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Barnett Road traffic to make room for utility work

Drivers should expect additional congestion

MEDFORD — Drivers using Barnett Road east of Interstate 5 are advised traffic patterns will change to accommodate construction between Highland Drive and Ellendale Road. The changes, part of the South Medford Interchange project, are effective Thursday morning, Feb. 1.

Expect additional congestion. The center turn lane will be eliminated to maintain two lanes of traffic in each direction during construction. No left-turn will be allowed in this section.

Drivers are advised to allow extra time on Barnett Road or consider using alternate routes. Turn lanes from eastbound Barnett Road onto Highland Drive and Ellendale Road will not be affected.

Construction will focus on utility work, such as moving utility poles and lines and then widening Barnett Road to accommodate new curbs, gutters and sidewalks. Construction work will begin on the south side of Barnett Road.

The \$70 million South Medford Interchange project began last spring. A joint venture with the City of Medford, the project is designed to improve safety and congestion in south Medford.

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