## **Territorial Highway**

## Gillespie Corners to Lorane



## Summer 2020 Project Update—Construction Notice & What to Expect During the Summer

Summer is here and that means construction for Phase 1 is about to begin. As a quick refresher, Phase 1 includes stabilizing Stony Point, softening the sharp curves along this segment of road, and widening the road. As such, we want to share with you a detailed project update about Phase 1 project construction and traffic plans.

Construction work for Phase 1 is scheduled to begin June 22, 2020. Lane County is contracting with Marcum and Sons to stabilize the road near Stony Point to prevent future sliding and shifting of the road. This will require addressing three different landslides in a 2,500-foot section of road and installing a retaining wall across the largest slide area. A second contractor will excavate and replace the landslides with soil and flexible mesh (geotextile) material to create reinforced soil. The new road will be constructed on top of the reinforced soil and retaining wall.

During construction, the road will remain open for at least one lane of bi-directional travel. The available travel lane will be a gravel/dirt surface. There may be short intervals of very limited traffic delays while construction work is in progress. A mixture of approaches will be used to navigate traffic through the work site. These will likely include the use of flaggers (people who use hand signals, signs, and/or flags to communicate if and when it is safe to proceed through a construction site), pilot cars (aka escort cars), and temporary traffic signals. Please note that it is recommended that people travelling on bicycles use alternative routes as the work zone will likely be steep and hard to navigate on a bicycle.





Soil replacement and wall construction is expected to be completed by late fall 2020. While we are hopeful that road widening and paving will be completed this year, it is possible that it may take additional time to complete. The leading factor that will determine the final construction period is the weather – a wetter than usual summer or an early start to the rainy season could potentially extend the total construction period.

## **Public Feedback and Outreach Opportunities**

We want to hear from you! In the world of COVID-19, however, we are hesitant to schedule a public meeting. We tentatively hope to be able to hold an in-person open house Fall 2020, but that is subject to change. In the meantime, please do not hesitate to contact Lane County staff to share your thoughts and questions about the project.

- For more information about possible traffic impacts from Phase 1 construction, please contact Matt Young at either (541) 682-6929 or <a href="Matthew.Young@lanecountyor.gov">Matthew.Young@lanecountyor.gov</a>.
- For comments or questions about the project in general, please contact Sasha Vartanian at either (541) 682-6598 or Sasha.Vartanian@lanecountyor.gov.

Usted puede tener derecho a servicios lingüísticos gratuitos si tiene un conocimiento limitado en inglés. Para más información, favor de comunicarse con: Sasha Vartanian, planificadora principal de transporte al 541-682-6598 o Sasha. Vartanian@lanecountyor.gov

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