



Oregon Department of Transportation

# NEWS RELEASE

**Region 4** *Wasco, Sherman, Gilliam, Jefferson, Wheeler, Deschutes, Crook, Klamath and Lake Counties*

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**Central Oregon Road Construction**  
**UPDATE: Week of September 29, 2008**

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The Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) is continuing to invest in Oregon's future with roadway improvement projects throughout Oregon's central region (ODOT Region 4). ODOT is committed to providing safe, efficient transportation systems. The following projects reflect ODOT's commitment to make improvements as traffic numbers rise and to make the roadways safer and more efficient for drivers:

**ALL WORK IS DEPENDENT UPON WEATHER**

**CROOK COUNTY**

**US 26 (Ochoco Highway): Knowledge Street Bridge Replacement, MP 19.3**

Construction of a new bridge at 3<sup>rd</sup> (US 26) and Knowledge Street continues. Traffic is being directed around the construction. Motorists should pay attention to flagging and signage.

During the week of September 29<sup>th</sup> – October 4<sup>th</sup>, traffic will be shifted to the next stage of work. The contractor will be performing removing portions of the old bridge and constructing piers for the new sections. Knowledge Street will continue to remain closed. No delays are expected to the traveling public between 6:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. Occasional delays of five minutes will occur during non-daylight hours.

**DESCHUTES COUNTY**

**US 97: Redmond Reroute, MP 118.8 to 122.2**

A southbound lane closure between Highland and Veterans Way will occur the next two weeks to complete construction of the raised concrete median. Also, expect minor delays on Evergreen, Glacier and Highland just west of the Reroute for the month of October while crews complete the installation of city lighting, landscaping and sidewalks as part of the Redmond Reroute project.

**OR126 Evergreen MP 0.25 (at the Redmond Reroute)**

For the week of Sept. 29, a detour remains in place allowing ONLY westbound traffic on Evergreen between the Redmond Reroute and Franklin Street. Eastbound Evergreen traffic will be detoured north to Antler Ave. and/or south to Veterans Way.

After October 3, both east and west traffic will be allowed on Evergreen for the remainder of the project, with only minor delays for storm sewer pipe placement which will be controlled by flaggers.

**OR 126 (McKenzie Highway): [MP 97 to Rimrock Way \(Redmond\)](#)**

For the week of Sept. 29, the following work is planned:

Placement of shoulder rock on both sides of OR126, starting from Rimrock to milepost 97. Expect single lane closures with a pilot car. Motorists are to remain behind the pilot car through the entire work zone.

Bridge work on the Deschutes River Bridge at Cline Falls. Expect single lane closures. Crews will be working on installing an upgraded rail on the bridge.

Bridge work on Cline Falls Road Bridge over OR126. Expect single lane closures. Crews will be applying a seal to the concrete bridge deck.

Motorists can expect up to 20 minute delays.

**KLAMATH COUNTY**

**OR 62 (Crater Lake Hwy.): [Fort Creek Fish Passage](#), MP 92**

Traffic on OR 62 is detoured around the project area. The detour is signed and will use Loosely and Reed Roads. The detour is less than a mile longer than using OR 62. The detour will be in place until the middle of November, 2008.

Local access to businesses and residents using OR 62 is still permitted on either side of the project area.

The following work is planned for the week of Sept. 29: earthwork and bridge construction.

**OR140 (Lake of the Woods Hwy.), MP 16.04 to MP 30.92 and MP 37.0 to MP 37.7**

The following work is planned for the week of Sept. 29: construction of guardrails, road striping, placement of signs and erosion control work between MP 16 and MP 37.7.

Traffic will be controlled by flaggers and pilot cars. Motorists can expect delays up to 20 minutes.

**OR 140 (Klamath Falls – Lakeview Hwy.): Lost River Wetland Mitigation, MP 10.5**

The following work is planned for the week of Sept. 29: erosion control and planting work.

Motorists may encounter minor delays.

## **LAKE COUNTY**

### **OR 140 (Klamath Falls – Lakeview Hwy.): [Drews Creek Fish Passage](#), MP 71.5**

The following work is planned for the week of Sept. 29: installation of guardrails and clean up.

Watch for Trucks entering and exiting the highway.

Traffic will be periodically controlled by flaggers during daylight hours. Motorists can expect minor delays.

### **US 395 (Klamath Falls – Lakeview Highway): Crooked Creek Bridge, MP 126.8**

The following work is planned for the week of Sept. 29: bridge construction and earthwork.

Only one lane traffic over the bridge is allowed and is being controlled by a temporary traffic signal. Vehicle and load widths are restricted to 16 feet. Motorists can expect minor delays.

## **WASCO COUNTY**

### **I-84 eastbound and westbound east of Hood River:**

For the week of Sept. 29, watch for roadside crews and construction equipment in the median. Expect single-lane closures throughout the week. Watch for construction vehicles entering and exiting travel lanes.

### **U.S. 30 at I-84–Mosier interchange (exit 69):**

For the week of Sept. 29, expect daytime traffic controlled by flaggers on the off-ramps, on-ramps and overpass to allow work on a temporary roadway. Watch for roadside crews and construction equipment. Watch for construction vehicles entering and exiting eastbound travel lanes of I-84.

### **[US 26: Wapinitia Jct. – Warm Springs River](#), MP 71 to MP 85**

For the week of Sept. 29, the contractor will be installing signs between 7:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. Motorists can expect delays of less than 5 minutes.

## **WHEELER COUNTY**

### **US 26 (Ochoco Highway), MP 45-50 & 60 – 81.6, Mitchell area bridge replacement**

During the week of Sept. 29, the contractor will be forming the bridge deck at MP 65.6, and performing roadwork adjacent to the bridge. Motorists can expect delays of less than 5 minutes while the contractor performs earthwork on the west end of the bridge.

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