: October 2020.

**U.S. 26** John Day Highway – Emergency repair at milepost 124.4-124.8, east of junction OR 19 and U.S. 26 in Picture Gorge. **Lane closures, 24-hour flagging, pilot car, delays up to 20 minutes.** Work starts end of July. Completion: November 2020.

**U.S. 26** John Day Highway – Chip seal from Jamieson to Vale, milepost 261.5 to MP 278. **Lane closures, reduced speeds, day/nighttime flaggers, pilot cars, loose rock on the roadway, delays up to 20 minutes.** Work currently scheduled for mid to late August, taking about 3 days for chip seal. Completion: October 2020.

**U.S. 95** Idaho-Oregon-Nevada Highway – Durable striping from Idaho border to Burns Junction, milepost zero-66. **Lane closures, reduced speeds and delays up to 20 minutes.** Work is ongoing. Completion: July 2020.

**U.S. 95** Idaho-Oregon-Nevada Highway – Chip seal from Burns Junction to Blue Mountain summit, milepost 66-98.7. **Lane closures, reduced speeds, day/nighttime flaggers, pilot cars, loose rock on the roadway, delays up to 20 minutes.** Chip seal complete. Striping ongoing. Completion: September 2020.

**U.S. 395-C** John Day-Burns Highway – Chip seal from Starr Ridge to Harney Co. line, milepost 15.5-40.3. **Lane closures, reduced speeds, day/nighttime flaggers, pilot cars, loose rock on the roadway, delays up to 20 minutes.** Work scheduled to start August 12, taking about seven days for chip seal. Completion: October 2020.

**U.S. 395-C** John Day-Burns Highway – Chip seal from John Day to Canyon City, milepost .03C-2.3C. **Lane closures, reduced speeds, day/nighttime flaggers, pilot cars, loose rock on the roadway, delays up to 20 minutes.** Work scheduled to start August 10, taking about two days for chip seal. Completion: October 2020.

**U.S. 395-C** John Day-Burns Highway – Bank stabilization, milepost 8.3 above Canyon City. **Lane closures, flaggers, delays up to 20 minutes.** Work starts early August. Completion: September 2020.

**OR 78** Steens Highway – Chip seal from New Princeton to Virginia Valley, milepost 37.7-47.2. **No traffic impacts for 2020. Project postponed until 2021.** Completion: November 2021.

**OR 201** Old Ferry-Ontario Highway – Chip seal between Malheur River and Weiser Junction, milepost 11.5-24.5. **Lane closures, reduced speeds, day/nighttime flaggers, pilot cars, loose rock on the roadway, delays up to 20 minutes.** Work scheduled to start late August and take about 3 or 4 days. Completion: October 2020.

**SE 2nd Street** (Ontario) – Pave SE 2nd St between SE 12th Avenue and SE 5th Avenue. **Lane and street closures, local detours, minor delays. Business access is available.** Work ongoing. Paving is scheduled to start July 20 between SE 12th and SE 9th streets. Major construction activity expected through early September. Completion: November 2020.

**FOR MORE INFORMATION**

For up to date traffic condition information, please visit [TripCheck.com](https://www.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.