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**Long Prairie Road MP 3.18 - Johnson Bridge repair
Construction Update**

TILLAMOOK, Ore.—The Johnson Bridge replacement project began April 21, 2008. It was one of six bridge replacements funded by The Oregon Transportation Investment Act 3. This project was initially planned to be reopened in May, 2009, but due to the support of the public and the work of the contractor we were able to open the road ahead of schedule, on February 16th, 2009.

The original bid in 2007 was over the County's budget. The project was repackaged and the road approaches were eliminated. This resulted in the bridge being wider than the existing road. We had planned on building the road approaches as other funding sources become available. We are fortunate to get the American Reinvestment Recovery Act (ARRA) federal stimulus monies to fund the road approaches.

There was one job remaining to complete the project, the concrete end panels. We planned on closing Johnson Bridge for through traffic from April 27, 2009 through May 6, 2009 so that the contractor could work on the concrete end panels. We placed the signs so that the public would have advance notification, but due to failed negotiations with our Contractor that would have resulted in increased the costs, this closure will not happen at this time. With the funding shortfall that the Road Department faces, it made good fiscal sense to combine the concrete end panel project with the ARRA federal stimulus funding to pave the approaches and a portion of Long Prairie Road. As a result, we will use the money saved for additional paving.

Your support and assistance with the road closure for the bridge repair has been instrumental in getting this project to the point it is. We thank you, and hope this does not prove to be too much of an inconvenience.

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