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Department of Business & Community Services Land Use & Transportation Program

News Release

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Section of Stark Street near Sandy River to close May 6 for summer repairs

A section of SE Stark Street in rural East Multnomah County near the Sandy River will close on May 6th at 6:00 am for several months while the historic viaduct that supports the road is reconstructed. A viaduct is a bridge that crosses land. The closed section of SE Stark Street is on a steep slope approaching the west side of the Sandy River east of Gresham and south of Troutdale. The section of SE Stark Street will be closed east of SW 35th Street and west of SE Kerslake Road until early August.

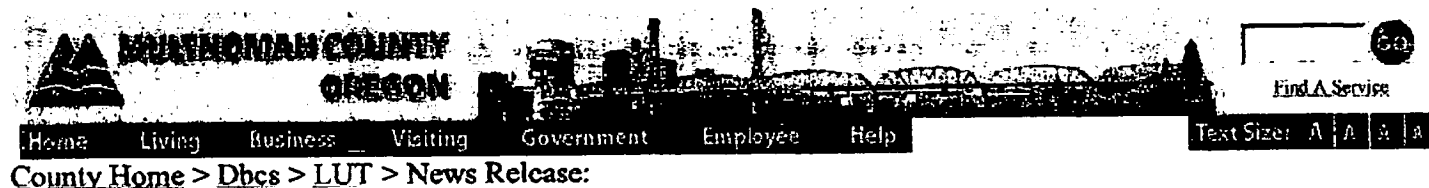
The Stark Street Viaduct, built in 1914, is structurally deficient and can no longer support local traffic demands. Repairs will include replacing the bridge deck and the guard rail system. The new structure will provide two wider traffic lanes, paved shoulders and a higher, more crash-worthy railing on the downhill side.

Historic architectural features, including arches beneath the deck, period lamp posts and pedestrian lookouts, will be preserved. A display describing the historic structure will be added to a pedestrian lookout. The roadway alignment will also be shifted to allow room for a new bike lane on the uphill side of the structure.

Replacement of the narrow, two-lane deck will require closure of the road while the old deck is removed and new structural concrete cross members and a new deck are cast. Approximately \$380,000 in federal, state and county funds will be used to upgrade the structure.

The detour route is west along the Historic Columbia River Highway, across the Sandy River Bridge and Beaver Creek Bridge in Troutdale and south to Stark Street on either Buxton Road/Troutdale Road or 257th Drive. During the closure, through traffic will not be permitted on Sweetbriar Road between 282nd Drive and SE Kerslake Road. This section of Sweetbriar Road is too steep, narrow and curvy to serve as a detour. It will remain open to local traffic and emergency vehicles.

About 5,000 vehicles a day use this section of SE Stark Street. Multnomah County maintains the Stark Street Viaduct and more than 350 miles of roads and bridges.



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Stark St. to reopen October 31 after viaduct repairs

A section of SE Stark Street in rural East Multnomah County is scheduled to reopen by 5:00 pm on Monday, October 31, following a six-month project that repaired a historic viaduct. The 90-year-old viaduct, or land bridge, is on a steep slope between the Sandy River and Troutdale. During construction, Stark Street has been closed east of SW 35th Street and west of SE Kerslake Road.

The road closure was extended due to additional work that was required to repair a weakened concrete arch that supports the road deck. Construction work will continue for several weeks after October 31 but will not require the road to be closed.

The Stark Street Viaduct was built in 1914. Repairs included replacing the bridge deck and guard rail system. The new structure has two wider traffic lanes, paved shoulders and a higher, more crash-worthy railing on the downhill side. Historic features, including the concrete arches beneath the deck, period lamp posts and pedestrian lookouts, were preserved. The roadway alignment has also been shifted to allow room for a new bike lane on the uphill side of the structure.

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