

Highway 35



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This week has been tough for travelers around Mt. Hood between ODOT paving on both Highway 26 and 35 and our two traffic stops, one at White River and the other at Clark Newton. I hate to say this but on Tuesday evening or Wednesday morning the one lane detour bridge will be in operation over Clark Creek in the northly section of this project. To coordinate traffic on the one lane route we will be using signals. The signals are now being tested with the goal to minimize unnecessary delays. The wait time and how the signals operate will be different than at Polallie Creek with shorter delays and first come vehicle detection. The detour bridge allows room to construct a new 92-foot long bridge and remove two problem culverts. The goal is to have this new bridge finished this year and open to traffic before November 01, 2011.



The photo is paving of the detour route on Friday by Jim Turin and Sons which have also been doing paving for ODOT on both Highway 26 and 35 recently. To get this detour bridge up and paved in one week, shows the commitment from everyone involved to meet tight timelines and stay on track for a detour bridge that was not part of our construction just a month back. This is our commitment to minimizing impacts during construction and being flexible in addressing issues as we become aware of them.

Next week at Clark Creek Bridge, the subcontractor, Malcolm Drilling is moving in their mass of equipment starting Tuesday. It's hoped that by Wednesday they will start drilling the 60-foot long by 48-inch diameter support shafts for the bridge. On either side of the bridge, Tapani will continue with their construction of the two lane detour road. At White River and Green Apple, more bridge work as Tapani starts shaping a portion of the stream channels below the bridges and Cascade Bridge continues their task of preparing White River Bridge for deck concrete. In addition, expect to see trucks hauling in and out of White River.

Expect traffic control next week the same as this week both at White River and the Clark Newton section from Tuesday thru Friday, 7:00 am to 6:00 pm. There will not be any traffic interruptions Saturday, Sunday or Monday. Have a safe holiday weekend and be extra cautious Monday as a lot of travelers will be going home tired after camping and vacationing over the holiday.

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