

# Light at end of tunnel for sidewalk project

## ODOT will seek grant for South Canyon Boulevard project

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School students may soon have a safe route from Grant Union Junior-Senior High School to downtown John Day, if efforts by the Oregon Department of Transportation are successful.

When the city initially considered building a sidewalk along South Canyon Boulevard from Fourth Avenue to the high school, the cost was estimated at \$840,000. Costs, however, ballooned after ODOT settled a \$23 million lawsuit related to the Americans with Disabilities Act.

The John Day City Council discussed ways to walk away from the project Feb. 13 after it learned that estimated construction costs had more than doubled

for only half the project. They directed ODOT to continue planning for the project in the meantime.

City Manager Nick Green was not optimistic at the time, saying there was "a pretty good chance these sidewalks are not going to be built."

Eight months later, the project has been resurrected. Both the city and the state had invested significant resources into the project, and much of the engineering had already been completed, Green told the council Oct. 9.

ODOT has chosen to apply for funding through the Safe Routes to School program to pay for the project, Green said. ODOT coordinated the application with the city and Grant School District 3

Superintendent Bret Uptmor.

"They believe our application will be competitive, and it is the top priority for Region 5," Green said.

If awarded, funding would be sufficient to complete the project in a single phase as opposed to the two-phase project considered by the city, Green said. ODOT will handle the grant application.

"Thank you, state of Oregon," Mayor Ron Lundbom said.

Green noted that ODOT wanted a commitment from the city to maintain the sidewalk. Councilor Dave Holland said he didn't expect the new sidewalk would need much maintenance. Some of the sidewalk would be outside the city limits, but the city is planning to annex the area south to the high school, Green said.



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A project to build a sidewalk along South Canyon Boulevard from Sixth Avenue to Grant Union Junior-Senior High School may be funded through the state Safe Routes to School program.

Arrests and citations in the Blue Mountain Eagle are taken from the logs of law enforcement agencies. Every effort is made to report the court disposition of arrest cases.

### Grant County Circuit Court

A misdemeanor charge against Jeffrey C. Cook, 22, John Day, of furnishing alcohol to a person under 21 allegedly committed on July 9 was dismissed Oct. 10. The charge was adjudicated in Justice Court on July 25, where Cook pleaded no contest and was fined \$440.

Eric G. Borley, 54, Redmond, pleaded guilty Sept. 13 to failing to report as a sex offender committed on April 19. He was sentenced to 24 months probation, 80 hours of community service and \$600 in fines and fees.

### Grant County Sheriff

The Grant County Sheriff's Office reported the following for the week of Oct. 10:

Ce concealed handgun licenses: 8

Average inmates: 18  
Bookings: 12  
Releases: 10  
Arrests: 2  
Citations: 2  
Fingerprints: 0  
Civil papers: 11  
Warrants processed: 5  
Asst./welfare check: 0  
Search and rescue: 0

Oct. 8: Timothy Keith, 35, Prairie City, was cited for driving with a suspended license, no insurance and an expired registration.

Oct. 8: Kristopher Kerr, 22, Broomfield, Colorado, was cited for careless driving and no operator's license.

### Justice Court

• Violation of basic rule: Jordan M. Wisner, 34, Boise, Idaho, June 3, 85/55 zone, fined \$165; Chad E. Von Cannon, 36, Sweet Home, Sept. 6, 78/55 zone, fined \$265; Donald R. Wagner, 75, Desert Hot Springs, California, Sept. 21, 79/55 zone, fined \$225.

• Exceeding speed limit: Jeremy C. Hutchinson, 30, Cottage Grove, Sept. 9, 64/50 zone, fined \$165; Stuart C. Mathews, 67, Plano, Texas, Sept. 20, 77/65 zone, fined

\$265; Orin W. Wood, 24, Prairie City, Sept. 29, 77/65 zone, fined \$265; Dennis M. Cordova, 64, Antioch, California, Aug. 5, 58/35 zone, fined \$265; Lori A. Harris, 48, Baker City, Aug. 18, 81/65 zone, fined \$265; Nicholas T. Knowles, 31, Nampa, Idaho, Aug. 17, 75/65 zone, fined \$165; Dylan T. Gardner, 19, La Pine, Sept. 17, 75/65 zone, fined \$165; Nicole M. Donovan, 29, Portland, Sept. 8, 43/25 zone, fined \$165; Stephen J. Delaney, 54, Austin, Texas, June 23, 80/65 zone, fined \$225.

• Violation of speed limit: Maxwell W. Donahue, 21, Missoula, Montana, Aug. 19, 51/35 zone, fined \$165; Daniel J. Parslow, 56, Portland, Sept. 7, 58/25 zone, fined \$440; Scott F. Raaum, 67, Walnut Creek, California, Sept. 8, 87/65 zone, fined \$440.

• Driving uninsured: Joseph T. Trott, 30, Long Creek, July 26, fined \$265; Haley B. Miller, 21, Portland, Aug. 18, fined \$265; Kristopher McGarrity, 41, Reno, Nevada, Aug. 18, fined \$265; Liborio Armenta-Lopez, 38, Kimberly, Aug. 18, fined \$265; Alexander L. James, 24, Portland, July 28, fined \$265; Nicholas T. Knowles, 31, Nampa, Idaho, Aug. 17, fined \$265; Timothy L. Keith, 35, Prairie City, Aug. 29, fined \$1,000.

• Driving with a suspended license: Alexander L. James, 24, Portland, July 28, fined \$440; Timothy L. Keith, 35, Prairie City, Aug. 29, fined \$2,000.

• No operator's license: Nicholas T. Knowles, 31, Nampa, Idaho, Aug. 17, fined \$265; Jonathan W. Rodgers, 42, Reno, Nevada, Aug. 17, fined \$265; Haley B. Miller, 21, Portland, Aug. 18, fined \$265; Kristopher McGarrity, 41, Reno, Nevada, Aug. 18, fined \$265.

• Use of cellphone while driving: Victoria M. Demoranville, 48, Burns, Aug. 12, fined \$265; Taylor M. Myers, 29, Canyon City, Aug. 4, fined \$165; Tyler D. Still, 20, Boise, Idaho, Sept. 9, fined \$265.

• Failure to renew registration: Colt A. Carpenter, 34, John Day, Aug. 11, fined \$115.

• Failure to carry proof of insurance: Trevon W. Smith, 20, Pilot Rock, Aug. 11, fined \$265.

• Failure to properly use seat belt: Charles C. Paulson, 41, John Day, Aug. 31, fined \$115; Kyle L. Moore, 26, Lebanon, Sept. 14, fined \$115.

• Driving outside restrictions: Trevon W. Smith, 20, Pilot Rock, Aug. 11, fined \$265.

• Pass in no passing zone: Scott F. Raaum, 67, Walnut Creek, California, Sept. 15, fined \$265.

• Failure to display license plates: Jordan M. Wisner, 34, Boise, Idaho, June 3, fined \$115.

• Failure to obey traffic control device: Jebediah P. Williams, 33, John Day, Aug. 12, fined \$265; Nai C. Saechao, 36, Fairview, Aug. 25, fined \$265.

### Dispatch

John Day dispatch worked 156 calls during the week of Oct. 8-14, including:

• **John Day Police Department**

Oct. 8: Sabrina Wyllie, 24, John Day, was arrested at an apartment complex in east John Day and charged on a Grant County warrant.

Oct. 9: Advised of a suspicious person at the hospital in John Day.

Oct. 9: Received a report of a laser device used at a construction site on South Canyon Boulevard in John Day pointing at passing traffic.

Oct. 10: Advised of a suspi-

cious person at a grocery store in John Day.

Oct. 11: Following a traffic stop on South Canyon Boulevard in John Day, Janelle Martens, 29, Canyon City, was cited for speeding, 40/20 zone.

Oct. 13: Responded to West Main Street in John Day for a child neglect case.

Oct. 14: Following a traffic stop on Highway 26 in east John Day, George B. Emano, 60, Eugene, was cited for speeding, 54/35 zone.

Oct. 14: Jeremy F. Gibson, 32, John Day, was arrested at a motel in John Day and charged with theft.

Oct. 14: Responded to Southwest Brent Drive in John Day for a harassment report.

• **Oregon State Police**

Oct. 10: Received a report of illegal hunting in the 24 Road and Deer Creek area.

Oct. 12: Advised of cows on Highway 395 near Dale.

• **Grant County Sheriff's Office**

Oct. 8: Received a report of harassment in Canyon City.

Oct. 10: Advised of a juvenile problem at Humbolt Elementary School in Canyon City.

Oct. 11: Received a report of a theft on Cottonwood Street in Mt. Vernon.

Oct. 11: Advised of animal abuse on Marysville Road in John Day.

Oct. 11: Received a report of a dispute on Cottonwood Street in Mt. Vernon.

Oct. 12: Advised of child endangerment at a pub in Prairie City.

Oct. 13: Received a report of theft on East Riverside Street in Mt. Vernon.

• **John Day ambulance**

Oct. 8: Dispatched to an apartment complex in east John Day for a woman with difficulty breathing.

Oct. 8: Responded to Northeast Seventh Avenue in John Day.

Oct. 9: Dispatched to a senior home in John Day for an elderly woman with low oxygen levels.

Oct. 10: Transported a patient to the airport in John Day.

Oct. 11: Dispatched to Northeast Seventh Avenue in John Day for a patient transport.

Oct. 12: Responded to East Main Street in John Day for a 15-year-old boy with a seizure.

Oct. 12: Dispatched to Inland Drive in Canyon City for a man.

Oct. 12: Responded with Prairie City ambulance to Northeast Front Street in Prairie City for a 72-year-old man.

Oct. 12: Dispatched to Northeast Dayton Street in John Day for an 84-year-old woman.

Oct. 12: Responded to Prairie City for a 59-year-old woman.

Oct. 12: Transported a patient to the airport in John Day.

Oct. 13: Dispatched to South Main Street in Prairie City.

Oct. 13: Responded with Prairie City ambulance to Northeast Front Street in Prairie City for a person who had fallen.

Oct. 13: Dispatched with Seneca ambulance to Park Avenue in Seneca for a baby who was not breathing.

Oct. 13: Responded to Northeast Dayton Street in John Day for a woman with a possible heart attack.

Oct. 13: Transported a patient to the airport in John Day.

Oct. 14: Responded to South Canyon Boulevard in John Day.

• **John Day fire**

Oct. 9: Responded with John Day police to a semi truck fire on Northeast Dayton Street.

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