

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

COMMISSIONERS' WEEKLY REPORT

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OREGON TRANSPORTATION INVESTMENT ACT II PROJECTS

The Oregon Transportation Commission (OTC) recently approved a list of projects to be funded by part two of the Oregon Transportation Investment Act (OTIA II). Tillamook County was awarded \$902,000 to fund a road modernization project that will construct left turn lanes and widen shoulders at the US Hwy 101 and Long Prairie Road intersection. Tillamook County was also awarded \$145,772 in local bridge funding to repair Earl Bridge to full load capacity. Earl Bridge is located at approximately milepost 1.4 of Long Prairie Road and is currently load limited.

The Oregon Transportation Investment Act was established by the last regular session of the state legislature and authorized the sale of \$400 million in bonds to fund road preservation, modernization and bridge repair projects for the state, counties and cities. The bonds will be repaid from motor vehicle fees. The current bond market will allow the repayment of an additional \$100 million in bonds which has become known as OTIA II.

The Area Commission on Transportation set the local projects in priority, relative to other projects in Northwest Oregon, early in 2002 and forwarded to the OTC for approval and funding.

In an earlier round of project approvals Tillamook County received \$1,259,985 to replace the Blaser Bridge at milepost 1 on the Tillamook River Road. The ODOT Tillamook Maintenance District was granted pavement preservation funds to overlay pavement, and widen and pave shoulders within the existing right of way on Highway (131) to Netarts-Oceanside. Design is being accomplished on the OTIA funded projects and construction should begin in 2003.

The 7½ million dollar intersection improvement project that was submitted by Tillamook County for the Highway 6 and Wilson River Loop intersection was added to the State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) for accomplishment in 2006.

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