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TRAFFIC ADVISORY

I-5 Closing for Gibbs Street Bridge Project

North and south traffic will be re-routed from 11:30 p.m. Friday to 4:30 a.m. Saturday

Interstate 5 will shut down in both directions for five hours starting at 11:30 p.m. Friday Aug. 12 for construction of the Gibbs Street Pedestrian Bridge in Southwest Portland.

Work crews will close the freeway to allow construction of a new sign bridge spanning the road.

During the late-night closure, both I-5 northbound access to Interstate 405 and I-405 southbound access to I-5 south will be closed.

Lanes both northbound and southbound – including the Southwest Harbor Drive entrance to the I-5 southbound lanes -- will begin closing at 7:30 p.m. Friday and the road will be shut down altogether by 11:30 p.m. Lanes will begin re-opening at 4:30 a.m. Saturday with the freeway fully open by 9 a.m.

Northbound traffic on I-5 will be diverted off the freeway at exit 299A, the Oregon 43/Hwy 26/Ross Island Bridge/Macadam Ave exit, but will be able to rejoin I-5 a few hundred yards north of the exit. Motorists heading to I-405 north and U.S. 26 west will follow this route and be detoured onto I-5 north, where they can connect with I-405 south at the Fremont Bridge. I-405 north exit 1A/Naito Parkway will also be closed.

Southbound traffic on I-5 will be diverted off the road at exit 299A, the Oregon 43/Macadam Avenue/Lake Oswego exit, and may re-enter the southbound highway again a few hundred yards south.

Access from I-405 south to I-5 south at the Marquam Bridge will be closed. Traffic on I-405 will be routed onto I-5 north, where drivers can take exit 302A/Rose Quarter/Broadway-Weidler Street, turn left onto Northeast Broadway, turn left onto North Vancouver Avenue and follow the signs to I-5 south.

After Friday night's closure, the I-5 northbound lanes, the I-405 on-ramp from I-5 northbound, and I-405 north exit 1A/Naito Parkway will close again Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, Aug. 16 – 18, starting at 7:30 p.m., with a full closure starting at 11:30 p.m. and ending at 4:30 a.m. the following morning. Work crews will be installing signs on the new sign bridge and remove an existing sign bridge spanning the northbound lanes. The I-5 southbound lanes and access from I-405 south to I-5 south will remain open at all times during this work.

Northbound traffic on I-5 will again be diverted to exit 299A and be able to rejoin I-5 a few hundred yards north of the exit. Motorists heading to I-405 north and Hwy 26 west will follow this route and be detoured onto I-5 north, where they can connect with I-405 south at the Fremont Bridge. The freeway will fully open by 5:30 a.m. each morning following the work.

The City of Portland and the Oregon Department of Transportation are building the 700-foot Gibbs Street Pedestrian Bridge over I-5 to connect the historic Lair Hill neighborhood to the South Waterfront district. The bridge will be built under the Portland Aerial Tram, serve pedestrians and cyclists, and be made of painted steel with a concrete decking. It is scheduled to be completed in February 2012.

For more information, go to www.gibbsbridge.org.

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