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**NEWS RELEASE**

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RE: Public Information Meeting Related to the Sorenson  
Bridge Replacement Project on Blaine Road

During the evening of June 20, 2005 Tillamook County Public Works held a public information meeting at the Beaver Fire Hall related to the Sorenson Bridge Replacement Project (Blaine Road at Milepost 2.34).

The meeting was lightly attended. However, those that did attend were presented information regarding project design details developed so far, construction timing and project impacts. There was plenty of opportunity for questions to be answered. In attendance were representatives from the County, OBEC Consulting Engineers (design consultant).

As presented prior to and during the meeting, Tillamook County expects no closures of the road. This bridge project does not involve a detour route as the new bridge will be built next to the old bridge prior to its removal.

This bridge is scheduled for Summer 2006 replacement.

Tillamook County has one bridge that is starting construction this Summer. That bridge is the East Creek Bridge located on Moon Creek Road in South County. That bridge does not involve a

detour route as the new bridge will be built next to the old bridge prior to its removal.

During the month of June Tillamook County advertised construction bids for three other bridges scheduled mid/late Summer 2005 construction. Those bridges are:

- Bewley Creek Bridge (Bewley Creek Rd, Milepost 1.43)
- Josi Bridge (Kansas Creek Rd, Milepost 0.03)
- Killam Creek Bridge (South Prairie Rd, Milepost 2.00)

Results of those three bid openings on June 27<sup>th</sup> are not yet available.

All of these bridge replacement projects are funded through grant funds from the Oregon Transportation Investment Act authorized by the Oregon Legislature.

The attached page has a handout provided at the Sorenson Bridge public information meeting that includes additional project details.

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# TILLAMOOK COUNTY

## Big Nestucca River (Sorenson) Bridge Replacement Project Information

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### **PROJECT BACKGROUND**

The Big Nestucca River (Sorenson) Bridge [4th bridge on Blaine Road] built in 1959, is structurally deficient for today's heavy truck traffic loads. The bridge and roadway are also functionally obsolete because the roadway width and lack of roadway shoulders do not meet current design standards to accommodate bicycles or pedestrians.

In a desire to maintain freight mobility through the southern part of Tillamook County, the Board of County Commissioners determined that the replacement of this bridge is a high priority capital improvement project.

In 2003, the Oregon Legislature passed the Oregon Transportation Investment Act III (OTIA III). Tillamook County applied for and received funding through the OTIA III program to replace the bridge.

The project will consist of a slight realignment of Blaine Road and the construction of the new bridge located just upstream of the existing one. The new bridge will be a 250 foot long, two-span structure, utilizing precast prestressed concrete girders with a cast-in-place concrete deck. The new structure will be wider than the old structure and will be consistent with current design standards. Traffic will remain on the existing bridge during construction. Once the new bridge is complete, the existing structure will be dismantled and removed. Minimal up to 20 minute delays should be expected during the construction of the project.

### **COST ESTIMATE**

Funding for the Project is provided 100 percent by an OTIA III grant. No Tillamook County match is required. The total estimated project budget is \$2,186,000.

### **KEY MILESTONES**

Project Design – Tillamook County retained OBEC Consulting Engineers to perform the project design. The design is scheduled to be completed in January 2006.

Construction – It is estimated that construction will take place beginning in early Spring 2006 and last through late Fall 2006.

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