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TRAFFIC ADVISORY

Concrete removal test will close the Oregon City- West Linn Arch Bridge on Saturday

Motorists will be detoured to I-205 Abernethy Bridge during the daytime closure Saturday

Oregon Department of Transportation bridge crews will close Highway 43 at the Oregon City – West Linn Arch Bridge from **8 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday, March 7**. The bridge closure will allow a contractor to perform a concrete removal test in advance of a full renovation project scheduled to begin in the fall/winter of 2009. The test will determine if the concrete removal process is suitable for the renovation project.

Motorist river crossings during the daytime closure

Variable message signs will warn motorists on Highway 43 of the daytime closure 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

Bicyclists and pedestrian access will be restricted and may be closed at times. The #35 Macadam 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 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.

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