

Redmond man charged with DUII after head-on crash

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A Redmond man was arrested after a head-on crash Friday, August 5 that seriously injured a Bend teen.

According to the Deschutes County Sheriff's Office, Jose Alvarez Ibarra, 46, crashed into another vehicle about 9 p.m. on Tumalo Road near the Cline Falls Highway. That vehicle was

driven by a 17-year-old from Montague, California. Members of the DCSO crash reconstruction team responded to assist with the investigation. Based on evidence at the scene

and witness statements, sheriff's office crash reconstruction team "determined Ibarra was driving east on Tumalo Rd and the 17 year old female was driving west when Ibarra crossed into the

westbound lane of travel colliding head on with her vehicle." Based on that investigation, Ibarra was arrested and after being released from St. Charles. He was transported to the Deschutes

County Sheriff's Office Jail and charged with second degree assault, reckless driving, DUII and driving while suspended.
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Odem Medo construction begins

New intersection to 'make a sure difference' for neighborhood, traffic

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Clunky and slow, the intersection between SW Salmon Ave. and SW Canal Blvd. in Redmond recently began its \$1.14 million shift to SW Odem Medo Way to create a safer and more natural street by November. To do so, crews must remove the old Parks & Rec building and put in a stop-light and cul-de-sac.

As the west side of Redmond developed, Steve Wilson, civil engineer for the city, said traffic increased on SW Salmon and made left and right turns onto SW Canal difficult and dangerous.

"The intent of this project was to eliminate the conflict of those major intersections," Wilson said.

The increased traffic from new developments created congestion on the short section of road between Odem Medo and SW Salmon Ave.

Councilor Ed Fitch noted in a city council meeting that there had been two pedestrian hit-and-runs at the intersection of Canal and Salmon. Mayor George Endicott said turning left at the current intersection is dangerous and the new realignment "will be a welcome addition to that part of town for traffic movement."

Demolition of the property began two weeks ago, Wilson said. The contract for the project went to Knife River Northwest.

The project is finally coming together after 17 years of planning and waiting. In 2005, the city began planning for the realignment and in 2010 the city purchased the land, which was leased to the parks & rec district for 10 years.

"It was a very good opportunity for the rec center to go in and lease that structure for a period of time," he said. Now, the district is without the space, however.

In 2020, the city purchased the last remaining piece of land necessary for the project and completed the construction plans.

According to Wilson, there are several benefits from the changes. For starters, the intersection of Salmon Ave. will no longer connect to South Canal, but will end in a cul-de-sac that serves the residential area and will be safer for walking.

"It will become a very localized, residential street," he said.

Additionally, the new Odem Medo intersection will have stop-lights, ADA-compliant pedestrian ramps, sidewalks and intersection lighting at night.

The new roadway will curve into the Odem Medo intersection and require traffic to reduce speed as cars transition into a left turn



The site where construction recently began between SW Salmon Ave. and SW Odem Medo Way in Redmond.

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A Knife River tanker sits at the site where construction recently began between SW Salmon Ave. and SW Odem Medo Way in Redmond.



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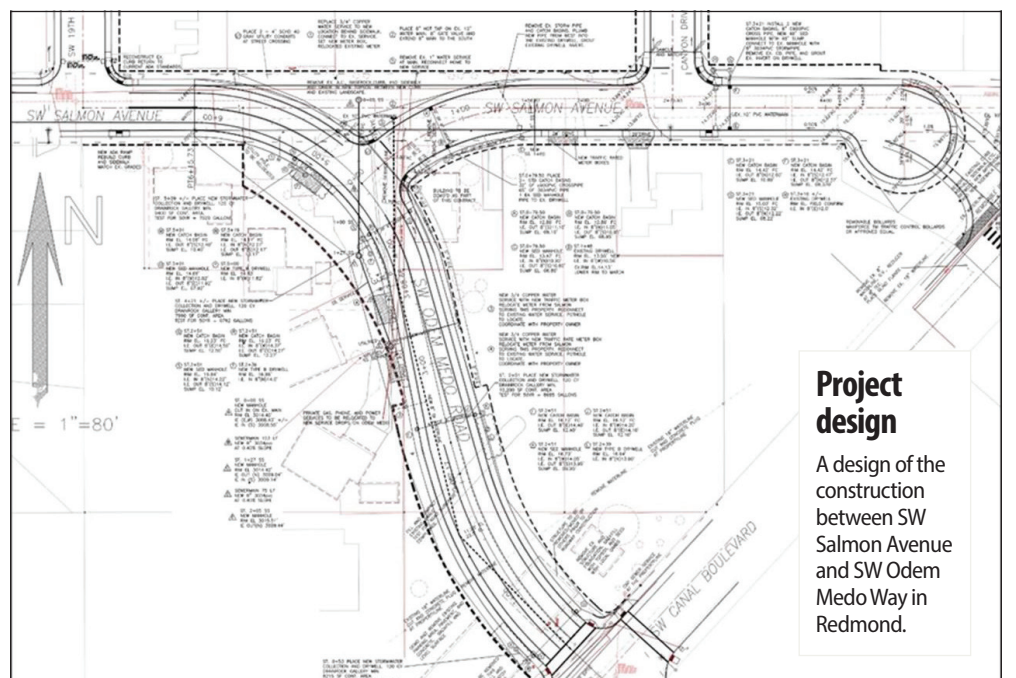
An excavator sits at the site where construction recently began between SW Salmon Ave. and SW Odem Medo Way in Redmond. The sign for SW Odem Medo Way can be seen through the excavator.

only onto South Canal and east-west traffic on Odem Medo.

According to Wilson, this will increase the amount of traffic that

can move through the intersection without becoming congested.

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Project design

A design of the construction between SW Salmon Avenue and SW Odem Medo Way in Redmond.

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