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South Century Drive Newsletter

Progress Report

The contractor, Tidewater Contractors, Inc., resumed road construction on Monday April 6, 2009 with sign maintenance, surveying and clearing operations. On April 14th, the contractor began removing the existing pavement. The road reconstruction process will generally involve removing the existing pavement surface, constructing the new road (excavation and embankment), placing recycled asphalt material back on the road surface, base rock, and finally paving the new road. This process actually began near the middle of the project north of the Fall River Campground and will repeat in sections of approximately 1-mile throughout the project with paving coming later in the summer. The project is currently scheduled to be complete by August 28, 2009.

The contractor has started working 6 days a weeks and plans to work Monday thru Saturday from 7 am to 5 pm. Alternating one-way traffic with flaggers and pilot car will be onsite to facilitate public traffic during work hours on S. Century Drive. Alternate Routes via Hwy 97/Forest Road 43 (Burgess Road) or Forest Road 40 are recommended for the smoothest route to the Cascade Lakes.

Project Background

The Western Federal Lands Highway Division of the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), in partnership with the US Department of Agriculture Forest Service (FS), and Deschutes County Road Department plans to improve a section of South Century Drive (Deschutes County Road 42) near Sunriver, Oregon. It is owned and maintained by Deschutes County. South Century Drive begins at US Highway 97 and ends at the intersection with Cascade Lakes Highway. Road 42 is classified as an arterial road and connects to National Forest System Roads. The project comprises 10.54 miles of South Century Drive. As shown on the attached map, the project begins at Burgess Road (MP 18.88) and ends west of the Robert D. Maxwell Veterans Memorial Bridge at MP 8.34.

The existing road surface is deteriorated, exhibiting signs of cracking, edge break-up and rutting. The horizontal and vertical alignments are substandard for the first 6.3 miles east of Burgess Road. The existing road width varies between 24 and 26 feet, which is substandard for this classification of road. There is inadequate sight distance and clear zones through much of the project. South Century Drive is a popular bike route and is listed on the County Bike Map as part of Bike Route 21.

The primary purpose of the project is to reconstruct the pavement surface, realign both horizontal and vertical alignments to meet a 55 mph design speed, and widen the roadway section to provide 11- foot travel lanes and 5 –foot paved shoulders. The proposed work includes replacing existing culverts, construction of a rockery wall at Indian Creek pond, paving and enhancing three existing parking areas, and upgrading safety features such as guardrail, signing, striping, and grading work to realign horizontal and vertical curves. This road construction project will last two construction seasons and is scheduled to be complete in the fall of 2009.

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

Contractor's Work Schedule

Monday thru Saturday: Beginning April 18th
Hours: 7am – 5pm

Traffic Delay Information

Expect 5 to 15 minute delays. **Alternate Routes via Hwy 97/Forest Road 43 (Burgess Road) or Forest Road 40 are recommended for the smoothest route to the Cascade Lakes**



