

# I-5: Glendale to Hugo Paving and Sexton Climbing Lane

## What is the problem?

Between Hugo (exit 66) and Glendale (exit 80), Interstate 5 crosses three steep summits – Sexton Mountain, Smith Hill and Stage Road – where trucks slow down in the outside lane. This slowing results in congestion and increases the possibility of crashes. Some trucks negotiate the passes using the outside shoulders, which do not provide full width for



vehicles. Driving on the shoulder also does not allow for disabled vehicles that may be stopped by the side of the road.

Throughout this stretch of highway, the road surface is cracked and showing signs of deterioration. In addition to requiring costly repairs, further deterioration poses a safety risk to the traveling public.

## What does ODOT plan to do?

To help ease congestion and improve safety along this corridor, ODOT has secured funding to build one truck climbing lane. The lane, approximately 2.8 miles in length and 12 feet in width, will be located along northbound I-5 between the Hugo interchange and Sexton Mountain Pass. The new climbing lane will be constructed on top of the existing right shoulder, requiring the road to be widened in some areas to create a new shoulder.

Due to current funding limitations, ODOT has no plans to build any additional truck climbing lanes in this section.

In addition to the northbound Sexton climbing lane, ODOT will repave the freeway in both directions between mile point 67.1 and 81.5. Bridge approaches will be rebuilt in several locations and substandard and damaged guardrail will be replaced. Substandard median barrier will be upgraded as well.



## Project Fast Facts

<b>Location</b>	Interstate 5: MP 66.7 – 81.5
<b>Construction budget</b>	\$27.1 million
<b>Construction timeline</b>	Spring 2013-Summer 2014
<b>Prime Contractor</b>	Knife River Materials
<b>General Goals</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Improve safety along I-5 corridor</li> <li>▪ Ease congestion on Sexton Mt. pass</li> <li>▪ Preserve roadway surface</li> </ul>

## Need More Information?

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