

The Board of Commissioners office released the following road related information:

COMMISSIONERS' WEEKLY REPORT

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SANDLAKE-GALLOWAY ROAD PROJECT
SCHEDULED TO PROCEED SUMMER 2002

Representatives for Tillamook County are now completing road right-of-way negotiations with property owners adjacent to proposed improvements for the Sandlake-Galloway Road Project. Actual project construction is scheduled to start during spring 2002. The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) started advertising for bids last week with project contractor selection expected in March.

FHWA is funding the design and improvement construction of 7.6 miles of Sandlake-Galloway Road from Highway 101 to the Sandlake Recreational Area. The proposed improvements are valued at approximately \$8,650,000. Improvements include bringing the road to proper design standards, 2 bridge replacements, several major culvert replacements and road widening to add a bike lane between Cape Lookout Road and the Sandlake Store.

The project is broken into two phases:

- | Phase 1: Sandlake Road from Highway 101 to Galloway Road. See above for schedule of work.
- | Phase 2: Galloway Road to the Sandlake Recreational Area entrance.

The project has been in development stages for nearly 10 years, when FHWA first approached Tillamook County regarding the proposed project. The County's participation in the project consists of acquiring needed road rights-of-way. The Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) is the County's right-of-way agent, handling negotiations with abutting property owners for any needed permanent road right-of-way or temporary easements.

As part of the project development, there have been various open houses and related public meetings in the past several years sponsored by FHWA and the County. Additionally, affected property owners have been mailed project information and notices.

One significant part of the project is that there will be NO significant long-term road closures during the construction. There will be approximately 10 full closures limited to 3-6 hours. They will be timed to limit disruptions to traffic. With projects this size, there will be significant traffic flow delays (limited to 30 minutes maximum) with flaggers and/or pilot cars. Contractor requirements include giving travelers advance notice of any significant traffic delays.

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