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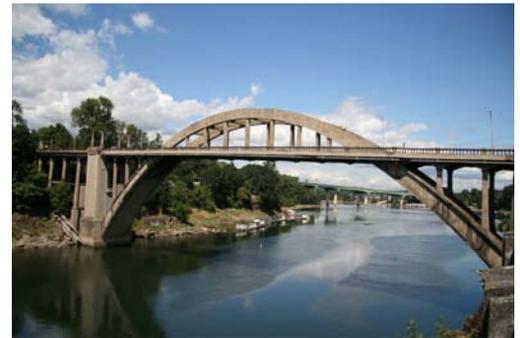
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Work scheduled on Oregon City – West Linn Arch Bridge

ODOT project managers have started preparations for the second phase of repairs to the Oregon City – West Linn Arch Bridge on OR 43, which requires closing the span Jan. 15 for two years.

Motorists will see signs along Interstate 205 alerting traffic of the impending closure. Drivers can still access Oregon City from I-205 at the next freeway exit to the north, using OR 99E.



Oregon City –West Linn Arch Bridge

The bridge closure is necessary to remove the Gunitite concrete coating, applied to protect the arch from corrosion when the bridge was constructed in 1923. Workers will examine the steel structure and make any needed repairs. The sidewalks and rails will be replaced, and new lighting will be installed.

More than 13,500 vehicles use the arch bridge every day, as well as an average 200 to 300 bicycles and pedestrians. Shuttles will run on a regular schedule during the closure to accommodate bikes and pedestrians.

The Oregon City –West Linn Arch Bridge is a historic structure, listed on the National Register of Historic Places. It was designed by famed Oregon bridge engineer Conde McCullough, whose arch designs are celebrated on more than 30 bridges in Oregon alone. This bridge restoration project will restore a unique local icon and maintain a significant link between Oregon City and West Linn.

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