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News Crews May Tour Bridge Work Zone

Access to the Fremont Bridge work zone allowed with ODOT accompaniment

News organizations may arrange tours of the Fremont Bridge reconstruction zone through ODOT during the three full weekend bridge closures scheduled in July and August.

ODOT plans to close the bridge's southbound lanes, the upper deck, from 11 p.m. Friday to 5 a.m. Monday on the weekends of July-29-Aug 1, Aug.5-8, and Aug. 19-22. The closures are necessary to safely replace the epoxy asphalt concrete layer on the upper deck -- the southbound lanes. The bridge's lower deck -- the northbound lanes -- will remain open at all times during the upper deck work.

Because of dangerous working conditions on the bridge, news media access to the work zone can take place only between 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. on the Saturday and Sunday of each full closure and only by prior arrangement with ODOT. News crews will require safety goggles, safety vests and hard hats and must be escorted into the work zone.

News organizations may schedule a tour for any of the three closure weekends by calling Don Hamilton, 503-731-8265 office, and 503-704-7452 cell; or Kimberly Dinwiddie, 503-731-8281 office, and 503-539-8454 cell.

The closure schedule below can change based on weather and other factors.

- Full closure of the southbound lanes from 11 p.m. Friday, July 29, to 5 a.m. Monday, Aug. 1. All ramps to the upper deck will be closed.
- Full closure of the southbound lanes from 11 p.m. Friday, Aug. 5, to 5 a.m. Monday, Aug. 8. All ramps to the upper deck will be closed.
- Full closure of the southbound lanes from 11 p.m. Friday, Aug. 19, to 5 a.m. Monday, Aug. 22. All ramps to the upper deck will be closed.

The limited work zone access will not restrict news crews from observation points near the bridge along the Willamette River.

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ODOT public information officers will be on call through the weekend. Here is the schedule:

Friday July 29

5 p.m. to 5 a.m. Don Hamilton 503-704-7452

Saturday July 30

5 a.m. to 1 p.m. Kimberly Dinwiddie 503-539-8454

Noon to 6 p.m.: TBD

5 p.m. to 5 a.m.: Don Hamilton 503-704-7452

Sunday July 31

5 a.m. to 1 p.m. Kimberly Dinwiddie 503-539-8454

Noon to 3 p.m.: Don Hamilton 503-704-7452

3 p.m. to midnight: Dave Thompson 503-860-8021

Monday Aug. 1

Midnight to noon: Don Hamilton 503-704-7452

4 a.m. to noon: Kimberly Dinwiddie 503-539-8454

8 a.m. to 5 p.m.: Dave Thompson 503-860-8021.

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