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I-105 major closures end today

EUGENE—The fourth and final closure—the eastbound lanes of I-105 over Coburg Road-- of the I-105 Highway Improvement Project ended today ahead of schedule. It marks the end of I-105 construction that has had significant traffic impacts to area citizens.

ODOT's contractor on the job, Oregon Mainline Paving, has been working around the clock on a number of construction activities on I-105 since January building new auxiliary lanes, upgrading guard and bridge rails and bringing the shoulder and median barriers up to current standards.

The work that necessitated full lane closures began May 19, 2005 and will have lasted 33 days. Originally, the contractor was provided a 66-day window to complete the major work that included five unique segment closures of I-105 between the Washington-Jefferson Street Bridge and I-5. However, in early June, an accelerated schedule was arranged to allow early consolidation of two closures, lessening the overall impact on the community.

Motorists are reminded that work on I-105 will continue through the end of the summer. There may be occasional single lane closures and other construction activities until the project is completed. The posted speed limit in the construction zone is 45 miles per hour and fines are double.

As part of the project, the westbound off ramp at Coburg Road and I-105 will be closed from 7 p.m. to 6 a.m. Saturday. On Monday, the southbound I-5 ramp to westbound I-105 will be closed from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Motorists are encouraged to visit the web site www.KeepUsMoving.info and to "Find a New Way" after construction for relevant updates. Information about other regionally significant

transportation projects, suggestions for alternative modes of transportation, including bus, carpool, alternate work and travel schedule, bike, walk, etc. can be found as well. The public can also call the City of Eugene hosted Regional Metro Road Report at 541-984-8484.