

Weekly Construction Update

I-105 Improvement Project

MARCH 11-24, 2005

Work on the I-105 Highway Improvement Project continues this week when ODOT's contractor on the project performs work on bridge rails and sign base foundations, and begins preparations for roadway embankments. Travelers should expect a one-lane closure in each direction from 7 p.m. to 6 a.m. between the I-5 overcrossing and the Delta Highway interchange. During the day construction of the sign base foundations and preparations for roadway embankments will be performed in the cleared area beyond the shoulder. Drivers should watch for lane closure signs and traffic control barrels.

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The I-105 construction work that will include major traffic impacts is expected to begin in early May and 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 west bound lane of I-105 will be closed for construction, with only east bound traffic allowed; then alternating to the opposite side and closing the east bound lane for about 8 days for construction with west bound traffic allowed while working over the I-5 interchange.

Tentatively scheduled for mid-May, the section of I-105 over the Coburg Road interchange will also experience closures for 12 days in each direction where

west bound traffic will be forced to use the Coburg Rd. ramp; east bound traffic will be restricted to a single lane for 12 days.

The fifth and final full closure area will be at the Delta Highway interchange for three days, which it tentatively scheduled for a weekend in mid-June, 2005.

The project also includes a number of other highway enhancements and safety improvements including major upgrades to the guardrail, bridge rail, shoulder barrier and median barrier, bringing them up to current standards.

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

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