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WCC employee
Terry Lane setting
a fashion trend
in the midst of
COVID-19!



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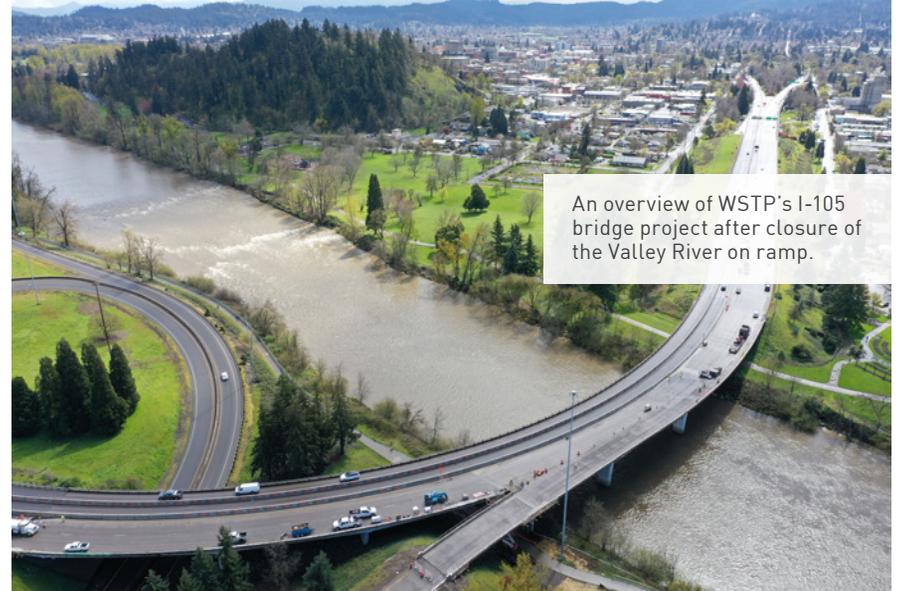
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Summer Is Upon Us!



An overview of WSTP's I-105 bridge project after closure of the Valley River on ramp.

Wildish Construction Co.

Project Manager **Colin Cunningham** reports that things are ramping up for another busy season. Wildish successfully bid on the City of Eugene's Roosevelt Multi-Use Path project. **Scott Rogge** will supervise this \$579K job to change the sidewalk on the north side of Roosevelt from Hwy 99 to Maple St to a 10-foot wide multi-use concrete path. Work started in early April.

The UO Knight Science building is about ready for Wildish to place the site concrete. This 600 CY job will be a challenge while the crews maintain "social distancing."

Crews will also start site work for the new Tyree Oil facility on Irving Rd at Hwy 99, including excavation, storm and sanitary piping, truck docks and site concrete, and asphalt paving.

General Superintendent **Jason Armstrong** reports that the Kendall Subaru project is progressing well. As of mid-April, supervisors **Pete Linscott** and **Jason Johnson**'s crews completed the building pad, excavated for the pad and continuous footings, excavated and backfilled for Twin Rivers Plumbing and New Way Electric's services throughout the slab, installed the site sanitary,

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storm and water, as well as completed trenching and backfill for 90% of the site electrical. Work will continue into late fall 2020. Site grading, concrete and paving will be staged through the summer months, as the building is erected and completed by Chambers Construction.

Project Manager **Kevin Friedel** reports that **Jeff Frank** and crew started on the City of Eugene's 13th Avenue: Lincoln to Alder project in mid-April. Concrete crews began a week later. They are busy removing and replacing 45 different sidewalk ramp corners, while subcontractor Lantz Electric constructs new signal foundations and installs the poles. Once the ramps and sidewalks are finished, the focus will shift to constructing a concrete traffic separator to protect the planned bike lanes from vehicles and restriping the corridor.

Project Manager **Justin Besotes** reports that **Tony Koker** and **Tom Bumgarner** have been working together to complete Phase 1 of the Country Crossroads project to meet the owner's June occupancy deadline. Over the past couple of months, Wildish has completed 1,300TN of fine grading, installation of 6,000 SF of sidewalk, 750 LF of curb, installation of a Contech 60' pedestrian bridge and installation of 500 LF of storm drain and landscape swale drainage facilities.

With lots of work out to bid, it looks like another busy year.



Subcontractors place the cone on a 7-foot deep manhole while WBC employee **Jake Stucky** supervises the Charleston Pump Station project.



Completed planter boxes at WBC's Chintimini Senior Center project in Corvallis.

Wildish Building Co.

According to Project Manager **Tim Bonn**, the City of Dallas' new 4,171 SF Senior Center building is almost complete and has had its final cleaning. A new coiling door will be installed in late April, as well as awnings for the exterior. The new facility will be turned over to the City in May and open for public use.

In Corvallis, the 2,500 SF addition and remodel of over 5,000 SF on the Chintimini Senior Center is nearing completion. Drywall and most interior painting is done, and a multitude of subcontractors are putting finishing touches on the different rooms. The painting of the exterior of the building is in progress, as well as landscaping installation and exterior concrete flatwork. Flooring and casework installation are scheduled to begin in late April with a target date of completing all work in late May.

Project Manager **Matt Wynne** shares that work on the Charleston Pump Station #7 is wrapping up this month. Wildish and subcontractor crews have constructed

Recognition of Service

Special thanks go to all who joined Wildish one, five, 10, 15, 20 or more years ago during the months of May, June and July.

44 YEARS

Tim Hendrix

41 YEARS

Raleigh Larson
Rickey Hamm

38 YEARS

Bryan Spangler

34 YEARS

Jeff Frank

32 YEARS

Colin Cunningham

31 YEARS

Trudy Peron
Dawn Drury-Odom

29 YEARS

James Anderson

27 YEARS

Phil Johnson

25 YEARS

Mike Dahl
Jason White
Scott Rogge
Jeff LaCava

24 YEARS

Tony Koker

23 YEARS

Matt Parker
Gary Monson
Eric Holland

20 YEARS

Erica French

15 YEARS

Jason Johnson
Dennis Myers
Jim M. Jorgensen
Michelle McWhorter

10 YEARS

Ryan Drake
Zonnie Borg

5 YEARS

Brian Hatfield
Alejandro Jimenez
Bob Tarrant
Tara Wilson
Rodney Fagundes
Stormy Bateman
Pete Linscott

1 YEAR

Chad Shook
Jim T. Jorgensen
Chase Messerle
Andrew Jensen
Jon De Weese
Stephanie Young
Mike Miller

Sammy Avalos-Dominguez

Scott Brown
Matt Hays
Carl Corsaut
Jesus Santiago Moreno
Ricardo Diaz Chavez
Rigoberto Banuelos
Juan Medina Silva
Daniel Alonso Alonso
Francisco Alonso Alonso
Pedro Regalado Ortega
Alex King
Chris Marlow
Gary Martin
Lee Peterson
Duston Cabrera
Craig Parke

a new force main vault and gravity sewer manhole, added a new entryway to the pump station building, and are putting the finishing touches on the removal and replacement of the existing vacuum prime pump and control system. The project owner, Charleston Sanitary District, is excited for a great upgrade with a new Smith & Loveless Everlast 3000 series vacuum prime pump station.

Wildish Standard Paving Co.

Project Engineer **Curtis Fenner** says that crews on the Fremont Bridge Connections project are approaching the home stretch. Through rain and snow in the early spring, crews completed 17 northbound I-405 joint replacements, leaving the project with 5 joints to finish. In mid-April, the team will start an 18 day closure of a major ramp leading to the Fremont Bridge and install 120 CY of concrete overlay to the structure. The remaining joints will be completed through the summer before the project gets permanent striping.

On the Boones Ferry Road project, Wildish is completing Stage 1, Phase 1 work in the SW Quadrant. It is anticipated that work will be done and ready to switch traffic into the next stage sometime in June. There is a lot of work ahead this summer, as Project Superintendent **Dan Payne** and **Doug Cline** deal with numerous changes requested by the City of Lake Oswego and utility companies.

Keeping up with all the changes presented some challenges. Supervisor **Adam Deutsch** has done a good job running the field and keeping the crews productive and headed in the right direction. **Tim Whiteis** and **Rene Miller** are on board and helping out with office duties. **Raleigh Larson**, the project manager, is keeping things together and headed towards our contract completion date of October 31, 2021. Consultant **Jim Thomas** helps keep up on project schedule updates. With all of the changes, this has really become a full-time job.



One of several pedestrian pathways that guide pedestrians through the WSTP Boones Ferry project

Get A Load Of This

Wildish Construction Co. recently received two awards from the Asphalt Pavement Association of Oregon (APA0) for the ODOT OR126: Cornerstone Drive to Terry Street project. These awards are a testament of the efforts and diligence of all the employees who worked on the project.

The project was awarded 2nd place for pavement construction in the “State Highway, Low Volume” category. This award recognizes “attention to detail, high quality workmanship, uniform texture, tight joints, overall appearance and degree of difficulty.”

The project also won a 3rd place Smoothness Award among all project categories, based on measurements in accordance with International Roughness Index criteria.

Work was completed in October 2019. The project included 43,000 tons of asphalt paving on approximately 7.5 miles of highway, all placed at night and under difficult traffic control conditions.



Wildish employees **Jeff Frank**, **Allen Taylor**, and **Scott Stinson** accepting the first of two APA0 Awards.



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From the Top

Without a doubt the construction industry has its fair share of challenges – demanding completion schedules, material delivery issues, subcontractor coordination, difficult owners, and complex job builds – to name a few. Yet, to-date, none has been more challenging than meeting these work requirements while in the midst of the COVID-19 pandemic.



The spread of this novel Coronavirus is so rapid that several states have closed industries where people congregate in an effort to contain it. In Oregon, Governor Kate Brown issued an Executive Order shutting gyms, state parks, and bars and restaurants. The order allowed companies to remain open as long as patrons and employees maintain a social distance of six feet. Oregonians were instructed to shelter-at-home, quarantining themselves unless making a necessary trip to the grocery store, pharmacy, or doctor's office.

Fortunately, the construction industry was deemed an essential business, enabling Wildish to continue building roadways and bridges, as well as constructing pump stations and renovating existing structures. Wildish crews are working and supporting their families.

Like other contractors, we've taken steps to protect employees. Visitors must first contact an appropriate Wildish employee before entering the main office and other buildings at Plant 2. Employees cannot ride together. Some personnel are working from home, completing their jobs remotely and attending meetings via "Zoom" and other video software.

Social distancing extends to the project sites. In some cases, this means adding a shift or staggering trades in order to reduce the number of workers on a worksite at the same time. As needed, we are also providing gloves and face coverings/masks to minimize exposure risk.

Hand sanitizer, warm water wash stations, soap, and disinfectant sprays are now a normal part of a Wildish project. Any employee who shows signs of illness, or has a family member who shows those signs, is told to stay home and seek appropriate medical advice.

While we don't know exactly how long this pandemic will last, we do know that we'll do what's necessary to protect the health and safety of employees on our projects and still get the job done. By working together, we'll get through this.

- **Bill Wildish**

WCC employees **JP Williams**, **Justin Besotes**, and **Jason Armstrong** look on as the pedestrian bridge is lowered into place on the Country Crossroad project.



Around The Yard

Baby WSTP employee **Maxwell Metcalfe** and Jourdan Dziejdz welcomed their new daughter, Kennedy Louise Metcalfe on March 31. Kennedy weighed-in at 7 pounds, 11 ounces, and measured 20-inches long. Congratulations!

Welcome **Justin Besotes** has over nine years of construction experience, including several years with Teichert. He and wife, Courtney, relocated from California and now reside in Harrisburg. Welcome to Wildish, Justin!

With over 26 years of paving experience, **Jay Ross** comes aboard as the new WCC Paving Superintendent. Jay lives in Harrisburg with his wife, Jennifer. They have two children, Maddison (23) and Jordan (20). Welcome to Wildish, Jay!

Congratulations **Charles "Wayne" Russell** and **Brian D. Childs** were recently awarded the prestigious Joseph A. Holmes Safety Association Award that recognizes their safe work in the mining industry. Congratulations to you both!