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## **ODOT Kicks Off Summer Construction Monday**

***This year drivers will encounter over 40 work zones from Hood River to the north coast***

The Oregon Department of Transportation will hold a news conference kicking off the 2011 summer construction season Monday, May 23, at the Interstate 84 Troutdale Interchange project site.

The event will include release of the new ODOT Northwest Oregon construction map showing the 40 projects on the department's summer work agenda reaching from Hood River through the Portland area and to the north coast.

**What:** ODOT kicks off the summer 2011 highway construction season and reminds drivers they need to pay attention when traveling this summer. Construction also means job creation for many in Oregon.

**When:** 1 p.m. Monday, May 23. ODOT staff will be available on site by 11:30 a.m.

**Who:** ODOT Region 1 Manager Jason Tell will host the event. House Democratic Leader Dave Hunt, Representatives Matthew Wand, and Greg Matthews and a representative of the Oregon State Police will speak.

**Where:** The parking lot at the north end of the Columbia Gorge Premium Outlets, 450 NW 257<sup>th</sup> Way. The site overlooks I-84 and a highway construction site and has parking.

**Directions:** From I-84 eastbound take exit 17, onto Northwest Frontage Road take a right to Graham Road/257<sup>th</sup> Avenue and make a quick left into the Mall and then take the next left. The news conference will be at the north end of the parking lot, behind the Guess store.

**Finally:** Remember that Friday May 20 is a state furlough day, which means the ODOT staff will not be available.

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