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Chad Drive Opens New Connection Between Coburg Road and Game Farm Road

Chad Drive is now open to through traffic, giving motorists a new connection between Coburg Road and North Game Farm Road in northeast Eugene.

The 1,800-foot road extension includes two travel lanes, one for eastbound and the other for westbound traffic, a center turn lane/median area, with bike lanes, sidewalks and street lights on both sides of the street. Bioswales will provide natural drainage in the area. A new traffic signal was activated Tuesday to control traffic at the intersection of Chad Drive and North Game Farm Road, which was improved in 2008.

Benefits of the Chad Drive connection include reducing out-of-direction travel for people traveling between northeast Eugene and the Gateway area in Springfield and improving access for customers, employees and freight services to the numerous commercial and industrial facilities on Chad Drive.

Work on the \$2.46 million project began in late June. Owners of property adjacent to the new section of Chad Drive will be assessed approximately \$570,000 for the improvements. The City of Eugene will pay for the balance of approximately \$1.9 million from local development fees and the federal Surface Transportation Program –Urban fund.

The general contractor on the project was Babb Construction Co. of Eugene. The City of Eugene designed the improvements and managed the bidding and construction phases under a cooperative agreement with the Oregon Department of Transportation.

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