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## **Connector road under I-84 in Cascade Locks to close for five days**

CASCADE LOCKS — Contractors for the Oregon Department of Transportation plan to close the road under Interstate 84 connecting Wa-Na-Pa Street to Frontage Road and access to the eastbound freeway on-ramp at Exit 44 from the Wa-Na-Pa Street connector from 5 a.m.

Monday, Nov. 2 until 4 p.m. Friday, Nov. 6.

The Exit 44 on-ramp to I-84 eastbound will remain open. Signs will direct local traffic traveling to I-84 eastbound. Motorists will be detoured via Forest Lane Road to Frontage Road, then west to the I-84 eastbound Exit 44 on-ramp.

Large commercial trucks will not be allowed to use the Forest Lane Road detour, except for making local deliveries. Signs will warn truck drivers heading eastbound on I-84 to remain on the freeway through Cascade Locks. Trucks leaving Cascade Locks and the Bridge of the Gods will need to drive westbound on I-84 to Exit 35, then turn around to head east on I-84.

The closure will allow workers to set beams for the new I-84 eastbound bridge. This work is part of a larger project to replace two bridges and repair five bridges along I-84 between Cascade Locks and Hood River.

Drivers should visit [www.TripCheck.com](http://www.TripCheck.com) or call 511 for current traffic advisories. Information on this and other bridge construction projects in the Columbia River Gorge is available at [www.oregon.gov/ODOT/HWY/REGION1/ColumbiaGorge](http://www.oregon.gov/ODOT/HWY/REGION1/ColumbiaGorge)

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