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Median Barrier Installed on US 97 S. of Bend

Beginning, Monday, August 20, crews working on the Highway 97 Safety Project at Romaine Village Way will install median barriers along the centerline of the highway.

This will prevent motorists from making left turns entering and exiting the highway.

The purpose of the installation of the median barriers as part of the improvement project is to increase the safety factor along the increasingly congested corridor.

Commuters and other motorists may have to utilize the Baker Street off-ramps to reach their destinations.

ODOT has invested \$5.4 million in the project which includes preservation, safety and visual messaging on the 5.5 mile stretch of Highway 97 south of Bend, from Village Way to the weigh scales north of Lava Butte. The project is expected to be completed by the end of August.

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