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NEWS RELEASE

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RE: County Executes Contracts with Design Firms For Bridge Replacements

On 5/26/04 the Board of Commissioners authorized approval of contracts with OBEC Consulting Engineers and CH2M Hill for the design related work for replacement of six bridges.

The two contracts relate to an \$8,000,000 grant awarded to the County for bridge replacement through the Oregon Transportation Investment Act III or "OTIA III". OTIA III funds were approved by the Oregon Legislature for replacement of aging bridges on truck traffic routes throughout the State.

During Spring 2004, the Oregon Department of Transportation announced that all six of the bridges that the County Public Works Department applied for were funded for replacement. Those bridge include:

- Johnson Bridge on Long Prairie Road
- Sorenson Bridge on Blaine Road
- East Creek Bridge on Moon Creek Road
- Bewley Creek Bridge on Bewley Creek Road
- Killam Creek Bridge on South Prairie Road
- Josi Bridge on Kansas Creek Road

OBEC and CH2M Hill will start this Summer with surveying and engineering design work for three bridges each. Subject to environmental concerns and complexity of each project, Public Works is hoping that one or more bridges may be on track for possible replacement construction during Summer 2005.