



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 August 18, 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 into the staging configuration. Motorists should pay attention to flagging and signage.

During the week of August 18<sup>th</sup> – August 24<sup>th</sup>, the contractor will be performing excavation and constructing bridge abutments. 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**

For the week of August 11th there should not be any traffic delays in the Redmond Reroute Project area.

Final paving on the north end and south end of the Reroute will be underway beginning Monday, August 18. Expected to end on Monday, August 25.

August 18th, mid afternoon, the Contractor will have a detour in place allowing ONLY, Westbound traffic on Evergreen, between the Reroute and Franklin St.

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Eastbound Evergreen traffic will be detoured North to Antler Ave and/or South to Veterans Way. This detour will remain in place for no longer than 4 weeks. Once this detour is lifted minor traffic delays will continue to occur (flagger stations) while both East and West traffic will have access to Evergreen, for the remainder of the project.

On either end of the construction zone a speed limit of 35 mph is in effect. The middle section of the construction zone is now posted with an advisory speed of 45 mph. This could revert back to a speed limit of 35 mph when there are construction activities.

### **US 97 (Bend Parkway)**

The bridge crew continues preservation activities. On Monday, August 18, the crew will be performing preservation of the Reed Market overpass. On Tuesday, August 19, preservation on the Baker/Knott bridge will occur. On Thursday, the crew will be working on the Colorado Street bridge. Minor traffic disruptions are to be expected.

**Please drive carefully around these work zones.**

**OR 242 (McKenzie Pass Highway):** [McKenzie Pass Project](#)  
Now Open.

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

For the week of August 18, construction on the Cline Falls bridge will continue. Detour will remain in place for traffic wider than 12'. The Robal Detour for east/west OR126 traffic. 24 hour flagging at the bridge with one way traffic, up to 10 minute delays. Paving at night, 7pm to 9am with flagging one way traffic.

Sunday night work at the intersection of Rimrock and OR126 will begin. Closing a lane at night, flagging the intersection. Lane will open back up for the days, but flagged at night for the week.

## **KLAMATH COUNTY**

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

The following work is planned for the week of August 18:

- Bridge work, surveying and sign installation.

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 November, 2008.

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

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**OR 140 (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 August 18:

- Construction of guardrail, pipes, and ditches and erosion control work between MP 16 and MP 37.7.
- Roadway excavation and grading work in the vicinity of Fish Lake at MP 30.5.
- Roadway embankment, excavation and grading work in the vicinity of Great Meadows at MP 37.5.

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

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

The following work is planned for the week of August 18:

- Excavation, grading and shoulder work, and erosion control.

Motorists may expect 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 August 18:

- Surveying, general excavation and structural excavation, and arch pipe installation.

Watch for trucks entering and exiting the highway. There is 24-hour one lane traffic at MP 71.5. Widths will be restricted to 16 feet between barriers. Traffic will be controlled by flaggers 24 hr/day 7 days /week. Motorists can expect minor delays.

**US 395 (Lakeview-Burns Highway): Crooked Creek Bridge, MP 126.8**

The following work is planned for the week of August 11:

- Surveying, sign installation and pile driving.

Traffic will be controlled by Flaggers. Motorists can expect minor delays

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## **WASCO COUNTY**

### **I-84: Hood River – Mosier Creek – Bridge Bundle 225, MP 70.1**

This project will replace one bridge over Mosier Creek and nearby barriers on I-84 in Wasco County.

For the week of August 18, watch for roadside crews and construction equipment, and for construction vehicles entering and exiting travel lanes.

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

Paving is complete. During the week of August 18, the contractor will be striping the highway between 7:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m. Motorists can expect delays of less than 10 minutes.

## **WHEELER COUNTY**

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

Traffic is using a detour around the project area. This detour is the same one utilized last year. There is no significant delay due to the detour. The detour will be in effect until the end of October 2008.

During the week of August 18, the contractor will be forming the bridge deck.

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