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## **I-405 paving project open house set for June 25; contractor starting work on project**

***Motorists should expect weekend directional closures, nighttime lane closures***

ODOT contractor Kerr Contractors Inc. of Woodburn, Ore., has started work on an \$11.6 million project to repave Interstate 405 from the Fremont Bridge to the Marquam Bridge. Work includes repaving the ramps to and from I-405, relighting the freeway corridor and tunnels, and upgrading freeway signs.

ODOT will host a project **Open House Thursday, June 25, 2009**. The public is invited to learn more about the project, including construction and traffic impacts:

**Where:** University of Oregon White Stag Building, 70 NW Couch St.

**When:** 5 p.m.—7 p.m., June 25, 2009

### **Traffic Impacts**

As many as 125,000 vehicles use I-405 on an average day.

Consequently, closing lanes during weekday hours would cause significant backups on I-405, I-5 and local streets. ODOT is allowing the contractor to use **four weekends of full directional (north or south) closures** to complete the project. Two

weekends will be allowed for each directional (I-405 north or south) closure. During the weekend closures, one direction of I-405 will be completely closed to all traffic from 10 p.m.

Friday night to 5 a.m. Monday morning. The tentative dates for the full directional closures are:

- **Friday, July 24, 10 p.m. to Monday, July 27, 5 a.m. I-405 NORTH will be closed**
- **Friday, July 31, 10 p.m. to Monday, August 3, 5 a.m. I-405 NORTH will be closed**
- **Friday, August 14, 10 p.m. to Monday, August 17, 5 a.m. I-405 SOUTH will be closed**
- **Friday, August 21, 10 p.m. to Monday, August 24, 5 a.m. I-405 SOUTH will be closed**

One direction of I-405 will be open at all times during the weekend closures. In addition to the weekend closures, the contractor will use weeknight lane and ramp closures to complete work during the duration of the project.



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Three tunnels – the Taylor St. and Everett St. on-ramps to I-405 south and the U.S. 26 east ramp to I-405 north – also will be closed during nighttime hours so work crews can update lighting. Work will take place in one tunnel at a time only, with about a week’s worth of nighttime closures required to complete each tunnel.

### **Detours**

During the full directional closures of I-405, motorists will be able to use I-5 as an alternate route. For example, during weekends when I-405 north is closed, motorists can use I-5 north to get to their destination. Detour maps will be available on ODOT’s project web site listed below as the weekend full closures approach.



### **Federal Stimulus Funds**

Approximately 30% of the \$11.6 million I-405 paving project uses federal stimulus funds through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act.

### **Project Information**

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For the latest closure information on the I-405 project, go to <http://www.tripcheck.com> or dial 5-1-1.

You can also visit the project web site for general project information and scheduled traffic impacts: <http://www.oregon.gov/ODOT/HWY/REGION1/I405/>

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