

## MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor and City Council

FROM: Mike Sauerwein, City Manager

SUBJECT: FRIDAY UPDATE

DATE: September 12, 2025

### **World Record Breaking Event**

Join us in making history on Saturday, September 13, starting at 10:00 am. Watch participants simultaneously pan for gold for 30 minutes straight in Downtown Cottage Grove. There will also be open panning, a speed panning contest, and prize giveaways.

### **ODOT Bridge Repairs**

Oregon Department of Transportation is repairing two bridges, near mileposts 183 and 169, over I-5 that were recently hit and damaged.

What to expect:

- Crews working at night from 9:00 pm to 5:00 am Sunday through Thursday.
- Traffic to shift in the I-5 work zones.
- Construction noise and delays.

ODOT plans to start work on September 15 and finish by mid-October.

Some of this work is weather-dependent, and ODOT's schedule may change.

For the most up-to-date information on traffic and impacts, visit [TripCheck.com](https://www.tripcheck.com).

### **Live Video Coverage of Main Street**

Interested in how the construction is progressing downtown? Check out the live camera.

Access to the live camera is available on the City of Cottage Grove website.

(<https://www.cottagegroveor.gov/>) Click on the Main Street live button for access to the YouTube live footage. Or you can access directly using the following:

Main Street East: <https://youtu.be/MjJOcjyeOBc>

Main Street West: <https://youtu.be/6q-6qUTSAtU>



## **EDA Main Street Revitalization Project**

### **North Side:**

Traffic has been switched to the south side for the entire project length, from Highway 99 to the Main Street Bridge.

Both the 5th and 7th Street intersections remain open for crossing and are operating as four-way stops.

Excavation will resume on the north side. Crews have completed the 8th Street intersection, through the north side of the intersection, to the east side of the 7th Street intersection. Wildish will continue to install the electrical conduits and irrigation. The forming of the curb and gutters, then concrete and sparkle will follow shortly.

### **6th Street and Main Street Intersection:**

The north side of this intersection remains closed as work progresses from 5th to 7th Street. The south side has reopened for left turns both off and onto Main Street.

### **5th to 6th Street Intersection:**

Sidewalk and sparkle have been poured to the Old Club Building. The parallel handicapped parking space in front of the Old Club has been formed.

### **City Hall Area:**

The sidewalk has been completed to the intersection of 5<sup>th</sup> and Main Street.

Thank you for your continued patience and cooperation as we work to improve our downtown area. We kindly remind everyone to stay within approved areas and avoid entering zones marked with caution tape, as these restricted areas are dangerous and your health and safety are our top priority.

### **Shop in Historic Downtown Cottage Grove**

Get a free stamp with purchase at participating Downtown Businesses, and then turn in your filled stamp cards at the Chamber for a chance to win \$500 in local gift cards each week until construction is finished. We are also pulling two winners from just this week's entries to win \$25 Coffee Gift Cards.

Check out the live drawings every Friday on Facebook and KNND.

For more details, visit: <https://www.cgchamber.com/shoplocal/>

### ***Quote of the Week:***

*"Don't gain the world and lose your soul, wisdom is better than silver or gold."*

*~ Bob Marley*

