

Before 1961, US 101 ran from Coos Bay to Coquille to Bandon. It was upgraded from a narrow 2-lane facility to a 4-lane expressway in the early postwar period. A 4 mile gap between it and the Coquille western city limits was not done then.

Since that time we locals have seen 42 4-laned between Coquille and Myrtle Point in the Seventies, followed by a 4-lane bypass of Coquille in the Nineties. The 2-lane gap was not taken care of though.

I urge the filling of this gap ASAP. The coming container cargo facility on the North Spit will bring in several thousand workers, to which one can add in the families. Some of these people will be living in the Coquille-Myrtle Point area. Add in the current commercial truck traffic, commuter traffic and tourist traffic to see there is a need to finish the job of improving 42.

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