

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 12, 2025

Concrete for the Pier 2 drilled shaft has been placed up to the construction joint, with joint preparation completed for the next phase of concrete placement. At Pier 3, the drilled shaft concrete has been placed, and the column reinforcing steel has been installed. CSL testing to date indicates sound concrete placement in both shafts.

Upcoming Construction Activities

One final concrete pour remains for the Pier 2 drilled shafts and is scheduled for next week, followed by CSL testing. Once the drilled shafts are completed, column construction will begin at Piers 2 and 3. Work also continues on the MSE walls at Abutment 1, while concrete placement at Abutment 4 is nearing completion.

Pier 3 column cage installed



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

Column 3 reinforcing steel cage.



Pier 3 column cage being placed.



Pier 3 column cage placed and anchored off to the work bridge.



Concrete placement into upper portion Pier 3 drilled shaft .