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NEWS RELEASE

FROM: Patrick B. Oakes
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RE: Johnson Bridge Public Information Meeting

During the evening of October 24th, Tillamook County Public Works held a public information meeting related to the Johnson Bridge Replacement Project. The bridge is located on Long Prairie Road over the Trask River.

The meeting was attended by nearby property owners and other interested parties. On hand were representatives from the County's hired engineer firm, OBEC Consulting, who presented various aspects of the ongoing design development.

Since the County was awarded the grant funds for the bridge replacement (through the Oregon Transportation Investment Act), there have been some significant increases in cost of steel, concrete and fuel. As such the cost for the bridge replacement has also risen higher than originally projected. County is working out options to reduce the scope of the project to keep it within the limits of available funds. One of the considerations is elimination of the detour bridge. Currently it is the County's intent to bid the project next Spring including the detour bridge. However, the County will include a bid option to not construct the detour bridge, if required to stay within budgeted funds. In that case the road would be closed for approximately 9 months to a year beginning in the Summer of 2006.