

Weekly Construction Update

I-105 Improvement Project

APRIL 8-15, 2005

ODOT's contractor on the I-105 project, continues roadway embankment construction on Sunday night on both sides of I-105 between Coburg Road and I-5. Trucks hauling the embankment material will be traveling on Coburg Road to access I-105. The contractor will also continue work on bridge rail retrofit on several bridges. The contractor will also be installing foundations for cantilever signs and sign bridges on both sides of I-105 within the project limits. Expect one-lane closures on I-105 from 7 p.m. to 6 a.m. between the I-5 overcrossing and the Delta Highway interchange in both directions. No lane closures are anticipated for daytime work.

Motorists should watch for changing lane closure signs and traffic control barrels. The speed limit will be reduced from 55mph to 45mph on April 18 and will remain at the reduced speed for the remainder of the project closures.

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The I-105 construction work that will include major traffic impacts is expected to begin late in April 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 beginning the last week of April, 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 is tentatively scheduled for the weekend beginning June 3rd, 2005. The exact dates for the closures have not been scheduled yet by the contractor.

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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