

## Oregon Department of Transportation News Release

## Eastern Oregon - Region 5

Morrow, Umatilla, Wallowa, Union, Baker, Grant, Harney, and Malheur Counties

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## TRAFFIC ADVISORY

## Oversized load begins travel through Eastern Oregon next week – UPDATE

Expect overnight traffic delays on U.S.395, U.S.26, U.S.20 and OR201 as the oversize load heads southeast from Umatilla towards Homedale, Idaho.

Motorists should expect delays of up to twenty minutes starting the evening of Nov. 24 or 25 as an oversized transport carrying water purification equipment and parts makes its way from the Port of Umatilla, heading south east through Umatilla, Grant, Baker and Malheur counties in eastern Oregon to the Idaho border near Homedale, ID. The load is expected to take several evenings to make the journey through the state on segments of Interstate 84, U.S.395, U.S.26, U.S.20, OR201 and other roads.

The oversize load will travel at night between the hours of 8 p.m. and 6 a.m. to reduce the impacts to travelers. It will park off the roadway during daylight hours and not be allowed to move over the Thanksgiving Holiday, or during times of snowy, icy, foggy or other hazardous conditions.

Shipment of the oversized freight will result in slow traffic and delays of up to twenty minutes. Because the transport will take up both travel lanes while on two-lane highways, traffic will be stopped at regular intervals. Pilot cars in front of and behind the load will inform the movers when to pull over at designated sites to let waiting vehicle pass.

The total transport vehicle and cargo will be 380-feet long, 23 feet wide and 19 feet tall, with the cargo itself being just 96-feet long. Because of the overall height of the load it cannot travel on Interstate 84, except for a short section between Stanfield and Pendleton where it will be routed around overpasses via freeway on and off ramps. The freight contains no hazardous materials, fuels or liquids.

Traffic impact information will be posted on TripCheck.com while the equipment is being transported along Oregon highways. Additional information will be listed on the ODOT Region 5 website at <a href="https://www.tinyurl.com/odot-region5">www.tinyurl.com/odot-region5</a>.

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