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TRAFFIC ADVISORY

Around-the-clock Sunset Highway construction

All lanes on U.S. 26 open Friday afternoon and remain open all weekend, every weekend!

Drivers heading to the coast using U.S. 26 (Sunset Highway) this spring will encounter several projects taking place around-the-clock during the week. However, the Oregon Department of Transportation does not expect this work to cause a significant delay to drivers.

The road to the coast is open and ODOT construction staff is working to minimize impacts to drivers during construction. **All lanes on U.S. 26 will be open on weekends and holidays.**

Dennis Edwards Tunnel

Work continues inside the Dennis L. Edwards Tunnel 31 miles west of Portland on U.S. 26.

On weekdays **starting Thursday, April 21, the contractor will begin working around-the-clock inside the tunnel. The tunnel will remain open during weekends. However, Monday through Thursday, the contractor**

will flag traffic through the tunnel from 6:30 a.m. to 8 p.m. and Fridays from 6:30 a.m. to noon. The overnight tunnel closures and detour will continue as scheduled through May.



The daytime flagging will occur Monday through Friday until the project is complete at the end of June. **During the flagging operation, drivers should expect a maximum 10-minute delay when traveling through the tunnel. Average delays should be 3-5 minutes.**

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During the daytime work, the contractor will install steel rebar over the timber lining. Overnight work will consist of applying shotcrete (reinforced concrete) over the rebar and removing the timber bents (timber arches). This method for replacing the tunnel lining has been modified.

Quartz Creek Bridge

The contractor working to replace bridge joints, improve bridge rails and repair the bridge deck on the Quartz Creek Bridge 24 miles east of U.S. 101 will begin 24-hour flagging Monday, April 25, through Thursday, April 28. During the flagging, motorists will encounter delays up to 10 minutes. All lanes will open for weekend travel Friday morning.



The contractor will rebuild the northwest approach to the bridge next week. Around-the-clock flagging will take place occasionally for the duration of the project.

Johnson Creek and Volmer Creek Bridge Replacements

The contractor removing and replacing the Volmer Creek and Johnson Creek Bridges on U.S. 26 just east of U.S. 101 is flagging traffic through the work zone around-the-clock during the weekday demolition of the existing bridges and construction of the new bridges. Flagging will take place between midnight on Sundays and 3 p.m. on Fridays at milepost 2 and 3. Drivers may encounter 20-minute delays during this work.

The majority of the work on this project is anticipated to occur in the months of April through July with completion expected in October of this year.

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