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*** CONSTRUCTION UPDATE AND BRIDGE CLOSURE NOTICE ***  
OLD HWY 99N/WINCHESTER IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

ROSEBURG, Ore. – Douglas County Public Works Department, in conjunction with contract and utility crews continue to make progress on the Old HWY 99 North (NE Stephens Street) - Winchester Area 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.

Currently, utility crews are working to complete necessary updates to the force main system, as road construction crews are preparing subgrade and signage for the upcoming bridge replacement work. Work for this phase will continue thru June 23, 2019. We ask the motoring public to watch for intermittent weekday lane closures and brief delays throughout the project area as contractors continue their work. Motorists can expect delays of less than 20 minutes and flaggers will provide traffic control as needed.

Please Note: Starting June 24, bridge work will begin on the first of two bridges along the corridor. The South Bridge located just north of Taft Drive and south of Virgia Lane, where Hwy 99N crosses Davis Creek, will be closed to through traffic at the bridge from June 24 to August 22. Additionally, starting August 22, crews will begin bridge work on the second bridge. 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 August 22 to October 30.

In order to minimize the congestion and impact to motorists and construction crews, we are asking the motoring public to please utilize the I-5 Detour Route. During both closures, local and through traffic will be detoured to I-5 at Edenbower Boulevard Exit 127 and the Del Rio Road Exit 129. Warning signs and delineators will be installed to notify the motoring public of the bridge closures. Please note that road closures and detours will impact your drive time and routes. A map of the detour, construction timeline and bridge closures is attached below.

Safety is always a priority for the motoring public, as well as road construction workers. 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. Please note that ALL local businesses, as well as recreational opportunities at Amacher Park will be open and accessible throughout the construction process and road closures.

For more information, please contact the Douglas County Public Works Department at (541) 440-4481.

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North Bridge, located between Pioneer Road and Page Road where Hwy 99 North crosses Davis Creek, will be closed to local and through traffic at the bridge from August 22 to October 30.

During both closures, local and through traffic will be detoured to I-5 at Edenbower Blvd Exit 127 and the Del Rio Road Exit 127. (Detour indicated in green on map)