

ODOT completes 100th bridge in long project to protect bridges

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where the workers live and work, meaning the dollars make their way through the local economy many times. In Salem, this effect can be as simple as money spent at a Roth's supermarket on groceries, or in Springfield at a Jerry's Home Improvement Center on tools and home repair supplies.

More rural areas often see an influx of spending from construction workers who come to town to work on projects. In Mitchell, construction workers shared meals at the Little Pine Cafe, and shared the wealth of infrastructure investment. In Burns, workers from out of town stayed at the Silver Spur

Hotel for weeks at a time, providing business in what is usually the off-season.

These workers could afford to spend their money because heavy-highway jobs pay middle-class wages. Even the newest employees in construction, apprentice laborers, start at an average wage of nearly \$14 an hour, while a journey-level equipment operator earns approximately \$30 an hour. These hourly rates translate into annual wages of approximately \$28,000 to \$61,000 per year.

The construction workers' wages are only part of the story of economic rejuvenation provided by the bridge program. Their work in the field has been

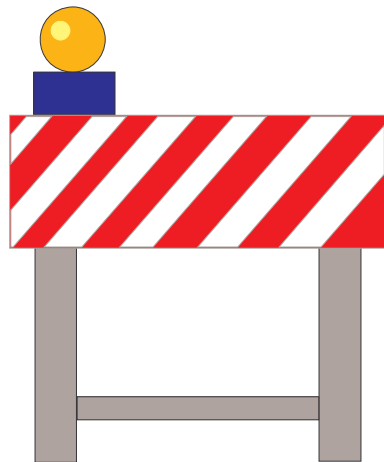
prepared for and supported by architects and accountants, surveyors and scientists, among many others, at engineering, professional services and project management firms.

As of Sept. 30, the combined contract payments for all bridge program consultants and contractors were \$664 million; 75 percent of this money went to Oregon firms. The total taxes paid is nearly \$45 million. The multiplier effect thus also reinvigorates the state's tax coffers, a crucial and reliable source of basic funding in hard times.

Interstate commerce, commuting and tourism in the 21st century will require a safe, seamless and up-to-date transportation network. Oregon has

a head start on rebuilding the civil and mechanical underpinnings of a thriving economy. And ODOT and Oregon have the dedicated workforce to continue this important work: The men and women who are right

now, even through the coldest months of winter, pouring concrete on Interstate 5 bridges near Cottage Grove will be ready, willing and highly skilled for the next phase of Oregon's investment in its future.



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