

Subpart C—Routing of non-radioactive hazardous materials

§397.67 Motor carrier responsibility for routing.

(a) A motor carrier transporting NRHM shall comply with NRHM routing designations of a State or Indian tribe pursuant to this subpart.

(b) A motor carrier carrying hazardous materials required to be placarded or marked in accordance with 49 CFR 177.823 and not subject to a NRHM routing designations pursuant to this subpart, shall operate the vehicle over routes which do not go through or near heavily populated areas, places where crowds are assembled, tunnels, narrow streets, or alleys, except where the motor carrier determines that:

(b)(1) There is no practicable alternative;

(b)(2) A reasonable deviation is necessary to reach terminals, points of loading and unloading, facilities for food, fuel, repairs, rest, or a safe haven; or

(b)(3) A reasonable deviation is required by emergency conditions, such as a detour that has been established by a highway authority, or a situation exists where a law enforcement official requires the driver to take an alternative route.

(c) Operating convenience is not a basis for determining whether it is practicable to operate a motor vehicle in accordance with paragraph (b) of this section.

(d) Before a motor carrier requires or permits a motor vehicle containing explosives in Class 1, Divisions 1.1, 1.2, 1.3, as defined in 49 CFR 173.50 and 173.53 respectively, to be operated, the carrier or its agent shall prepare a written route plan that complies with this section and shall furnish a copy to the driver. However, the driver may prepare the written plan as agent for the motor carrier when the trip begins at a location other than the carrier's terminal.

You — as a licensed carrier or driver — are ultimately responsible for the safe transportation of your hazardous cargo.

Not all hazardous materials shipments present a risk requiring routing. Shipments affected by these prohibitions are:

- Bulk Cargo Tanks requiring placarding
- Any amount of hazardous material that is required to be marked or placarded in accordance with 177.823; also see FMCSR 397.1 and 397.67
- ANY QUANTITY OF:
 - Explosives Class: 1.1, 1.2, & 1.3
 - Poison Gases: 2.3 – Zone A or B
 - Dangerous When Wet: 4.3

For Further Information

- DOT Motor Carrier Enforcement: (503) 378-3667
- Portland Office of Emergency Management: (503) 823-4375
- Informational Recording: (503) 823-1300



Truck Routes for Hazardous Materials in the Portland Area



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Truck transportation of hazardous materials creates potential health and safety problems for the general public, as well as for those who drive the trucks. Trucks hauling hazardous materials should use the safest available highway routes. Safe routes are those where accidents are less likely to occur, and where the consequences will be less severe if accidents occur.

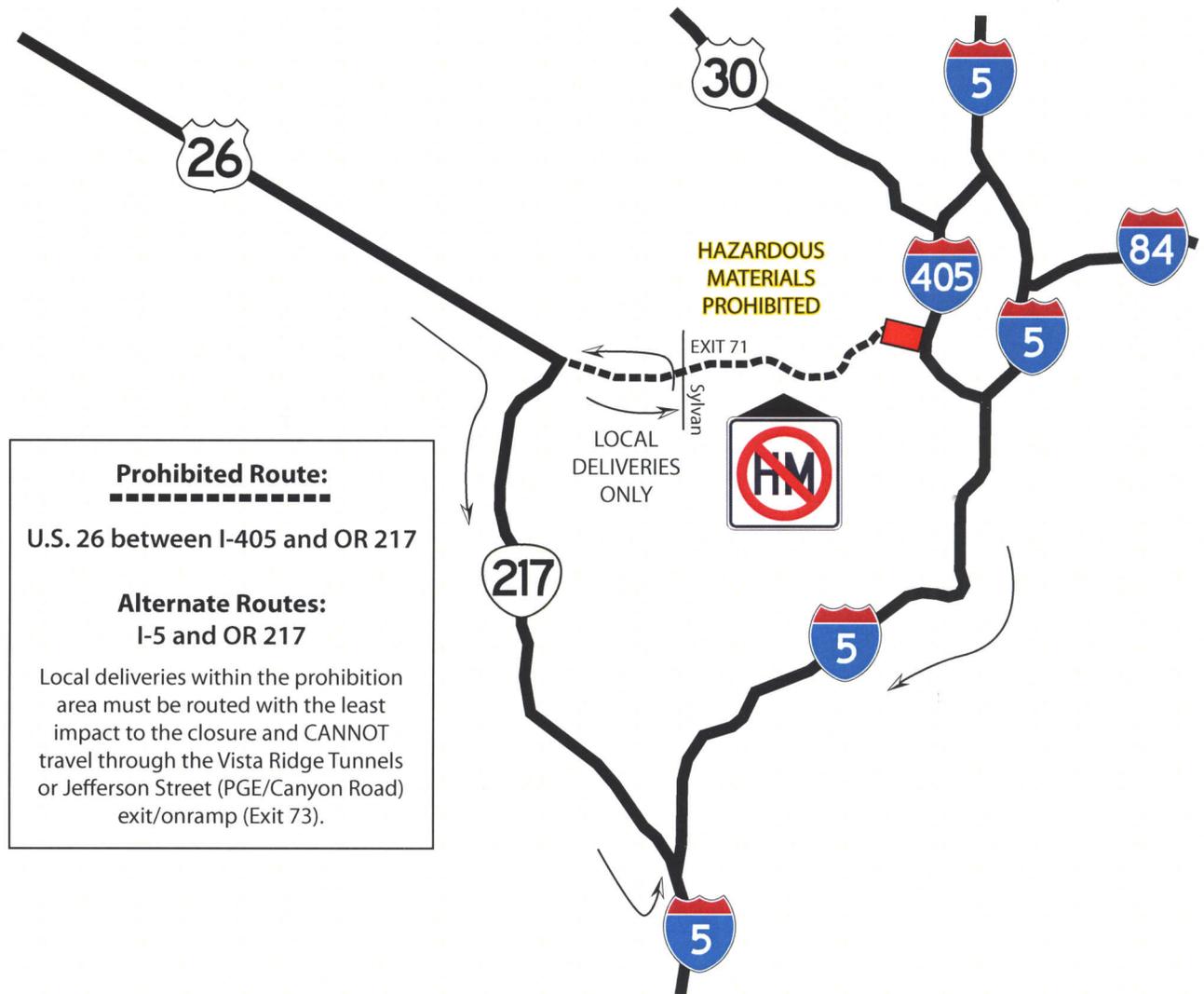
These prohibitions have been in place since 1994.

The route identified on the map in this brochure was selected after thorough study by motor-carrier and public safety officials familiar with the Portland area.

Federal Motor Carrier Safety Regulations:

“Unless there is no practical alternative, a motor vehicle that contains hazardous materials must be operated over routes which do not go through or near heavily populated areas, places where crowds are assembled, tunnels, narrow streets, or alleys.

...Operating convenience is not a basis for determining whether it is practicable to operate a motor vehicle in accordance with this paragraph...”



Prohibited Route:

 U.S. 26 between I-405 and OR 217

Alternate Routes:
 I-5 and OR 217

Local deliveries within the prohibition area must be routed with the least impact to the closure and CANNOT travel through the Vista Ridge Tunnels or Jefferson Street (PGE/Canyon Road) exit/onramp (Exit 73).

Know before you go!

