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TRAFFIC ADVISORY

Updated: Fremont Bridge Paving Schedule

Weekend closures of the top deck begin Friday, July 22

Paving will take place on the top deck of the Fremont Bridge four weekends this summer starting Friday, July 22. Three full weekend closures of the upper deck of the Fremont Bridge start Friday, July 29.

Friday, July 22, the two left southbound lanes on the upper deck will be closed all weekend.

The bridge's lower deck – the northbound lanes -- will remain open at all times during the upper deck paving work.

The closure schedule is subject to change depending on weather and other factors.

- Partial bridge closure 11 p.m. Friday, July 22, to 5 a.m. Monday, July 25. The two left southbound lanes of the bridge will be closed, including the North Kerby Street and the Interstate 5 northbound on-ramps. The two lanes from I-5 southbound to the Fremont Bridge will remain open as will the lanes to U.S. 30.
- Full closure of the southbound lanes from 11 p.m. Friday, July 29, to 5 a.m. Monday, Aug. 1. All ramps to the upper desk will be closed.
- Full closure of the southbound lanes from 11 p.m. Friday, Aug. 5, to 5 a.m. Monday, Aug. 8. All ramps to the upper desk will be closed.
- Full closure of the southbound lanes from 11 p.m. Friday, Aug. 19, to 5 a.m. Monday, Aug. 22. All ramps to the upper desk will be closed.

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Detour

Motorists on I-5 southbound and Interstate 84 eastbound heading for U.S. 26, the Sunset Highway, should remain on I-5 south to Interstate 405 and head north until reaching U.S. 26. Those heading to U.S. 30 from I-5 northbound can use the same detour via I-405 northbound.

Schedule Change

The contractor planned to partially close the top deck Friday, July 15. However, the contractor is working to fine-tune the unique epoxy asphalt concrete mix and moved the first partial closure to the weekend of Friday, July 22 to Monday, July 25.

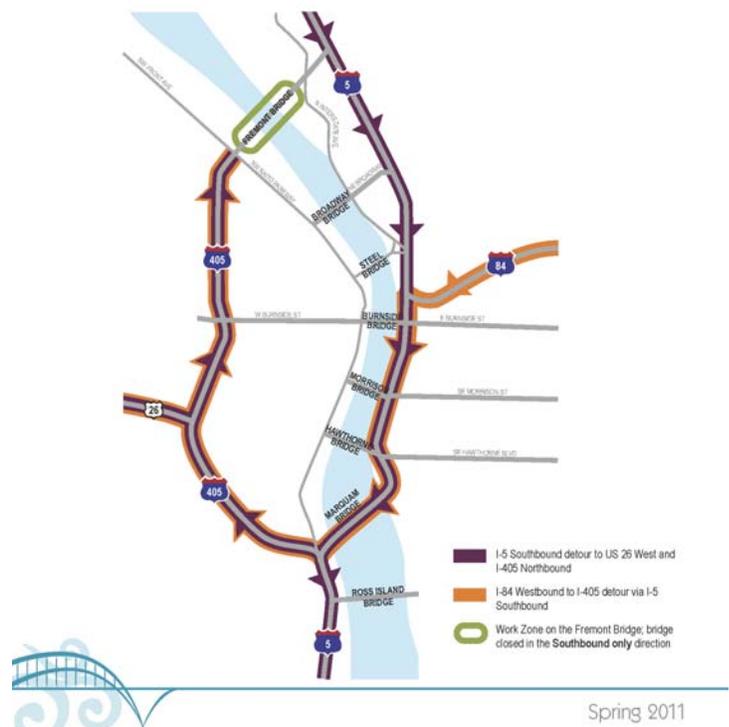
Background

The closures are necessary to safely replace the upper deck epoxy asphalt concrete on a 2,159-foot-long by 68-foot-wide section of the road at the crown of the bridge.

The epoxy asphalt concrete layer, which sits immediately under the asphalt road surface, has been in place for 38 years since the bridge opened in 1973. The top level asphalt surface is replaced periodically but the epoxy concrete layer underneath is now so rutted and worn that it needs replacing as well.

The complex, long-lasting characteristics of the epoxy asphalt concrete requires a curing period of several hours before it can handle traffic. Application requires warm and dry weather, which limits the project to July, August, or September. The Fremont Bridge is the only bridge in Oregon with this type of epoxy asphalt concrete pavement.

Interstate Detours for Weekend Closures of Fremont Bridge South



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