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TRAFFIC ADVISORY

ODOT resumes work on U.S. 26 project

Monday motorists will notice construction activity between 185th and Cornell Road

Granite Northwest, the contractor working on the Oregon Department of Transportation U.S. 26 (Sunset Highway) 185th to Cornell Road modernization project will resume work on Monday, Feb. 14.

The contractor will place concrete barriers along the right shoulder of U.S. 26 westbound. This work requires nighttime lane closures Monday through Friday from 9:30 p.m. to 5 a.m.

When the concrete barrier is in place, the shoulders on U.S. 26 westbound will narrow to less than two feet. If motorists encounter trouble in this area, they are advised to wait inside their vehicle until help arrives.

Next week, the contractor will begin building a retaining wall along the north side of U.S. 26 to support a section of the new travel lanes. Later this spring, the contractor will begin building the embankments for the new travel lanes. Building the embankment requires dry weather.

Motorists need to be alert to increased construction activity in this area.

The U.S. 26 Cornell Road to 185th Modernization Project will address the capacity issues on U.S. 26 by adding an additional travel lane in both directions from Cornell Road to 185th Avenue – a distance of about 2 miles. Once complete, there will be three lanes in each direction from downtown Portland to 185th Avenue. The 2009 Job and Transportation Act partially funded this project.

For more information visit: www.oregon.gov/ODOT/HWY/REGION1/US26_Mod/

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