

On The Record

ODOT gives Lane County highway construction update

Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) is working in several locations around the area. Access for pedestrians, including those with disabilities, will be available and identified through — or around — work zones.

For updates on traffic, "Know Before You Go" at TripCheck.com or call 511. For the ReVision Florence Streetscape and Paving Project on Highway 126 and Highway 101, people can expect day work on Highway 101 between the highway junction and the Siuslaw River Bridge.

Crews are clearing and prepping subgrade on northbound Highway 101 starting at Old Town Way and working north. Expect single lane closures on northbound Highway 101 and side street closures.

There will be limited single lane closures on southbound Highway 101 this week through Thursday, for finishing sidewalk and ADA improvements on southbound Highway 101.

This project is a partnership with the City of Florence to improve the streetscape, pave the road and improve ADA facilities. It is set to be completed by the end of October.

The scope of the project includes:

- Work along Highway 101 south from the highway junction to the Siuslaw River Bridge and Highway 126 east from the highway junction to Spruce Street.
- ADA ramps, colored concrete plazas, art plinths, street lighting, the undergrounding of overhead utilities, bike lanes, parking spaces along Highway 101, and landscaping and irrigation improvements.
- Paving from the Highway 101/Highway 126 Junction south to the Siuslaw River Bridge.
- Cape Creek Bridge, north of Florence: Installation of a new cathodic protection system and bridge repairs are underway.

Crews are working on surface prep of the concrete, which will be followed by bridge repair work and the protective coating installation.

Night work began Monday and is expected to continue through tonight, Aug. 21, for crack injecting work at Cape Creek from 6 p.m. to 3 a.m.

People can expect single lane closures.

Cape Perpetua Half Viaduct, south of Yachats: A new cathodic protection system is being installed, including installing a wind turbine generator under the bridge to power the system.

Crews are fabricating the walkway platform underneath the bridge.

Neahkahnie Mountain Chasm, north of Manzanita: A rockfall fence to prevent rocks and debris from falling onto the highway was installed and bridge repair work was completed in May.

All three bridges are to be completed by the end of December 2020.

East of Florence on Highway 126 is the new Walker Creek-Chickahominy Creek Passing Lane. Construction resumed Monday to install a

large box culvert. Expect daytime flagger with short delays.

24-hour flagging begins Monday, Aug. 26, for about a week.

A westbound passing lane is being installed from milepost 32.36 to milepost 31.56, just west of Walton.

The road is being widened on both sides to make room for the additional lane.

The project also includes new pavement, signs, striping, guardrail and water quality features.

For more information, visit www.oregon.gov/odot/projects or check TripCheck.com for road conditions.

WEATHER DATA

DATE	HIGH	LOW	RAIN
Aug. 13	72	57	0.00
Aug. 14	71	50	0.00
Aug. 15	72	48	0.00
Aug. 16	72	49	0.00
Aug. 17	70	49	0.00
Aug. 18	71	47	0.00
Aug. 19	71	52	0.00

Rainfall Week: 0.00"
Month: 0.00" Year: 39.00"

Courtesy of Roger Cunningham

OBITUARY

HOUGHTON—Gloria Houghton, 94, a former Florence resident, passed away July 30, 2019.

Gloria was born Nov. 14, 1924, in Medicine Hat, Alberta, where she was raised. When Gloria was 14, she and her family moved in 1939 to Leduc, where she graduated from high school in 1943.

She attended the University of Oregon from 1946 to 1950, graduating with a BA in English. She worked in Los Angeles, Calif., and Portland, where she met Don in the summer of 1952. Don and Gloria were married in Edmonton in February, 1953.

They moved to where Don was living and working next to the Sea Lion Caves, 11 miles north of Florence, Ore.

There, they raised their three children until 1964 when the family moved into town. The family lived in Florence until 1978 and then built a house on Woahink Lake, where they lived for 10 years.

Gloria and Don first moved to Sun River and

then Bend, enjoying golf and long road trips around the country. Gloria has lived in a retirement home in Lake Oswego since 2013.

Gloria and Don especially enjoyed good friends, playing bridge and afternoon barbecues at Woahink Lake. They also enjoyed hunting trips to eastern Oregon and were dedicated Oregon Duck fans.

Gloria will be remembered for her adventurous spirit, sharp wit and her generosity. In her later years, Gloria especially enjoyed crossword puzzles, reading, watching sports and spending time with her family.

Gloria is survived by her sister, Rayma, from Toronto; three children: Debbie Houghton of Beaverton, Tom Houghton of Lake Oswego and Barb Smith of Hillsboro; four grandchildren: Jared in Portland, Sarah in Washington D.C., Curtis in Lake Oswego and Luke in Austin, Texas.

Don preceded Gloria in death, passing away in 2011.



Gloria Houghton

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