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TRAVEL ADVISORY

Northwestern Oregon: Region 2

Clatsop, Tillamook, Yamhill, Polk, Marion, Linn, Lincoln, Benton and Lane Counties

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I-105 ramp open tonight as work is completed ahead of time

EUGENE— Work on the ramp from eastbound I-105 to southbound I-5 was completed ahead of time and will not need to be closed tonight. Originally, the work was planned for two nights on Wednesday and Thursday evenings, April 20 and 21. The contractor working on the I-105 Highway Improvement Project was able to place continuously reinforced concrete pavement on the ramp from I-105 east to I-5 south in just one night.

Since January, ODOT's contractor on the I-105 Highway Improvement Project has been working on a variety of tasks associated with the project such as constructing new bridge rails over several structures and the building of new auxiliary lanes between I-5 and Coburg Road and Coburg Road and Delta Highway. Work is being done primarily at night and motorists have encountered multiple lane closures between 7 p.m. and 6 a.m. The speed limit through the area is being reduced to 45 miles per hour effective at 5 p.m. today. Motorists are reminded to drive with extra caution and watch for lane closure signs and traffic control barrels.

I-105 construction work that will include major traffic impacts is expected to start around May 13. Once started, that element of work is scheduled to last 66 days and nights. During this period, the contractor will remove the Portland cement concrete travel way that was built in 1967 and replace it with 12 inches of asphalt. For approximately 8 days, the east bound lane of I-105 will be closed for construction, with only west bound traffic allowed; then alternating to the opposite side and closing the west bound lane for about 8 days for construction with east bound traffic allowed while working over the I-5 interchange.

In addition, the Delta Highway interchange will require a full closure of I-105 for 3 days, which will be scheduled over a weekend. The Coburg Avenue interchange will also have specific staging for 12 days in each direction where west bound traffic will be forced to use the ramp;

east bound traffic will be restricted to a single lane for 12 days. The exact dates for the closures have not been scheduled yet by the contractor.

As I-105 work continues into May, the contractor will continue working around the clock and the community may experience significant traffic impacts. There is \$35,000 per day incentives for the contractor to finish the work ahead of schedule.

Motorists are encouraged to visit the web site www.keepusmoving.info to “Find a new way” during I-105 construction. The web site provides information on alternative modes of transportation to help reduce trips each day on I-105 by using bus, carpool, alternate work and travel schedule, bike, walk, etc. For up to date construction information, please visit the web site www.keepusmoving.info or call 541-984-8484.

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