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Lots of Public Works Projects on Schedule in 2015

Construction begins this week on more than 30 Public Works projects totaling more than \$15 million to fix streets, enhance parks and natural areas, repair damaged sewer lines and make other major improvements that benefit people who live, visit and do business in Eugene.

Much of the work is related to fixing streets. Construction is scheduled to begin in early April on Garden Way (Harlow Road to Sisters Avenue), Mahlon Avenue (Garden Way to Honeysuckle) and Willakenzie Road (Coburg Road to Bogart Lane) in north Eugene. The reconstruction of Division Avenue (River Road to Beltline) and repaving Valley River Way are also on the list for north Eugene.

In west Eugene, 18th Avenue (Josh Street to Bertelsen Road) is scheduled for repaving, as are portions of Avalon Street (Echo Hollow Road to Juhl Street), Elizabeth Street (Knoop to Royal), Juhl Street, and Knoop Avenue (Echo Hollow to Elizabeth).

In southwest Eugene, work is slated on portions of 25th Avenue (Hawkins to Brittany), City View Street (28th to 29th) and Timberline Drive (Warren to Wintercreek), as well as 19th Avenue (Fillmore to Chambers), 22nd Avenue (Fillmore to Chambers and Friendly to Polk), Fillmore Street (19th to 24 avenues), and Friendly Street (24th to 28th avenues).

In east Eugene, look for upcoming construction on 15th and 17th avenues (Fairmount to Agate).

In southeast Eugene, road repairs are scheduled on 39th Avenue (Willamette Street to Densmore), Brae Burn Street (39th to Willamette), and 40th Avenue (Hilyard to Donald).

Primary sources of funding for the street projects come from the 2012 voter-approved bond measure to fix Eugene's streets, Eugene's local gas tax, and federal funds for the West 18th project.

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Planned improvements for people who walk and cycle include reconstructing the South Bank Path from Knickerbocker Bridge to Franklin Boulevard, installing energy-efficient, light-emitting diode (LED) fixtures on more than 5,000 local street lights starting next fall, and improving pedestrian crossings on Barger Driver west of Devos Street and on Bailey Hill Road south of 11th Avenue at the Fern Ridge Path crossing.

Major park improvements include a \$580,000 project to rebuild the trail to the summit of Spencer's Butte, with work on that project scheduled to be under way in early April, and the renovation of Charnel Mulligan Park, funded primarily by a federal community development block grant.

Underground repairs to the city's stormwater and wastewater systems include work at a number of locations, including drainage repairs at Laurelwood Golf Course. Funding for these projects comes primarily from monthly stormwater and wastewater fees paid by local residents and businesses.

Work continues on a \$17 million project at Eugene Airport. The project, which includes adding a baggage claim belt, revamping the security checkpoint area and improving the B-gates holding area, is expected to be completed in June 2016.

Although not a Public Works project, the \$12 million construction of a new Eugene City Hall is under way in the downtown area, with an expected completion date in December 2016.

Including the airport and city hall project brings the total infrastructure investment by the City of Eugene in 2015 to approximately \$44 million.

Local residents are encouraged to follow the progress of projects that may affect their travel routes. To get more details about Eugene projects planned for 2015, visit www.eugene-or.gov/pwprojects or follow EugenePW on Twitter. For regional traffic updates, including LTD's west Eugene EmX project as well as projects by ODOT, Lane County, Eugene and Springfield, go to www.keepusmoving.info.

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