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RUBBER MEETS THE ROAD
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“MIX OF FIXES” FOR ROAD MAINTENANCE

TILLAMOOK, Ore.—McCormick Loop from Hwy 101 to the Railroad tracks and Brookfield Avenue from McCormick Loop Road 1500 feet west will be **closed** to through traffic for road rehabilitation starting **June 15, 2009** with the plan to open by the **July 4th, 2009** weekend.

Tillamook County Public Works is starting its summer road maintenance program. This includes a “Mix of Fixes”. We will be focusing on:

- preventative maintenance - chip sealing,
- maintenance - paving overlay, and
- rehabilitation - rebuilding roads.

We are creatively implementing industry best practices, and are doing a “Mix of Fixes” due to the severe deterioration of our County roads and limited funding.

Our program consists of preventative maintenance; this is the most cost effective way to manage a road system, keeping roads that are in good condition in good condition. The road department has not chip sealed in over 20 years. This year we will be chip sealing the first 5 miles on Miami River Road. Chip sealing is not a structural fix, but a wearing surface that gives the road an additional 7 years of life and is proven to be cost effective.

We will be conducting maintenance consisting of 2 inch pavement overlays on 4.6 miles of road in all parts of the County. In addition to the County’s paving work, the Federal Highway Administration will be paving approximately 4 miles on Blaine Road above Moon Creek Road. Long Prairie Road will also be getting some paving from Johnson Bridge towards Blimp Boulevard funded by the American Recovery & Reinvestment Act stimulus funding package.

Road rehabilitation is necessary when the road is deteriorated to a condition that cannot be repaired with regular maintenance and needs to be rebuilt. We will be rehabilitating 1.8 miles of county roads which include portions of McCormick Loop Road, Brookfield Avenue and Kilchis River Road.

Remember safety of the travelling public and the road workers; please follow the speed signs in the construction zones. For more information call your Road Department at 503-842-3419.

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We take pride in serving the public by providing, maintaining, and preserving a safe and efficient county road network, and quickly responding to weather events and hazards. We protect the public’s investment by working with our partners and targeting resources to minimize long term costs while providing the best possible service. Please visit www.co.tillamook.or.us/gov/pw/default/htm for more information.