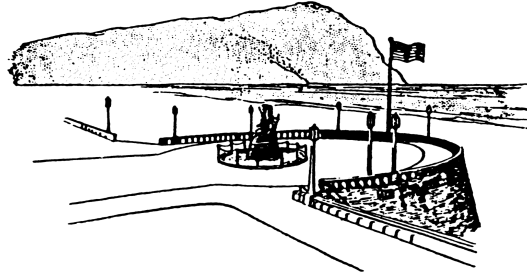


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NEWS RELEASE

Access through Wahanna Closure Extended

SEASIDE, Ore. – July 28, 2023 – A critical culvert and road construction project will continue to close north/south access on S. Wahanna Road at Coho Creek near the Wahanna Ballfields and affect traffic patterns into August. The road is now estimated to reopen by Monday, August 14.

The project began the last week of June, closing S. Wahanna Road to northbound traffic just past Spruce Drive and to southbound traffic just past the Wahanna Ballfields. Until the road is reopened, access to Seaside Providence Hospital is via Broadway, 12th Avenue, or Lewis and Clark Road to Wahanna. Access to Seaside schools is via Avenue S. Signs are posted along US Highway 101 (Roosevelt Drive) and S. Wahanna to alert and remind motorists.



Coho Creek is a tributary to Neawanna Creek that had run through a 36-inch corrugated steel culvert under S. Wahanna. The culvert and two additional degraded and partially blocked culverts immediately upstream are being removed and replaced. A 19-foot bottomless arch culvert is being installed beneath S. Wahanna, which will help control flooding within the local waterways and enhance passage of native fish, including coho, Chinook, chum, Pacific lamprey, winter steelhead and cutthroat trout.

The City of Seaside and Necanicum Watershed Council have worked with partners at the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife, Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board, and the Pacific Lamprey Foundation since 2016 to secure funding for this project.

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