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Powell paving project open house March 4

The Oregon Department of Transportation invites the public to an Open House this week for the Powell Boulevard (U.S. 26/Mt. Hood Highway) paving project.

Project construction, which is scheduled to begin in early March, includes paving Powell Boulevard from SE 51st Avenue to Interstate 205, new sidewalks in compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), two new pedestrian/bike mid-block crossings near SE 57th Avenue and SE 75th Avenue and new striping along the corridor. Parker Northwest Paving Co. of Canby is the prime contractor on this \$2.7 million construction project.

ODOT will host a project **Open House, 5-7 p.m. Thursday, March 4 at Franklin High School Library**, 5405 SE Woodward St. in Portland. The public is invited to learn more about the project, including construction, noise and traffic impacts.

Traffic Impacts

Due to high traffic volumes on Powell Boulevard, all lanes will be open without restrictions during peak daytime hours. Closing the lanes during the day to conduct work would create backups and serious safety concerns. Work will take place during off-peak hours and during the night, with the contractor using single-lane closures to complete the paving and sidewalk work.

Schedule

March 2010: Erosion control, temporary sign installation and sidewalk excavation and concrete reconstruction work will begin. This work is expected to continue through May.

June: Grinding and paving on Powell Boulevard will begin. This is when the primary night work is expected to start. The contractor plans to start in June at the east end of the project (I-205) and grind and pave west along westbound Powell to the project end (SE 51st Avenue). This phase of the project is expected to take one month.

July/August: The contractor will work on sidewalk and utility work throughout the project area.

September: The contractor will move to eastbound Powell, beginning grinding and paving operations at SE 51st Avenue and traveling east to I-205. This phase of the project is expected to take one month.

October: Permanent signing and striping work will take place across the project area.

November: Sign work, landscaping and general cleanup will take place.

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December 2010: Project complete

Information:

Visit the project Web site at: <http://www.oregon.gov/ODOT/HWY/REGION1/Powell/>

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