

123 NW Flanders St Portland, OR 97209

I-5 over SW 26th Avenue Project

Construction Starts April 2023

ODOT is replacing the I-5 bridge over SW 26th Avenue and improving SW 26th Avenue

- SW 26th Avenue under I-5 fully closes to vehicles for a year starting this spring.
- Full weekend closure of I-5 in summer 2024.

Visit the project website to sign up for updates: **bit.ly/swi-5repair**

Check out our online open house: odotopenhouse.org/i-5-over-sw-26th-avenue-project

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ODOT is improving I-5 over SW 26th Avenue in Portland to maintain its continued reliability for travelers. We will replace the current bridge with a new, improved structure and upgrade SW 26th Avenue with better lighting, bike lanes and sidewalks.

Look inside to read about how we're upgrading SW 26th Avenue.

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Noise hotline: **503-276-7892**

Project website: **bit.ly/swi-5repair**

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Project Need and Benefit

ODOT is improving Interstate 5 over SW 26th Avenue in Portland to preserve its continued reliability for travelers. The deck is heavily worn and near the end of its useful life.

This project maintains this important freeway connection and creates a smoother ride for travelers while also bringing it up to current seismic standards.

We will replace the current bridge with a new, improved structure and upgrade SW 26th Avenue with better lighting, bike lanes and sidewalks. We are working closely with the Portland Bureau of Transportation (PBOT) on improvements to SW 26th Avenue.

Bridge Replacement

This project builds a new structure underneath the existing I-5 bridge, then rebuilds the roadway above during one weekend full closure of I-5 in both directions in 2024.

Building a new structure with this approach lowers project costs, shortens construction time, eases traffic impacts, has fewer environmental impacts and improves safety for workers and travelers.

While crews build the new structure, SW 26th Avenue will close to motor vehicles between I-5 and Barbur Boulevard for about a year.

Look inside for detailed information about improvements coming to SW 26th Avenue, traffic impacts, closure area and local detour map.

Project Area Map



Meet the Project Team and Learn More!

Come enjoy coffee and local pastries with the project team and learn more about the improvements coming to I-5 and SW 26th Avenue.

We'll share project details about the new structure and pedestrian and bicycle improvements. See you there!

Project Showcase

Saturday, April 22, 10 a.m. – Noon

Spring Garden Park

3332 SW Spring Garden Street Portland, OR 97219

SW 26th Avenue Improvements

We are improving SW 26th Avenue with better lighting, bike lanes, and sidewalks. As the sketch to the right shows:

- The sides of the structure will be filled in, similar to the look of a culvert or tunnel.
- The structure will be well-lit for the safety of people traveling through it, with six to eight lights inside.
- We will plant Boston Ivy (non-invasive) on the outside of the structure to help soften the look of the concrete, blend in with the nearby green space, and deter graffiti.
- People who walk, bike or roll in the area will have wider spaces for travel, including improved sidewalks and bike lanes.



A sketch of the improvements on SW 26th and the new structure, viewed from SW 26th Avenue looking southeast.

• We will upgrade the intersection of SW 26th Avenue and SW Barbur Court with new curb ramps, bike striping and high-visibility crosswalks.

Collaboration With PBOT

oDOT is collaborating with the Portland Bureau of Transportation on the new features we're building on SW 26th Avenue. This includes connecting to the new multiuse path PBOT is building as part of their OR 99W/SW Barbur Blvd Area Sidewalk Infill Project and adding new bike lanes on SW Barbur Court, improving continued pedestrian and bicycle infrastructure and connectivity in the area.



Visit the project website for more information: **bit.ly/swi-5repair**



Improvements to the intersection of SW 26th Avenue and SW Barbur Court.

Construction Impacts

Construction will start in April 2023 and continue through summer 2024.

SW 26th Avenue Impacts

Beginning in spring 2023, **SW 26th Avenue will fully close to motor vehicles from under I-5 to under Barbur Boulevard for about a year.** SW Barbur Court will remain open to traffic. Businesses on SW Barbur Court and homes on SW 26th Avenue will be accessible.

People walking, biking and rolling will have access under I-5 for most of the project. Travelers on bikes will need to walk through the project area.

If we do need to completely close SW 26th Avenue under I-5 to people walking, biking and rolling, we will provide a shuttle to transport people to the other side of SW 26th Avenue.

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Interstate 5 impacts

- Nighttime single lane closures on I-5 in both directions from 11 p.m. to 5 a.m. on weekdays and from 11 p.m. to 8 a.m. on weekends.
- Up to 10 nighttime directional closures of I-5 (five northbound and five southbound) from 11 p.m. to 5 a.m.
- In Summer 2024, a full closure of I-5 for 4 miles over one weekend (Friday night to Monday morning).
 During these closures there will be a regional detour using I-205 and OR 217 and a signed local detour. As we get closer to the closure, we will share detailed information and detour maps.
- Up to 30 nighttime double lane closures on I-5 in both directions from 10 p.m. to 5 a.m. directly before and after the I-5 weekend closure for prep work, striping, and placement of shoulder barrier.



Nighttime Noise

We are limiting nighttime work to 90 nights so that project noise is less disruptive to the surrounding neighborhood. During those nights neighbors may hear construction noise. We will use construction noise mitigation measures to reduce noise. Use the **24/7 nighttime noise hotline to** discuss any noise concerns: **503-276-7892.**