



DOUGLAS COUNTY PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

Administration – Engineering & Construction – Fleet Services
Operations and Maintenance – Natural Resources – Work Crew

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August 27, 2019

****CONSTRUCTION UPDATE WINCHESTER IMPROVEMENT PROJECT** SOUTH BRIDGE OPENING AND NORTH BRIDGE CLOSURE NOTICE**

ROSEBURG, Ore. – Douglas County Public Works Department, in conjunction with contractors are making progress on the Old HWY 99 North (NE Stephens Street) - Winchester Safety Improvement Project. Construction on the new safety corridor began earlier this year, and is set to continue through the end of October. The Pedestrian and Bicycle Safety Improvement Project includes the construction of bike lanes along both sides of the roadway; curb, gutter and storm sewer improvements along both sides of the roadway; a sidewalk along the eastern side of the roadway; transit bus pull-outs; and the replacement of two bridges to accommodate the wider roadway section.

Construction crews will complete work on the **South Bridge** replacement in the next two weeks. The South Bridge, located just north of Taft Drive and south of Virgia Lane, where Hwy 99N crosses Davis Creek, has been closed since June 24, 2019. The plan is to open the new South Bridge to traffic on Monday, September 9, 2019, the same day that they plan to begin work on the North Bridge replacement. The **North Bridge**, located between Pioneer Road and Page Road where Hwy 99 North crosses Davis Creek, will be closed to through traffic at the bridge from September 9 to October 30.

In order to minimize the congestion and impact to motorists, residents and construction crews, motorists are asked to follow the suggestions below. Warning signs and delineators are installed to notify the motoring public of the bridge closure. The bridge closure and detours will impact your drive time and routes. A map of the detour, anticipated construction timeline and bridge closure is attached below.

During the North Bridge Closure, Please Note the Following:

Through Traffic: All through traffic must detour to I-5 at Edenbower Blvd, Exit 127, and the I-5 at Del Rio Road, Exit 129. The detour is indicated in green on the map below.

North Bound Local Access: There **WILL** be local access for businesses and residents up to Page Road.

South Bound Local Access: There **WILL** be local access for businesses and residents up to Pioneer Way.

Pedestrian, Non-motorized and Emergency Vehicle Access: There will be pedestrian, non-motorized and emergency vehicle access available.

Local Businesses and Amacher Park: Please note that **ALL** local businesses, as well as recreational opportunities at Amacher Park will be **OPEN** and accessible throughout the construction process and bridge closure.

Safety is always a priority for the motoring public, as well as for the road construction crews. We are asking motorists to use caution as they travel through construction zones and detours, especially in residential areas. Please follow and obey all posted signs, warnings and flagging instructions. Please plan and seek alternate routes whenever possible. For more information, please contact the Douglas County Public Works Department at (541) 440-4481.

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**Winchester - Hwy 99N
Road Improvement Project
Summer/Fall 2019**

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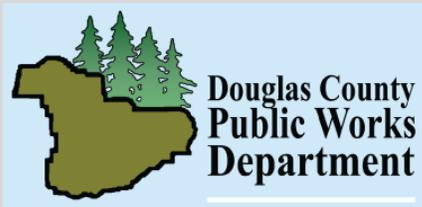
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I-5 Detour Marked in Green

REMINDER:
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