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North Umpqua Highway Newsletter

Progress Report

Over the past two weeks the contractor finished the majority of the shoulder widening and rock lined ditches between Milepost (MP) 57, Toketee School/Control Center Rd, up to approximately MP 58.6. Tackifier and mulch were applied to all exposed earth slopes that have been disturbed on the project this season to prevent erosion. This week the contractor set up an additional work zone down near the bottom of the project between MP 52.8 to MP 54 to complete the remaining shoulder widening work.

Next week the contractor will complete the remaining shoulder widening work between MP 52.8 to MP 54. The remaining guardrail will be installed at the Toketee Point Half Viaduct below Toketee-Rigdon Road to connect the two new sections of bridge railing. Once this guardrail is installed, the temporary traffic signal below Toketee-Rigdon Road is expected to be removed by the end of next week. The contractor will also have one additional work zone near the top of the project for culvert work between MP 60 to MP 65. There is one additional deep patch/full width reconstruction section scheduled to begin in early August right above the “S” curves near MP 53.5. Flagging will occur 24 hours per day for traffic safety for approximately one week in this section until the work is completed and repaved. **Paving is expected to begin in late July beginning with the widened shoulders and paving the bottom lift in the full-width reconstruction sections that are currently gravel.**

During work hours a pilot car and flaggers will provide alternating one-way traffic to facilitate public travel. **Be aware of gravel sections** in the various reconstruction areas between Fish Creek Bridge and Milepost 60.

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.

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Contractor's Work Schedule

July 16th – July 20th

Monday thru Thursday: Hours: 6am – 5pm

Traffic Delay Information

Expect 10 minute delays with occasional delays up to 20 minutes

