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# Wilshire Street off-ramp closure

As part of the ongoing OR 217 Modernization Project, **the contractor will temporarily close the Wilshire Street off-ramp**, located in the OR 217 northbound/U.S. 26 eastbound interchange. The off-ramp will close early morning on Monday, June 6 and remain closed for 45 days - until July 20. While the off-ramp is closed, motorists on OR 217 northbound heading for Wilshire Street will be directed to continue north on OR 217 and take the Barnes Road exit. Detour signs will be in place to direct motorists back to Wilshire Street. Flaggers will intermittently control traffic on the Wilshire Street overpass due to ongoing construction, but one lane of traffic will be maintained at all times during the off-ramp closure.

The ramp closure is necessary to reconstruct the OR 217/U.S. 26 interchange and the off-ramp. When the ramp reopens in late July, it will be easier to navigate with a gentler curve and less abrupt turning movement.

The modernization project is slated for completion in early 2012. Highway signs will be updated to reflect that the ramp leads to Wilshire Street.

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