

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

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TRASK RIVER ROAD REPAIR STATUS

The Road Department is currently developing a work plan for road improvements to Trask River Road utilizing revenues from recent Tillamook State Forest Timber sales. The Department already has the sites for project work identified and is developing the timeline and work plan to implement the road work consistent with revenues that are starting to arrive from recent timber sales. The road work sites were previously identified in conjunction with the Intergovernmental Agreement between Tillamook County and the State Department of Forestry. As of this week, the Road Department has received 2 revenues checks. The Director of Public Works anticipates significant work on these Trask River Road safety improvements will be begin after wet Winter weather subsides and the roadway starts to dry out. Normal maintenance and repair of the roadway will continue as required.

The Road Department will be mailing out the above draft work plan to property owners along Trask River Road around February 22nd. Property owners will be invited to the March County Road Advisory Committee (CRAC) meeting to provide public input on the work plan. Time and location details for the above CRAC meeting will be provide in this column during early March.

STATUS OF OTIA3 BRIDGE REPLACEMENT PROJECTS

The Director of Public Works recently updated the Board on the status of engineering design work for the 6 bridges funded for replacement through the 3rd round of the Oregon Transportation Investment Act (OTIA3).

Bewley Creek Bridge is located on Bewley Creek Road at Milepost 1.43. It is scheduled for replacement during Summer 2005. The road will be closed during the construction and a detour route is being discussed with Stimson Timber and Fallon Logging over their properties.

East Creek Bridge is located on Moon Creek Road at Milepost 0.35. It is scheduled for replacement during Summer 2005. The current bridge will be used for public travel during the construction project. After the new bridge is completed adjacent to the old bridge and opened to traffic, the old bridge will be removed.

Killam Creek Bridge is located on South Prairie Road approximately 1.31 miles from the Southern intersection with Hwy 101. It is scheduled for replacement during Summer 2005. The road will be closed at the bridge site during construction. All portions of South Prairie Road can be access using either the North or South intersections with Hwy 101 during the project work.

Josi Bridge is located on Kansas Creek Road at Milepost 0.03 immediately off of Hwy 6. It is scheduled for replacement during Summer 2005. The existing bridge is currently closed and blocked off. Access to the far side of the Josi Bridge is available where Kansas Creek Road loops back to Hwy 6 approximately 1 mile to the East of the bridge.

Johnson Bridge is located on Long Prairie Road immediately South of the its intersection with Trask River Road (or 3.2 miles from Hwy 101). This bridge is scheduled for Summer 2006 construction. There will be a detour bridge constructed adjacent to the existing bridge for public travel during project work.

Sorenson Bridge is located on Blaine Road at Milepost 2.48. This bridge is scheduled for Summer 2006 construction. There will be a detour bridge constructed near the existing bridge for public travel during project work.