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ODOT warns of busy construction season

The Memorial Day weekend marked the kickoff of one of the busiest construction seasons in Oregon's history, according to Oregon Department of Transportation officials.

Across the state, motorists will see ODOT workers and Oregon contractors working hard to repair, replace and modernize vital highway corridors and highway bridges. Travelers on Interstate 5 alone will pass through 19 active work zones between Portland and Medford.

No travelers, especially people on vacation, want to be slowed down on the way to their destination, which is why ODOT has taken steps, wherever possible, to schedule work at night or during off-peak hours. In addition, projects have been coordinated so that truckers, commuters and visitors get where they are going as smoothly and safely as possible.

Still, it's possible that motorists may face delays. To minimize that inconvenience, ODOT reminds travelers that it has two great resources for up-to-date information about construction and traffic wherever one might be traveling in Oregon. Be prepared before you hit the road by visiting www.TripCheck.com or calling 511.

And, when you see ODOT construction teams, remember that they are working to make Oregon's roads and bridges safer for you. Please, slow down in construction work zones.

For additional information visit our Web site at www.oregon.gov/ODOT/COMM/video_podcasts.shtml for a video message about the 2007 construction season and how you can be prepared.

Better roads are ahead for Oregon say ODOT officials, who remind you to drive safely.