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City of Redmond Maple Street Overpass

Set To Open

After 6 years of planning and construction, the Maple Street Overpass constructed by the Oregon Department of Transportation (Region Four) in Redmond is set to open to traffic.

The new $10 million overpass will provide over-grade crossing for East-West traffic over the new Redmond Highway 97 Reroute, North Canal Boulevard, the COID Pilot Butte Canal and Burlington Northern – Santa Fe Railroad tracks.

With the opening of the new Overpass, motorists, pedestrians, and cyclists will enjoy safer and more rapid transit of the east-west transportation corridor at the north end of the City of Redmond. Especially as the new US 97 Reroute takes form, the new Overpass will greatly improve traffic flow without subjecting travelers to delays at the railroad crossing and the intersection of Maple Street and the Highway 97 Reroute that is currently being prepared for construction. Construction is set to begin in April, 2007.

Who: ODOT Region Four Manager Bob Bryant and Redmond Mayor Alan Unger
What: “Lighting Ceremony”. Activating the intersection control signal lights.
When: Monday, January 8, 11:00AM (tentative)
Where: Maple Street and Highway 97

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