



I-5 northbound exit to Franklin Boulevard closed Oct. 17-18

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Press release courtesy ODOT

Contractors for the Oregon Department of Transportation will close the northbound I-5 off-ramp to Franklin Boulevard from 5 a.m. on Saturday, Oct. 17 until midnight on Sunday, Oct 18. Northbound I-5 traffic will be detoured to Exit 191 at Glenwood Boulevard. The closure will allow for work that is part of the I-5 Willamette River Bridge replacement project.

Watch for additional closures affecting the project area.

Drivers can expect additional detours this fall and winter as work continues for the Willamette River Bridge.

The Franklin Boulevard on-ramp to southbound I-5 will be closed for two months, starting as early as late October. This closure will allow crews to widen the on-ramp. Signage will ensure that drivers are aware of changes in advance and alternate routes will be clearly marked.

For the latest information about the project visit willamettebridge.org or follow the project on Twitter: OregonDOT. Visit www.Tripcheck.com for current traffic conditions.

The OTIA III State Bridge Delivery Program is part of the Oregon Department of Transportation's 10-year, \$3 billion Oregon Transportation Investment Act. OTIA funds are repairing or replacing hundreds of bridges, paving and maintaining city and county roads, improving and expanding interchanges, adding new capacity to Oregon's highway system, and removing freight bottlenecks statewide. Based on 2008 dollars, about 14 family-wage jobs are sustained for every \$1 million spent on transportation construction in Oregon. Each year during the remainder of the OTIA program, we estimate that construction projects will sustain an average of 4,100 family-wage jobs.