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TRAFFIC ADVISORY

Bike ramp detour at Barbur Blvd/Capitol Highway

The Oregon Department of Transportation's Interstate 5 Iowā Viaduct Replacement project has been under way since August. Most of the work has taken place down near I-5, with nighttime lane closures allowing truck traffic to enter and exit the project area. Here is a link to the project site: <http://www.oregon.gov/ODOT/HWY/REGION1/iowaviaduct/>

Up on Barbur Boulevard (the west limits of the project), activity is picking up as construction of the I-5 detour bridge begins. **Slavin Road (just north of the Vermont and Newberry bridges on Barbur) will be more frequently used for trucks entering and exiting the work zone.**

Click below to see where this location is:

http://maps.google.com/maps?f=q&source=s_q&hl=en&q=barbur+boulevard&sll=45.480312,-122.679965&sspn=0.001324,0.002342&ie=UTF8&t=h&radius=0.07&split=1&rq=1&ev=p&hq=barbur+boulevard&hnear=&z=19

The problem with the current set-up under construction is that trucks leaving the work site at Slavin can't see cyclists or other traffic coming north, unless they edge their vehicles out into the entrance to the flyover ramp that bypasses the Capitol Highway on-ramp to Barbur north.

So, in order to reduce the conflict between trucks leaving the work area and cyclists or pedestrians traveling north on Barbur, the **ODOT contractor will build a new entrance to the flyover ramp less than 100 feet to the north of the current ramp.** A stop stripe will be painted for trucks leaving the work site. Bike detour signs will direct traffic to the new ramp.

Work on the new ramp is expected to begin as early as next week (Monday, Oct. 4). It will take 1-2 weeks to build. The current ramp will remain open during construction of the new ramp.

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