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North Umpqua Highway Newsletter

Progress Report

The contractor completed work on the new retaining wall between approximate Mileposts 57.5 and 57.6 this week. The temporary traffic signal at this location is expected to be removed tomorrow May 23rd.

This week the contractor will complete shoulder widening work between Milepost 57, Toketee School/Control Center Rd down to approximate MP 56.5 to tie in to the widening work that was completed last year. The Toketee School Rd intersection will need to be reconstructed later this summer.

Work for the next few weeks after Memorial Day Weekend will be focused from Mile Post 57, Toketee School/Control Center Rd, up to approximate MP 60. Work between MP 57 – MP 60 will include full width reconstruction in various areas, two retaining walls and bridge railing work between MP 58.5 -58.6. **Expect patches of gravel** in the various reconstruction areas between MP 57 – MP 60 beginning May 29th and increasing during the next few weeks. During work hours a pilot car and flaggers will provide alternating one-way traffic to facilitate public traffic. The temporary traffic signal below Toketee-Rigdon Road, for bridge railing work between Mileposts 58.5 – 58.6, will be operating during non-work hours until about the mid-July at this location.

No work is scheduled from Friday May 25th through Memorial Day Weekend. Work will resume Tuesday May 29th – Friday June 1st and then revert back to Monday – Thursday the next week.

The remaining culvert work, shoulder widening, base lift paving and top lift paving on the entire 14 miles of the project is scheduled to be completed by the end of September 2012.

Project Background

The North Umpqua Highway project is located entirely within the Umpqua National Forest in Douglas County, in southwestern Oregon. The project begins above Dry Creek at MP 52.8 along State Highway 138 east of Roseburg and ends at MP 67.2 near Stump Lake. It is an east-west, two-lane rural state-owned arterial roadway, providing principle access to over half of the Umpqua National Forest. This is also known as Forest Highway 47 (FH 47). Much of the highway parallels the North Umpqua River, which is designated as a Federal Wild and Scenic River and also a State Scenic Waterway. The total project length is approximately 14.4 miles.

The Western Federal Lands Highway Division (WFLHD) of the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), in cooperation with the USDA Forest Service (USFS) and the Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) is planning to complete the construction by Fall of 2012.

The proposed improvements consist of upgrading the existing North Umpqua Highway to a safe, two-lane roadway consistent with AASHTO and ODOT design and safety standards. The proposed work will generally be along the existing road, although minor horizontal and vertical alignment changes may be necessary to provide a more uniform driving experience and safe travel speeds. This roadway section is located between two improved, widened sections and proposed improvements should be consistent with the adjoining sections of highway.

Go online for more information and to read newsletters at <http://www.wfl.fhwa.dot.gov/projects/or>



Contractor's Work Schedule

May 21th – May 24th Monday thru Thursday:

Hours: 6am – 4pm

No work is scheduled from Friday May 25th thru Memorial Day Weekend.

Work will resume Tuesday May 29th.

Traffic Delay Information

Expect 10 minute delays with occasional delays up to 20 minutes

