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**For more information on the
South Medford Interchange
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www.smedfordinterchange.org

Northbound I-5 traffic switches to detour bridge tonight

MEDFORD — At midnight, northbound Interstate 5 traffic will switch to a temporary detour bridge just south of the Barnett Road exit (exit 27) for the South Medford Interchange project.

Northbound traffic will be narrowed to one lane at 7 p.m. to accommodate striping. At midnight, both lanes of traffic will be moved onto the temporary bridge that spans Bear Creek.

“Motorists should be aware of the change, especially northbound travelers using I-5 exit 27,” said ODOT Public Service Representative Bill Boyett.

The replacement of the two Bear Creek bridges on Interstate 5 is part of the South Medford Interchange project. Once northbound traffic is on the temporary bridge, the contractor, Wildish Standard Paving of Eugene, will begin rebuilding the existing northbound bridge.

The \$70 million South Medford Interchange project began last spring, following more than seven years of development. This is the largest state highway project in the Rogue Valley since Interstate 5 was built.

A joint venture with the City of Medford, the project is designed to improve safety and congestion. The project’s centerpiece is construction of a new interchange 1,900 feet south of the existing Barnett Road exit. The new interchange design is called a single point urban interchange, which supports higher traffic volumes.

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