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NEWS RELEASE

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RE: County Bridge and Road Projects

Bridge replacement work is moving forward in the County.

Last month the construction contract for the East Creek Bridge replacement (Moon Creek Road) was awarded to MJ Hughes Construction. Worked has since initiated on-site. The current bridge will remain open until the new bridge is constructed and opened to traffic.

This week a contract was executed with Carter and Company for the replacement of Josi Bridge (off Hwy 6 at Mile 10.5). That project work will start in August.

On Wednesday, July 20, the Board approved acceptance of a series of permanent and temporary easements related to the replacement of Bewley Creek Bridge (Bewley Creek Road) and Killam Creek Bridge (South Prairie Road). County anticipates executing contracts with Carter and Company during the week of July 25 for these two bridge projects. For these two bridges, the existing bridges will be closed and detour routes will be signed to get around the project areas. Work for these bridges will also start in August.

All of the above bridge projects except Josi Bridge are slated to be completed by this Winter. Josi Bridge is likely to be completed next Spring.

Two other bridges are current still moving forward through design work: Sorenson Bridge (Blaine Road) and Johnson Bridge (Long Prairie Road over the Trask River). Both of these bridges are schedule for start of construction in 2006.

All of these bridges projects are funded by 100% grants from the Oregon Transportation Investment Act authorized by the Oregon Legislature during its last biannual session.

The Summer overlay pavement program of a little over four miles is also under way. Paving in South County is done. Work in Central County is ongoing. In a few days, Road Crews will move to pave in North County.

Road striping is ongoing. The contract striping crew is nearly complete with yellow line striping on the County roads and will than switch to white fogline striping to complete their work.