



U.S. Hwy. 26: (Mt. Hood Hwy.) S. E. 51ST AVENUE TO EAST PORTLAND FWY. *MP 3.52 - MP 5.05*

The Oregon Department of Transportation is designing a paving project on Powell Boulevard (U.S. 26) from SE 51st Avenue to Interstate 205 (East Portland Freeway). As part of the project, the following improvements will be made:

- Overlay of new pavement on Powell Boulevard in the project area
- Sidewalk ramps will be brought into ADA (Americans with Disabilities Act) compliance
- Two new pedestrian/bike mid-block crossings will be installed near SE 57th Avenue and SE 75th Avenue
- New durable striping will be installed

The project is currently scheduled to go to bid in February 2009. Construction will likely begin in spring 2010. Project completion is scheduled for late 2010.

Due to the high traffic volumes on Powell Boulevard, it is required that all lanes be open without restrictions during peak daytime hours. Closing the lanes during the day to conduct work would create backups and serious safety concerns. As a result, most work will be conducted during overnight hours.

Night Noise

Nighttime construction noise may be audible to residents living along the project corridor. However, noise levels dissipate quickly as the distance from the source increases. The paving operation is continually moving, which means that noise will not be concentrated in one particular area for any significant length of time.

ODOT has applied for a noise variance permit from the City of Portland to conduct this construction project at night. As part of the permit process, **ODOT will present the noise application to the Noise Review Board on Wednesday, Sept. 9, in order to gain approval.** This meeting is open to the public. If you have concerns about this project and would like those taken into consideration by the noise review board you can:

- Contact ODOT at 503.731.8246 or e-mail michael.w.mason@odot.state.or.us
- Call the City of Portland Noise Control Office at 503.823.7350, fax comments to 503.823.7915, or e-mail noise@ci.portland.or.us
- Attend the City of Portland Noise Review Board meeting:
Wednesday, Sept. 9, 2009, 6 p.m.
1900 SW 4th Ave, Room 2500 B
Portland, OR 97201

It is ODOT's intent to keep those nearest the work notified of nighttime, noise-generating activities. When construction is about to begin, you will receive notification from ODOT with a noise hotline number. This number reaches a live person 24 hours a day to help resolve any noise problems or incidents.

Please contact ODOT Community Affairs at any time for questions or concerns about the project: michael.w.mason@odot.state.or.us or 503.731.8246.



Powell Blvd. Paving Project Nighttime Noise Variance

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