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New HAR transmitter to help Eugene-Springfield motorists

EUGENE— A new Highway Advisory Radio (HAR) system is now functioning in the Eugene-Springfield area. The HAR will provide motorists with additional traffic information in time for the major closures during the I-105 Highway Improvement Project that will begin on Thursday, May 19 at 6 a.m.

The I-105 construction HAR system will transmit a real-time highway information AM radio broadcast, to help alert drivers to adverse road conditions that may cause delays. The radio message can be quickly updated from the ODOT dispatch center in Salem. Eugene-Springfield motorists can tune to 1660 AM on the radio, where they would receive up-to-the-minute road conditions.

Eventually, there will be several HAR transmitters installed in the Eugene-Springfield area to give full coverage of the Metro area. The first transmitter is located in the I-105 area in anticipation of the major work that will begin on Thursday and continue through June.

This technology is already being utilized by ODOT around the state to help advise motorists of accidents, highway delays, load restrictions and surface conditions. HAR can help increase motorist awareness and decrease the probability of primary and secondary accidents.

The full HAR project, which will include additional transmitters and signs for the Eugene-Springfield area, is being funded with \$240,000 in STIP funds.

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