

## Oregon City / West Linn Arch Bridge July Update

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WEST LINN - The contractor for this project, Wildish Standard Paving, has set up their field office adjacent to the project site on the West Linn side of the river. They are beginning to mobilize for the start of the project.

One of the first activities is setting up cables and booms in the river for the barges that are expected to be in place in August. We have notified regulatory agencies about the final barge plans. These agencies include the Coast Guard, Oregon State Marine Board and the Clackamas County Marine Patrol.

The barges, which are each 50-60 feet long, provide stable platforms for work occurring during all phases of the project. The cables anchor the barges to the shore and the booms protect boaters from running into the cables. The booms also have lights on them so they can be seen at nighttime. Due to this equipment in the river, access to each shore will be restricted in the work area. We are notifying river users about this using a variety of methods.

The full closure of the bridge will not occur until January 15, 2011 at the earliest. There will be intermittent single lane closures this summer and fall.

Our staff recently met with the League of West Linn Neighborhoods to give them a project update.

Please contact me, if:

- You have any questions about the project.
- You are interested in hosting a presentation by ODOT staff at your neighborhood or business group meeting.
- You or others would like to be added to the email list to receive these updates.

*Thank you,*

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