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Construction Prompts Empire Off-Ramp Closure

One Night Closure Set

BEND – Motorists traveling northbound on the Bend Parkway will be prohibited from using the northbound Empire Avenue off-ramp for one night due to construction activity.

The closure is planned for the night of Friday, March 27, from 8:00PM until Saturday, March 28 at approximately mid-day.

Crews will be replacing irrigation mainline piping that traverses the off-ramp and patching over the trench.

Northbound drivers seeking to exit the northbound ramp from the Bend Parkway are advised to use alternate routes to reach Empire Avenue.

It is not anticipated that the construction will interfere with Bend Parkway traffic, but motorists should use caution while traveling in the area.

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