

CITY OF BAKER CITY

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Weekly Update August 3, 2018

Administration:

The Economic Development Committee (EDC) met this week and had a good discussion around the work on updating the Baker County Strategic Marketing and Tourism Plan. The EDC's focus will be to coordinate with all tourism partners and aid in new business opportunities that add value to the local attractions and to support entrepreneurs that cater to tourism enhancement. The EDC is also working towards coordinating a comprehensive look at facilities within our area that can sustain larger events and engage all of our stakeholders on the needs for the future.

Shrine Weekend is here and we have lots of visitors in the City. Many events are scheduled for Saturday starting with the Cattlemen and Cattlewomen's breakfast and tri-tip lunch in Geiser Pollman Park. The parade starts at 11:00 a.m. and the Shrine game is set for 7:00 p.m. Come out and support the Shriners and the Shrine Hospital. Have a great weekend.

City Council

Agenda

August 14th

- 3rd Reading of Ordinance 3367: Amending Portions of Ord. 3327 Concerning Problem Pet Owners
- 3rd Reading of Ordinance 3368: Amending Portions of Ord. 3252 Concerning Roosters in the City Limits

Finance:

Utilities

- ◆ 17 customers signed up for new water/wastewater service and 16 customers disconnected service from July 27th through August 2nd. This includes all service changes.
- ◆ Zone 8 was billed July 31st which included 465 residential and 20 commercial accounts. Of those accounts 101 (21%) are signed up for direct payment and 15 (3%) are signed up for ebilling.
- ◆ Zone 5 was billed today which includes 470 residential and 17 commercial accounts. Of those accounts 129 (26%) are signed up for direct payment and 27 (5.5%) are signed up for ebilling.
- ◆ Twenty-three residential customers (Zones 4 and 8) were scheduled to have their water turned off for non-pay (over 60 days past due) three were actually turned off until their past due balance was paid.

BAKER CITY BURN BAN



The Baker City Fire Department closed all burning within the city limits as of Wednesday, July 11th, 2018 at 4:30 PM. This is due to rapidly drying conditions throughout the county and with high temperatures forecast into the future. Residents can continue to use barbecues but no open burning or warming fires are allowed. Residents can contact the fire station at 541-523-3711 with any questions.



Building Department:

	Permits Issued City	Inspections City	Permits Issued County	Inspections County
Building	1	11	1	8
Manufactured Dwelling	0	0	0	2
Electrical	2	12	5	11
Mechanical	2	0	1	4
Plumbing	2	2	1	3
Fence	1	NA	N/A	N/A
TOTAL	8	25	8	28

RESIDENTIAL PERMITS:

- 221 1st Street, Sumpter—Detached accessory building.

COMMERCIAL PERMITS:

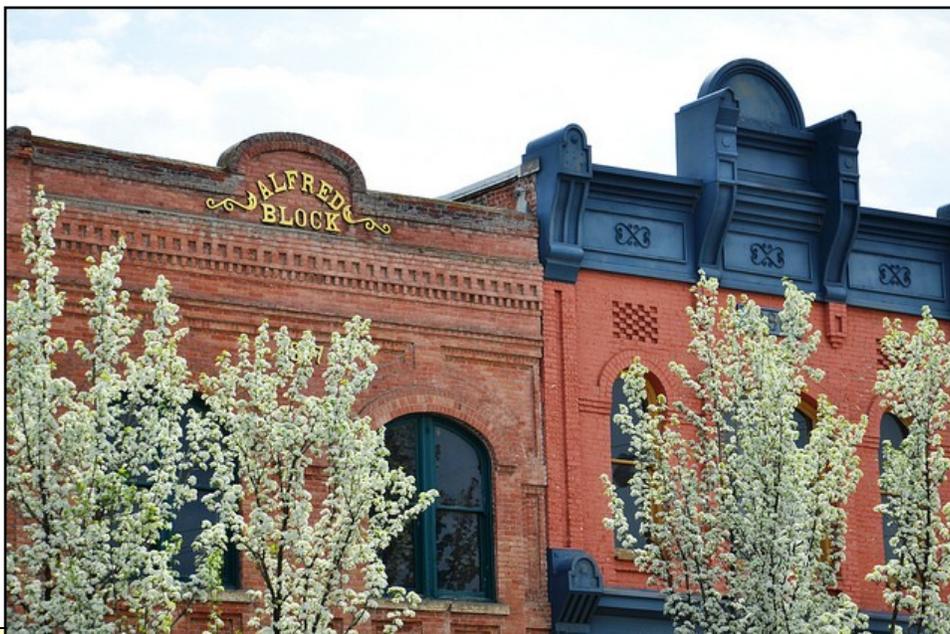
- 515 Campbell Street, Baker City—Addition of a Coffee Kiosk.



HISTORIC DESIGN REVIEW: Next regularly scheduled meeting is August 8th at 8:00 a.m. in the Building Department Offices.

Notice of grant opportunity for structures in the Historic District: Every two years, due to our City’s status as a “Certified Local Government”, we have the opportunity to award funds to property owners for repair/maintenance on historic properties. This is a matching

grant opportunity with specific guidelines, and the application window is now open.



For more information, please visit the Baker City website, and go to the Historic District Design Review Committee page. You are also welcome to join us at any HDDRC meeting, or call the Building Dept. at 541-524-2054.



Planning Department:

Public Meetings

- ◆ **CUP-18-084:** The Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on August 15, 2018, at 7:00pm, in City Hall, to consider a Conditional Use application from Baker School District 5J to construct a $\pm 35'$ x $\pm 96'$ greenhouse, totaling $\pm 3,360$ square feet, at 2500 E Street. The proposed greenhouse will be accessory to the high school. The property is in the Residential Medium-Density (R-MD) Zone. Notices were posted at the subject property this week.
- ◆ **Work Session:** The Planning Commission will review materials for proposed updates to the Baker City Development Code, including revisions/additions relating to accessory dwelling units, mobile food units and hostels.



Land Use Decisions & Projects

- ◆ The final plat was approved and recorded for a previously approved application to divide one property into two properties on Foothill Drive. The properties are located in the Residential-Low Density Zone.
- ◆ 3 property line adjustments were approved for properties at 2185 & 2195 Colorado Avenue, along with 2207 & 2250 Colorado Place, Baker City, located within the Residential – High Density (R-HD) Zone.
- ◆ A ± 748 square foot entry vestibule was approved for the Event Center at 2600 East Street, located in the General – Commercial (CG) Zone.
- ◆ A ± 288 square foot storage shed was approved at 2260 Mitchell Avenue, located in the Residential – High Density (R-HD) Zone.
- ◆ A ± 240 square foot carport was approved for 1105 Park Street, located in the Residential – Low Density (R-LD) Zone.
- ◆ A ± 80 square foot storage shed was approved for 1904 Balm Street, located in the Residential – Medium Density (R-MD) Zone.
- ◆ Last week, the City Council approved a petition filed to vacate a ± 10 -foot-wide by ± 375 -foot-long portion of F Street. Notices were mailed to nearby property owners this week to let them know the decision.
- ◆ The appeal period has ended for a major modification request filed by the Baker School District to modify an existing Conditional Use Permit at 2500 E Street. No appeals were filed, so the decision approving the Baker School District to install four new 60-foot-tall light poles at the existing soccer field at the Baker Sport Complex is now final.



The mission of the Baker City Fire Department is to provide dependable and efficient emergency services.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

During the week of July 23rd through July 30th Fire Department responded to a total of **31** emergency alarms.

AMBULANCE OPERATIONS

City Calls	19
Rural Calls	8
Patient Transported	19
No Patient Trip	8

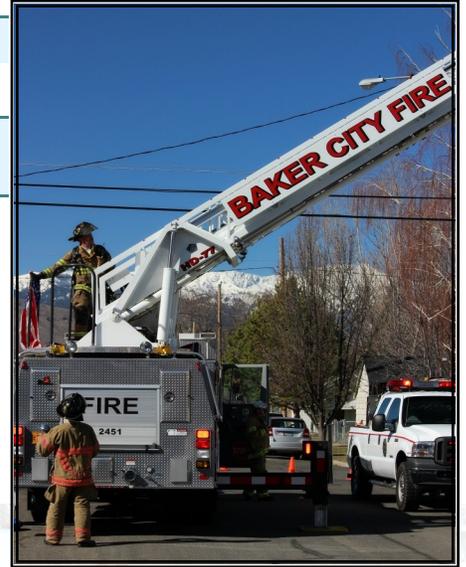
TOTAL MEDIC RESPONSES 27



Airport Transfers	0
Out of Town Transfers Accepted	3
Out of Town Transfers Assigned	0
Motor Vehicle Accidents	2
Doubles (2 calls at once)	3
Triples (3 calls at once)	0
Public Assists	3

FIRE REPORTS

General Alarms	1
Dispatched Alarms	3
TOTAL FIRE	4



EMERGENCY CALL BACKS

Requests for Cover	9
Persons Arrived for Cover	9
Incidents Not Covered	0

TRAINING/MAINTENANCE/FIRE PREVENTION INSPECTIONS/COMMUNITY EVENTS

- 98 hrs of Station and Equipment Maintenance
- 78 hrs of Fire/EMS or Safety Training-STEMI Training, EMS Training Scenarios



The Fire Department provides free blood pressure readings at the Senior Center every Tuesday, at 11 am. Don't miss the next check on August 7th.



"The mission of the Baker City Police is to work in partnership with our community members, to actively promote the safety and welfare of our citizens, along with enriching their quality of life through the delivery of professional police services."

POLICE DEPARTMENT

- ★ This past week, BCPD handled over 235 incidents and opened 35 new cases during the previous week, making numerous arrests for outstanding arrests and detainers. The following press release was issued regarding an incident investigated during this week:

On August 1, 2018 at approximately 1:17 P.M. BCPD officers responded to the parking lot of 1668 Resort St after receiving a phone call that two small children had been left unattended in a vehicle for an extended period of time in the direct sunlight.

When BCPD officers arrived they located a 4 year old boy and 10 month old girl alone in a 2003 Suzuki SUV, that was not running and sitting in the direct sunlight with temperatures near 90 degrees. Witnesses stated the children had been left in the vehicle for at least 20 minutes without supervision and had called the police due to their concern with the high temperatures. The father of the children, Mr. Philip Astorga, returned to the vehicle, when he noticed police officers on scene, and was subsequently arrested for Child Neglect II and transported to the Baker County Jail.

DHS was notified and responded to the scene and took custody of the children, who were then returned to their mother.

- ★ BCPD staff participated in the highly anticipated lip sync challenge. A big shout out Delaney Stone for her assistance in editing the video. If you haven't checked out the video, here's the link: <https://www.facebook.com/827385403973352/videos/2185458044832741/>.
- ★ BCPD staff participated and helped direct traffic during the Spirit Ride held in Baker City on July 26, 2018. This event is designed to bring to awareness to the importance of slowing down and moving over for emergency responders, law enforcement and towing companies when traveling. More information can be found at the following link: <http://www.myeasternoregon.com/2018/07/18/baker-city-tow-company-hosting-spirit-ride/>.
- ★ BCPD personnel participated in several briefing trainings, including a review of various officer safety topics.

Code Enforcement Weekly Activity

Property Maintenance:

- Issued 4 citations for non-compliance
- Followed up on multiple grass and weed complaints
- Followed up on 5 property complaints
- Followed up on a sidewalk violation

Parking violations and complaints

- Issued 2 parking citations
- Followed up on multiple parking complaints

- Orange tagged 1 abandoned vehicle

Animal Violations and complaints:

- Followed up with 1 animal welfare complaint
- 1 dog at large impounded

Miscellaneous:

- Followed up on a noise complaint
- 2 found bicycles
- 2 found wallets returned to owner



Public Works: Street Department

The City crack fill crew continued to seal cracks in Baker City streets this week. Weeds were removed and tar applied on several streets in town. Pictured right, Dillon is working to remove weed clumps where they had grown between the curb and asphalt on Windmill Lane. Traffic has increased significantly since the beginning of construction of the Grocery Outlet Store.



The crew of Jacob, Cayn, Dillon and Shane worked to fill cracks on Washington Street this week. It is a good time to work on Washington Street next to the Middle School while classes are not in session.

O.D.O.T. is going to be chip sealing Hwy. 30 (Elm Street) from the 306 exit ramp to the intersection of Auburn, Resort and Elm Street on Tuesday, August 7th.



There was an abandoned water valve case near the intersection of Elm and Estes which needed to be removed and patched before the chip seal work next week. Blain, Karl and Nate worked to remove the valve case and patch the street with asphalt.

← The valve case shown on the left which was removed because it is no longer connected to the water main line.

The valve case has been removed and the surface patched in preparation for chip seal work next week. →



For the last several years Baker City Public Works has used one of the O.D.O.T. rubber tired rollers for Baker City chip seal work. It takes two rollers to keep up compacting rock onto the freshly sprayed oil. Usually, the timing with the O.D.O.T. and City's chip seal projects works out so that we can use one of their rollers. This is not the case this year. O.D.O.T. and Baker City will be performing chip seal work at the same time.

There are very few rubber tired rollers available for use or rent - especially this time of year. One was located at the City of LaGrande and a request was made to rent their roller. On Thursday, Wes drove over to La Grande and picked up the roller for use starting August 13th.





Public Works: Street Department Continued

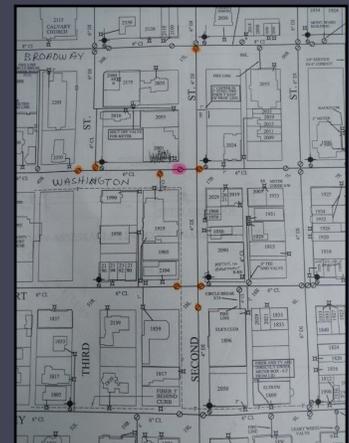
The small amount (approximately 1 ton) of asphalt needed for patching City projects Thursday was garnered from one of Baker County Road Departments trucks which was hauling asphalt from LaGrande to a paving project in Richland. By allowing Baker City to use some of the mix passing through town it resulted in a substantial cost saving for the City.

Pictured right, Blain, Karl and Nate use some of the asphalt to patch Reservoir Road in preparation of the upcoming chip seal project. Baker County Road Department, O.D.O.T. and Baker City work well helping each other and the other communities located in Baker County.



Public Works: Water Department

There is a water valve near the intersection of 2nd and Washington Streets which has had a history of leaking over the past several years. In the past if the valve was turned to one particular point when opened it would stop leaking. This year the leak wouldn't quit no matter what position the valve was turned to. This valve is very old and controls a 6" cast iron water main line. If this valve were to have a complete failure and needed to be replaced, 8 other main line valves (shown in orange) would have to be turned to the off position in order to perform the repair. This map was prepared for the crew incase the leak repair work resulted in an emergency valve replacement job. Blain and Karl performed the repair work.



← Blain and Karl jack hammering the asphalt around the valve.

Next the vector truck was utilized to hydro-excavate around the water valve and main line.



Pictured right, you can see the water spraying from the top of the valve stem. Rusted bolts were removed, additional packing material inserted and the valve top reassembled to repair the leak. Now the valve works properly without leaking.



Vector Truck

On Thursday Blain, Karl and Nate patched the excavation using some of the Baker County Road Department's asphalt. →





Public Works: Water Department Continued

The Mountain Line construction crew made very good progress this week installing the 20" diameter ductile iron pipe. The digging was extremely hard last week as the crew had to dig through solid vesicular basalt rock. In one day only 6 joints of pipe were laid because of the difficult digging.



Tuesday was a great day for the crew as they were able to install 18 joints of pipe. Wednesday was a record setting day—the three man crew of Justin, Blain and Brian were able to install and backfill 29 joints of pipe—well over 500 feet. At the end of the day on August 1st they were up to station 983+36.

Through the solid rock portion of the excavation last week additional rock had to be brought in to cover the pipe because large pieces of solid rock is not suitable for covering pipe.

Pictured above, the crew is digging the imported smaller rock from the back of one of the city dump trucks for bedding the pipe.



Justin operating the track hoe while Brian guides the pipe into proper alignment. →

Once each section of pipe is lined up properly Justin gently nudges the pipe with the track hoe from the bell end until it is fully engaged into the previous piece of pipe.



Next, Brian places special locking rings into position so that the pipe can't "blow apart" under the extreme water pressure.



Typically Justin excavates the trench for each joint of pipe, Brian does the majority of the ground work by connecting pick lines to the pipe, checking alignment and grade, lubricating pipe ends guiding each pipe into place and installing the lock ring sections.



Goodrich Reservoir-July 25, 2018

Usually water from Goodrich Reservoir is saved for use during the hot dry month of August. This year it was necessary to start using water from Goodrich Reservoir in July.

Trees along the upper section of Goodrich Road (closed to the public for water quality purposes) had fallen and had to be cut out of the way. →





Public Works: Wastewater Department

A duplex on 9th street has been having wastewater problems recently. The lateral was worked on by City forces in 2001. One of the problems is that the lateral coming from the duplex does not have enough grade to move material efficiently through the lateral and into the City's main line. Optimum grade for 4" plastic sewer pipe is 1/4" fall per foot of run (approximately 2% slope).



The other problem with the lateral is that the last 3 feet of the line is cast iron. Cast iron pipe is not smooth on the inside. It is very rough and tends to cause paper and other items to "hang-up" and can eventually plug a line.

Blain and Nate used the back hoe and then the vacor truck to excavate down to the lateral and wastewater main line.



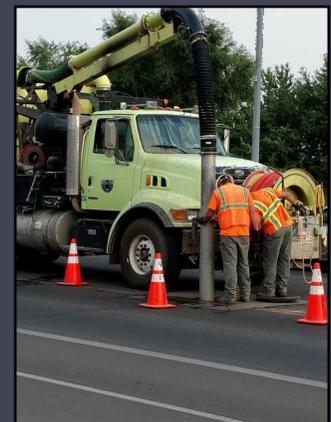
The crew was able to cut a portion of the concrete from the outside of the main line - enough to allow for removal of the old cast iron section of pipe. Next they were able to insert a 3.5' long section of PVC pipe (with a bell end) fully into the main line and then pull it back onto the old PVC pipe to make a solid connection and permanent repair. The lateral is still very flat in grade but now it is PVC all the way to the City's main.



Dispatch called Public Works after hours on Monday to report a wastewater problem at one of the stores in town. Karl and Rick responded to the scene and worked for several hours.

The stores plumber also had to be called to work on the problem. Together Public Works and the plumber were able to clear the blockage.

The plugged line was in the private lateral between the store and the main line in the street and caused by a build-up of paper towels. A bill covering the cost of the City's labor and equipment was totaled and sent to the store this week.





Public Works: Shop

The radiator was repaired on the chip spreader. Next week it will be tested and calibrated so that it can get back to work.



Wes and Scott are installing a side conveyor on this dump truck to help with radiuses.

The rear main seal started leaking. The oil pan and rear main cap were pulled and Wes and Scott installed a new seal, and replaced the water pump and gaskets. This truck is now back in service.



Wes and Scott have been installing the beaver tails and hitches on the trucks for the upcoming chip seal project.



Public Works: Announcements



Oregon Department of Transportation

Update 7/23/2018



NOTICE OF ROAD WORK

US 30 / OR 7 / OR237 / CHIP SEAL

(La Grande-Baker / Whitney / Union-North Powder Hwy's.)

Beginning August 6 the Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) will be chip sealing sections of OR7 (Whitney Hwy.), US30 (La Grande-Baker Hwy.), and OR237 (Union-North Powder) in the Baker and Union County area.

- Aug. 6-7: (map section 2) I-84 freeway on/off ramps at Exit 306, then head toward Baker City on U.S. 30 to intersection of Auburn St. and Main St. at mile point 53.96 (near Chevron Station in Baker City). This work is expected to take about 2 days. Exit 306 will be closed August 8 for chip sealing of freeway on and off ramps.
- Aug. 7-9: (map section 1) OR7 between mile post 35.42 near bottom of Mason Dam and mile post 41.85 at Salisbury Junction, where OR7 intersects with OR245. This work is expected to take about 2 days.
- Aug. 13-15: (map section 3) US30 between mile post 49.85 at Hughes Lane in Baker City and mile post 32.86 at west city limits of North Powder. Expect to be working in Haines on Aug. 14 and end at North Powder on Aug. 15.
- Aug. 16-21: (map section 4) OR237 (Union-North Powder) between mile post 22.8 (five miles south of Union) and North Powder west city limits, at mile post 32.45. This work is expected to take about 3 days. Chip seal through North Powder expected to occur Aug. 21.

NOTE: Dates are subject to change, depending on weather conditions and other factors.



PARKING RESTRICTIONS: During chip seal activities in downtown areas, vehicles will not be allowed to park in work zones along US30 in the Baker City and Haines area, or along OR237 in North Powder.

IRRIGATION PIVOTS/WATER SPRINKLERS: Local residents are asked to adjust irrigation pivots and lawn sprinklers to avoid spraying water onto the roadway, as this creates problems for chip rock application.

TRAVEL IMPACTS: Expect up to 20-minute delays, reduced speeds, loose rock on the roadway, flaggers, and pilot cars directing single lane traffic through the work zones. Minor delays during nighttime/early morning hours for road sweeping. Please reduce speed and watch for construction activities in the area. Plan extra travel time and slow down to prevent loose rock from flying onto other vehicles. Crews will sweep roadway, but expect some loose rock to be present for several days after chip seal.

REQUEST TO RANCH AND FARMER OWNERS: ODOT is asking highway users to keep farm equipment off the impacted highway sections during and for two days after the chip seal operations. To prevent chip rock adhesion problems due to animal waste on the roadway, ranchers are requested [please contact the ODOT maintenance manager listed on attached map](#) and advise of any plans to move livestock on impacted highway sections during spring or summer months this year.



SEE ATTACHED MAP WITH LOCATIONS AND PROJECT CONTACT INFORMATION

Your local ODOT maintenance crews appreciate your support and cooperation during this paving operation.

For other eastern Oregon highway construction project information contact Tom Strandberg @ 541-963-1330, email:

thomas.m.strandberg@odot.state.or.us

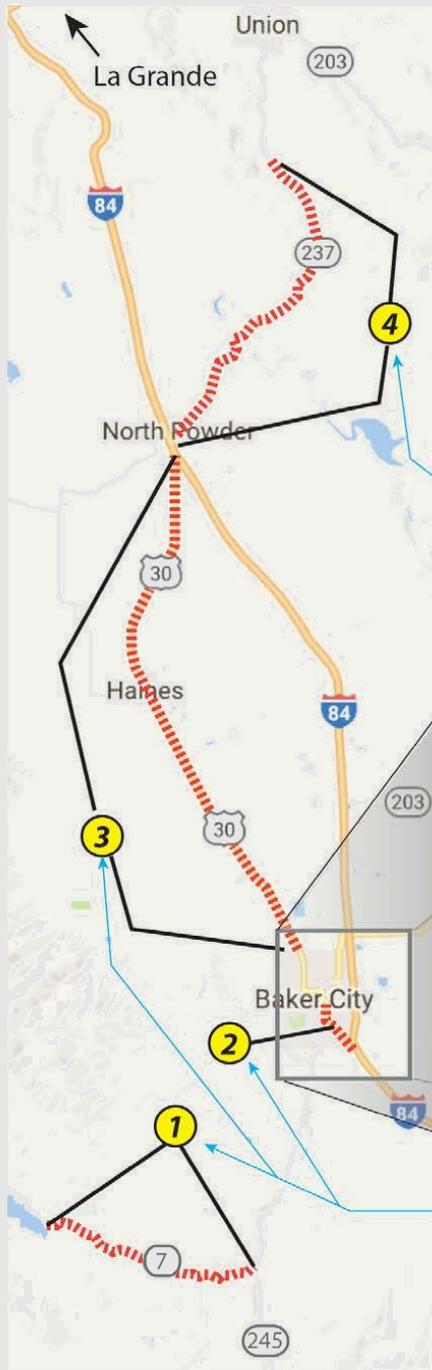


Public Works: Announcements Continued

Highway Chip Seal Project

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US30 / OR7 / OR237 Highway Chip Seal Project, summer 2018



Legend

- Highway sections to be Chip sealed
- ① Chip seal section number (see project schedule on front of flyer)

Ranchers, please contact the ODOT maintenance manager **listed below** and advise of any plans to move cattle or other livestock along impacted highway sections during spring or summer months this year.

OR237 chip seal contact:

La Grande Section Maintenance Mgr.
 Brian Wiggins
 phone: 541-963-0168.
 mobile: 541-786-0975.
 email: Brian.J.Wiggins@odot.state.or.us

③ Chip seal US30 from Hughes Lane to North Powder

② Chip seal US30 from I-84 Exit 306 to Auburn St. (also Exit 306 on/off ramps)

US30 / OR7 chip seal contact:

Baker Section Maintenance Mgr.
 Dave Dethloff
 phone: 541-523-4566
 mobile: 541-519-4934
 email: William.D.Dethloff@odot.state.or.us