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## **Oregon Celebrates and Recognizes Public Works**

Governor Kate Brown has declared the week of May 21-27 as National Public Works Week in Oregon. Governor Brown signed a proclamation to set time aside to recognize public works crews, their work and the infrastructure they build and maintain. The governor also urged people to learn about how public works impacts their everyday lives.

“Public works plays a major role in connecting our communities,” said Russ Thomas, President of the Oregon Chapter of the American Public Works Association. “Not only do we build and maintain roads, sewers, and bridges, public works plays a major role in disaster preparedness and recovery.”

This year marks the 57<sup>th</sup> year for [National Public Works Week](#), sponsored by the American Public Works Association. This year’s theme is “Public Works Connects Us.” National Public Works Week serves as a time to recognize the contributions of public works staff who design, build, plan, operate and maintain the transportation, water supply, water treatment and solid waste disposal systems, public buildings and other structures and facilities essential to our nation’s economy and quality of life.

Communities around Oregon will take time to celebrate National Public Works Weeks over the coming weeks. Events include:

- [Eugene Public Works Day on May 18](#)
- [Washington County Public Works Fair on May 20](#)
- [Hillsboro Public Works Day on May 20](#)
- [Tigard Public Works Day on May 21](#)
- [Newberg Public Works Day on June 28](#)

For more information on National Public Works Week, visit [apwa.net](http://apwa.net). Follow the Oregon Chapter of APWA at <https://oregon.apwa.net> or on Facebook and Twitter.

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