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## **Medford Foothill Road Project Begins**

*Drivers should expect delays of up to 20 minutes, seek alternate routes*

Knife River Materials will begin tree and brush clearing along Foothill Road between Hillcrest and Delta Waters Roads starting Friday, February 17. This marks the first phase of a modernization and safety project that upgrades the narrow roadway in east Medford. **Drivers should expect delays of up to 20 minutes, budget extra time and seek alternate routes.**

“We want users of Foothill Road to begin thinking about taking other routes,” said Medford Public Works Director John Vial. “This project is going to cause delays and require detours, so start planning now to avoid being late and frustrated.”

Initial construction will focus on the McAndrews Road interchange area of Foothill Road. During this construction, Foothill Road will remain open, but traffic may still be delayed.

The \$62 million Medford Foothill Road project is being constructed in part due to a \$15 million Federal Build Grant received by the City of Medford. ODOT is administering and inspecting the Foothill Road improvements for Medford. An added feature of the project is constructing the first 1,000 feet of the South Stage Road Improvements west of North Phoenix Road.

Construction on the Medford portion of the project from Hillcrest Road to Delta Waters Road is expected to be complete by the end 2026. Last month, Jackson County kicked off construction to improve the section of Foothill Road from Delta Waters Road north to Dry Creek Road.

Project information and current construction schedule (subject to change) is available at: [FoothillRoadProject.org](https://FoothillRoadProject.org)

**Knife River Materials Construction Schedule for the First Two Stages (subject to change):**

- **Mid to late February 2023:** Brushing and tree clearing between Hillcrest and McAndrews
- **March 8 - May 3:** Stage 1 Phase 1:
  - Foothill Road work between McAndrews Road interchange ramps – single lane traffic with flaggers
- **May 2 - May 30:** Stage 1 Phase 2:

- McAndrews interchange ramps closed for intersection reconstruction and retaining walls.
- **May 31 - August 1: Stage 1 Phase 3:**
  - Foothill Rd. under McAndrews interchange – single lane Foothill traffic to build the other half of roadway.
- **Stage 2: Full closure to all traffic, Hillcrest to McAndrews: Early August to spring 2024.**
  - Detours set. Expect single lane flagging and delays elsewhere in the project area. Jackson County Foothill Road Project: Between Delta Waters Road and Dry Creek Road, expect single lane traffic with up to 20 minute delays, M-F. Knife Rive Materials began this Jackson County project Jan. 30.

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