

Sun River Bridge Replacement Project

Project Information

Project Number:

MT FLAP BOR 2980(1)

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Project Partners:

Bureau of Reclamation

Bureau of Land Management

U.S. Forest Service

Greenfields Irrigation District

Contractor:

Hamilton Construction Co.

2213 South F Street

Springfield, OR 97477

Work Schedule:

Mon-Sat: 7:00 am – 7:00 pm

Notice to Proceed:

01/22/2025

Fixed Completion Date:

10/31/2026

Project Description:

This project includes the construction of a new 462 ft single lane bridge, the creation of 18 stations of new roadway alignment, the removal of the existing bridge, and the obliteration of the existing roadway approaches.

Project Staff:

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Current Construction Activities

September 2, 2025

Drilling for the shafts at Piers 2 and 3 has been completed, enabling the installation of reinforcing steel and placement of concrete at Pier 3. The MSE walls at Abutments 1 (west side) and 4 (east side) have been constructed to the currently permitted limits. Additionally, the first portion of reinforcing steel and concrete was placed at Abutment 4 this week.

Upcoming Construction Activities

Following the initial concrete placement in the drilled shaft at Pier 3, Cross-Hole Sonic Logging (CSL) testing is scheduled to begin next week. Upon the successful completion of the tests, reinforcing steel and concrete will be placed at Pier 2. Over the next several weeks, construction will continue at the drilled shafts, pier columns, and Abutment 4.

Placing Drilled Shaft Concrete at Pier 3



Delays and Closures: (Thank you for your patience.)

Possible minor traffic delays for work occurring near the new road alignment with road closures of up to 20 minutes.



Between 7/23/25 and 11/15/25 the construction zone will be extremely active and dangerous to the public. **ACCORDINGLY, THE ENTIRE CONSTRUCTION ZONE IS CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC AND TO ALL RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES. THIS AREA INCLUDES THE SUN RIVER 500' ABOVE AND BELOW THE NEW BRIDGE (FWP MAR NOTICE NO. 2025-301.1)**

Walk-in access is permitted above and below the construction zone and additional signed boat access is available a few miles below the zone.

Project Website: <https://highways.dot.gov/federal-lands/projects/mt/flap-bor-2980-1>

Western Federal Lands Highway Division

Additional Construction Highlights

Activity on the Temporary Work Bridge



Abutment 4 MSE Wall (east side) Construction



Concrete Placement in Drilled Shaft at Pier 3



Abutment 4 (east side) Placement of Reinforcing Steel and Forms