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TRAFFIC ADVISORY

Portland freeway lane and ramp closures

Motorists need to plan for delays and look out for many work zones starting tonight

ODOT crews and contractors will perform work on several freeways in Portland over the next few days. Motorists will encounter multiple work zones and delays.

Thursday, May 19

Starting at 3 p.m. Thursday the City of Portland will close the right westbound lane on U.S. 30 (NW Yeon Avenue) at NW Nicolai Street to perform emergency repairs. **This lane closure will remain in place around the clock through next week. Motorists should encounter delays during the morning commutes in this area.** This work is part of the City of Portland's Balch Pipe Project. For more information contact Kim Cox at 503-823-5313.

Friday, May 20

- ODOT crews will install the new César Chávez Boulevard signs along Interstate 84 eastbound. Starting at 10 p.m. Friday and ending 6 a.m. Saturday, May 21. **Crews will close the Interstate 5 southbound and NE 16th Avenue on-ramps to I-84 eastbound and the right and center lanes of I-84, although the left lane will remain open.**
 - **Detour:** During the I-5 southbound to I-84 eastbound ramp closure, motorists will take the Fremont Bridge and head south on Interstate 405 to I-5 northbound and continue to the I-84 eastbound off-ramp (exit 300). During the NE 16th Avenue on-ramp closure, motorists can use the César Chávez Boulevard on-ramp to I-84 eastbound

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- The contractor working on the I-5 Iowla Street Viaduct Replacement project will install a pipe that crosses the viaduct overnight Friday and Saturday morning. **This work requires closing the left lane in each direction of I-5 starting at 8 p.m. Friday night. The lane closures could remain in place all day Saturday.**
- Crews will wash the Vista Ridge Tunnels on U.S. 26 (Sunset Highway) between 9 p.m. Friday and 6 a.m. Saturday. **The washing will require alternating two-lane closures of eastbound and westbound U.S. 26 (Sunset Highway) through the tunnels.** The SW Clay Street on-ramp to westbound U.S. 26 (Sunset Highway) will be closed during the washing. One lane will remain open in each direction and ramps connecting U.S. 26 to I-405 will remain open.

Please slow down, pay attention and drive carefully through work zones. An inattentive driver is the most common cause of work zone crashes.

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