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## **ODOT To Close Highway 97 Access at S. Century Drive**

For three days next week, tentatively Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, September 19, 20, 21, ODOT will close the access to S. Century Drive from Highway 97.

This is a major milestone in the S. Century Drive project, since it will involve elimination of the old access and allow for the opening of the new interchange.

Closure will allow the S. Century Drive project contractor, Knife River, to remove the current access route and complete paving the new on and off ramps for access to S. Century Drive and the Sunriver area. Motorists will be advised to take the Vandervert Road off and on access to reach S. Century Drive and the Sunriver areas until the new interchange is completed.

This closure marks the end of the access via the old T-style interchange at S. Century Drive and when paving is complete, ODOT will open the new "Diamond" interchange to traffic. This access may be available as soon as Saturday, September 22.

More paving for an additional 2-inch asphalt lift will be scheduled in the area for the final overlay which may be completed by the end of October, depending upon weather conditions.

The entire 9.4 million dollar construction project has been underway for nearly two years.

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