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ODOT and contractor to negotiate mutual termination on Salt Creek Tunnel project

SPRINGFIELD— The Oregon Department of Transportation and Capital Concrete Construction, Incorporated, are working toward a mutual termination of the contract for the OR 58: Salt Creek Tunnel and Half Viaducts project.

There will be no significant construction of the Salt Creek Tunnel project in 2014.

The project began in 2012 as a two-year, \$9.37 million dollar, low-bid contract to rebuild four half viaducts, lower the tunnel floor, repair and seal the tunnel liner, construct a new Variable Message Sign, repair tunnel lighting, and install new signs.

In 2013 the project experienced significant delays and the contractor notified ODOT it would need a third construction season to complete the project.

In February, 2014, the contractor delivered a project schedule to ODOT showing completion of construction on November 4, 2014. That date created questions about whether the project could be completed in 2014, given fall weather conditions at the project elevation

On March 24, 2014, ODOT formally suspended work on the project. ODOT took this step to protect the mobility of the OR 58 corridor, a major freight route where nearly 4,000 vehicles travel daily, and to insure that an unfinished project did not leave the highway in a condition that restricted traffic.

To date, the contractor has substantially completed:

- Lowering the tunnel roadway and sidewalks

- The tunnel liner concrete repairs
- Two of the four viaducts (bridges)
- The pile footing installation for all viaducts
- The tunnel lighting repairs
- The tunnel liner crack Injection and painting

The following work remains to be completed:

- Construction of two remaining viaducts (bridges)
- Construction of the bridge rails
- Installation of two Variable Message Signs
- Completion of final paving and striping
- Completion of electrical revisions
- Placement of all permanent signs

ODOT is committed to completing the project as soon as possible and is optimistic that construction can resume in 2015.

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