

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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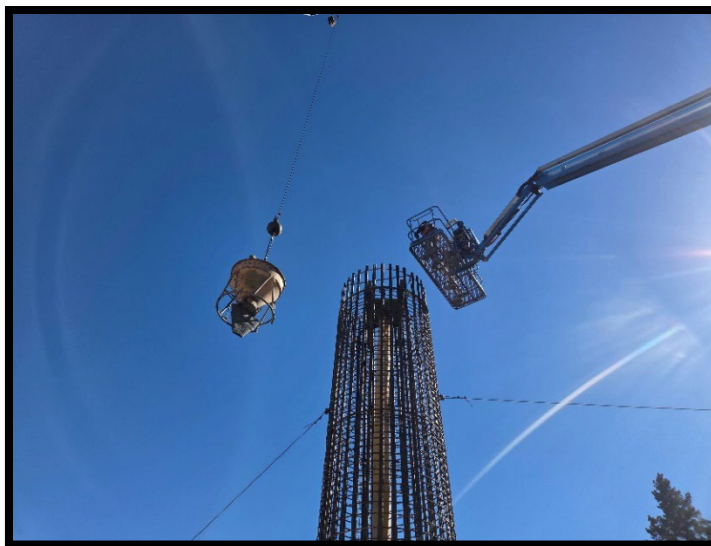
Current Construction Activities

October 10, 2025

Work continues to make strong progress at the bridge site, as the first phases of column construction for Piers 2 and 3 are now complete. The Mechanically Stabilized Earth (MSE) wall on the east side has reached approximately 60% completion, while the MSE Walls on the west side are about 30% complete. The construction of Abutments #1 and #4 have been finalized.

Upcoming Construction Activities

In the weeks ahead, crews will continue with concrete placement in the columns at Piers 2 and 3. Upon completion, pier cap construction (formwork, reinforcing steel and concrete) will commence, with the majority of work being performed from the deck of the temporary work bridge. Truck traffic will also continue along the Pishkun Road for the delivery of construction materials to the site.



Pier 2 Column (west side) Concrete Placement

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

**Phase 1 Column Concrete Placement at
Pier 3 Completed**



Repositioning of Pier 3 Column Forms



Pier 2 Column Concrete Placement



Pier 3 Column Form Placement