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## Press Release

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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: Umatilla Pedestrian Bridge to Temporarily Close Starting Tuesday May 27<sup>th</sup> for Final Construction Work**

**Umatilla, OR- MAY 23, 2025**— The Umatilla Pedestrian Bridge will be closed to all foot traffic beginning **Tuesday, May 27, 2025**, as contractors complete the final phase of construction. Crews will be installing handrails and making finishing touches on the structure. Legacy Contracting anticipates the bridge will be open by June 15, depending on weather and construction conditions.

“We understand the importance of this bridge to our community, and we sincerely appreciate the patience of our residents as we make these final improvements,” said Scott Coleman, Public Works Director for the City of Umatilla. “This closure is essential to ensuring the safety and long-term quality of the bridge, and we look forward to welcoming the public once the work is completed.”

The Umatilla Pedestrian Bridge had its soft opening on December 23, 2024, connecting the South Hill area to downtown Umatilla. This bridge marks a significant milestone in improving community connectivity, safety, and recreational opportunities. Designed with ADA accessibility, lighting, and scenic overlooks, the bridge is an integral part of the larger Trail 2 Project, which is a key component of Umatilla’s Master Trail Plan and Umatilla County’s River Trail initiative. Funded in part by FEMA and Business Oregon grants, the project plays a critical role in enhancing mobility and advancing the city’s multimodal transportation goals.

Residents and visitors are encouraged to plan accordingly and use alternative routes during the closure.

The City appreciates the public's understanding as we finalize this important infrastructure improvement.

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