



## **U.S. 26: Brookwood Parkway/Helvetia Interchange**

*Exploratory drilling to take place beginning in late February*

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### **Project Overview**

The Oregon Department of Transportation is in the design phase of a project to improve safety and operations at the U.S. 26 Brookwood Parkway/Helvetia Interchange. The project will:

- Construct a new westbound U.S. 26 to southbound Brookwood Parkway exit loop ramp.
- Reconstruct the westbound U.S. 26 entrance ramp.
- Provide an additional northbound travel lane on the Brookwood Parkway overcrossing and widen the structure to accommodate an additional southbound lane in the future.
- Extend the northbound right-turn lane from Brookwood Parkway to the eastbound U.S. 26 entrance ramp.
- Providing enhanced bicycle and pedestrian accommodations on the Brookwood Parkway overcrossing.

This project is expected to begin in summer 2013 and be complete in 2015.

In preparation for the project, **ODOT plans to conduct exploratory geotechnical drilling** in the project area to determine what type of soil and rock is underneath the surface. This is necessary in locations where the project will build foundations for retaining walls, bridges, signals and sign supports.

### **Anticipated Drilling Schedule**

ODOT contractor Western States Soil Conservation plans to conduct the exploratory drilling on weekdays between Feb. 27, 2012, and March 31, 2012. The majority of work will take place during daytime hours. However, there will be approximately one week of night work between March 21 and March 29. This work will take place weeknights from approximately 9 p.m. until 5 a.m. Your home or business may be near enough to the project for the nighttime work to be audible. There are several drilling locations in the project area, so the noise source will move throughout the area over the six nights of work.

**\*\*Noise-related concerns can be directed to 503.731.8237. Concerns will be responded to before the next evening's work shift.\*\***

Travelers can expect some minor delays during this work and should use caution at all hours when traveling through the project area.

- Most work on **Helvetia Road/Brookwood Parkway** will take place off the roadway and will require shoulder closures. There may be single lane closures at times between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m.
- Work on **Groveland Drive** will limit traffic to one lane. Flaggers will direct traffic and drivers can expect minor delays.
- Work on **U.S. 26** will take place in the median, on the shoulders and on the on- and off-ramps. This work will require shoulder closures but will not directly impact traffic.

### **ODOT Contacts**

For more information, please contact **Elizabeth Craig with ODOT Community Affairs** at 503.731.8237 or [elizabeth.craig@odot.state.or.us](mailto:elizabeth.craig@odot.state.or.us).

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