



## TRAFFIC ADVISORY

### **REMINDER: Inspection closing Oregon City- West Linn Arch Bridge this weekend**

***Motorists will be detoured to I-205 Abernethy Bridge during daytime closures Dec. 1-2***

Oregon Department of Transportation bridge crews will close Highway 43 at the Oregon City – West Linn Arch Bridge daily from **7 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 1, and Sunday, Dec. 2. The inspection work and closures are weather dependent.** The bridge closure will allow crews to inspect the structure in advance of a full renovation project scheduled to begin in early 2009.

For more information about the 2009 bridge project, go to

[http://www.oregon.gov/ODOT/HWY/REGION1/OR43 Willamette River Br/index.shtml](http://www.oregon.gov/ODOT/HWY/REGION1/OR43_Willamette_River_Br/index.shtml)

#### **Motorist river crossings during the daytime closures**

Variable message signs will warn motorists on Highway 43 of the weekend closures and direct them to the following detour routes:

- ◆ Motorists wishing to cross the Willamette River from West Linn will detour to I-205 northbound and take the Abernethy Bridge. Stay in the far right lane of I-205 for approximately ½ mile and take exit 9 for Highway 99E (Gladstone/Oregon City) to Oregon City.
- ◆ Motorists wishing to cross the Willamette River from Oregon City should follow McLoughlin Boulevard (Highway 99E) to the on-ramp to I-205 southbound (Salem) and take the Abernethy Bridge. Stay in the far right lane and take exit 8 to Highway 43 (Lake Oswego).

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**Bike/Pedestrian crossings during the daytime closures**

Since bicyclists and pedestrians can't safely travel across the Arch Bridge during the inspection work this weekend, they will be rerouted across the Willamette River via TriMet bus #35-Macadam. The bus will detour via the I-205 Abernethy Bridge and operate as a shuttle for bicyclists and pedestrians while the bridge is closed.

TriMet will have temporary signs directing bicyclists and pedestrians to the nearest bus stop. Bicyclists and pedestrians should expect delays due to the detour and allow additional time for trips. More information on the bus schedule is available by calling TriMet at 503.238.RIDE (7433) or by visiting the Web site [www.trimet.org](http://www.trimet.org).

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