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Medford Foothill Road Project Begins

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Knife River Materials will begin tree and brush clearing along Foothill Road between Hillcrest and Delta Waters Roads starting Friday, February 17. This marks the first phase of a modernization and safety project that upgrades the narrow roadway in east Medford. **Drivers should expect delays of up to 20 minutes, budget extra time and seek alternate routes.**

“We want users of Foothill Road to begin thinking about taking other routes,” said Medford Public Works Director John Vial. “This project is going to cause delays and require detours, so start planning now to avoid being late and frustrated.”

Initial construction will focus on the McAndrews Road interchange area of Foothill Road. During this construction, Foothill Road will remain open, but traffic may still be delayed.

The \$62 million Medford Foothill Road project is being constructed in part due to a \$15 million Federal Build Grant received by the City of Medford. ODOT is administering and inspecting the Foothill Road improvements for Medford. An added feature of the project is constructing the first 1,000 feet of the South Stage Road Improvements west of North Phoenix Road.

Construction on the Medford portion of the project from Hillcrest Road to Delta Waters Road is expected to be complete by the end 2026. Last month, Jackson County kicked off construction to improve the section of Foothill Road from Delta Waters Road north to Dry Creek Road.

Project information and current construction schedule (subject to change) is available at: FoothillRoadProject.org

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