



Camelot to Sylvan Interchange

Phase 3

Traffic Pattern Update

The Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) is nearly complete on Phase 3 of the project to widen U.S. 26 from Sylvan to the Highway 217 interchange. Phase 3 replaced the bridge over the Canyon Road westbound off-ramp and widened and paved U.S. 26 from the Camelot Court overpass to Highway 217. As part of this project, the on-ramp in your neighborhood from Wilshire Street to U.S. 26 eastbound was temporarily closed last year. **ODOT is planning to close the Wilshire Street on-ramp permanently.** There are two reasons why ODOT believes the on-ramp closure is necessary:

- * Motorists merging onto U.S. 26 eastbound from Highway 217 northbound are traveling at a faster speed than before due to the increased number of lanes. The difference in speed between those vehicles in the midst of the interchange versus vehicles just entering the ramp from Wilshire Street would be too great. The motoring public would be put in danger as a result.
- * Construction on a project to add a third lane to Highway 217 northbound from TV Highway to U.S. 26 is currently planned for 2007. The land use and environmental documents stipulate that the on-ramp closes permanently as part of the project. Motorists are accustomed to using the Park Way on-ramp and it makes sense to continue that traffic pattern rather than reopening the ramp only to close it again in two years.

How will this affect me?

If you're heading to U.S. 26 eastbound from your neighborhood, you will continue to use the Park Way on-ramp, a distance of 1/2 mile from the former Wilshire Street on-ramp.

Visit the Camelot/Sylvan Phase 3 Web site for additional information and weekly road and lane closures at http://www.odot.state.or.us/region1/f_sylvan3/

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