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Delivery of 36 large, bridge beams scheduled for South Medford Interchange project

Drivers should expect temporary traffic delays on Barnett Road

MEDFORD – The delivery of 36 large, steel-reinforced, concrete beams are expected to cause temporary traffic delays on Barnett Road, beginning Wednesday, April 11. The deliveries, which will continue through Thursday, April 18, are for the South Medford Interchange project.

“These are some of the largest beams ever delivered for a state highway project,” said ODOT Public Service Representative Bill Boyett. “The beams are in excess of 165 feet, longer than half a football field, and weigh more than 169,000 pounds.”

Each delivery will consist of four-to-six beams. The beams will be used for the new bridge spanning Bear Creek between Highland Avenue and the new South Medford interchange.

Deliveries are scheduled daily from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Due to the length of the beams, the southbound off-ramp signal at Barnett Road will be disabled. Flaggers will provide traffic control. Drivers should expect temporary traffic delays on Barnett Road and are strongly encouraged to use alternative routes.

The \$70 million South Medford Interchange project began in 2006. A joint venture with the City of Medford, the project is designed to improve safety and congestion in south Medford.

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