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COMPLETED PHASE 1 CONSTRUCTION LOOKING EAST AT THE INTERSECTION OF SE POWELL BLVD & SE 122ND AVE

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CONSTRUCTION PROGRESSES ON OUTER POWELL PHASE 2

Safety improvements are progressing on SE Powell Boulevard from Interstate 205 to just east of SE 174th Avenue.

We have cleared the way for new improvements. Work accomplished includes:

- Water mainline is complete
- 30+ blocks of new sidewalks installed
- 4 new sound walls

Working toward a safer Outer Powell for everyone.



WORK PROGRESS ALONG SE POWELL BLVD

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SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS ON OUTER POWELL CONTINUE

The Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) is making safety improvements to help people get around busy Outer SE Powell Boulevard more safely. The Outer Powell Transportation Safety Project area is located on U.S. 26 (SE Powell Boulevard) between Interstate 205 and the Portland/Gresham city limits, just east of SE 174th Avenue. Planned safety improvements will reduce both the frequency and severity of crashes and help vehicles, pedestrians, transit, transit users and bicyclists share the road with fewer conflicts.

WHERE ARE WE NOW?

Construction work for Phase 2 of the project has been underway along the project corridor since 2025. New sidewalks, bike lanes and intersection improvements are needed to improve travel safety. Construction activities are working from the east end of the corridor to the west, with paving and striping anticipated at the end of the project.

Construction of Phase 2, from I-205 to SE 122nd Avenue and from SE 136th Avenue to SE 174th Avenue is anticipated to last five years. We designed safety improvements for Phase 2 of the corridor to be consistent with the completed section in Phase 1.

Construction of Phase 1 began along SE Powell Boulevard from SE 122nd Avenue to SE 136th Avenue in early 2019 and was completed in Fall 2020.



COMPLETED PHASE 1 IMPROVEMENTS

ROADWAY, BIKE AND PEDESTRIAN SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS INCLUDE:

- Sidewalks where there are none now.
- Mix of separated and sidewalk level bike lanes.
- Center turn lane for cars, buses and trucks for safer turns and to reduce back-ups.
- Transit stop improvements.
- Storm drains to prevent water from pooling on the road.
- Lighting for improved visibility.
- New waterline.
- Upgraded traffic signals.
- New mid-block flashing light pedestrian crossing beacons (Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacons) to alert drivers that people are crossing the street.
- Sound walls at select locations.
- New pavement along the corridor.



SE POWELL BLVD CONDITIONS BEFORE CONSTRUCTION

LOOK INSIDE TO SEE A MAP OF SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS

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WHAT TO EXPECT — CONSTRUCTION BEGAN IN SPRING 2025 AND LASTS FIVE YEARS.

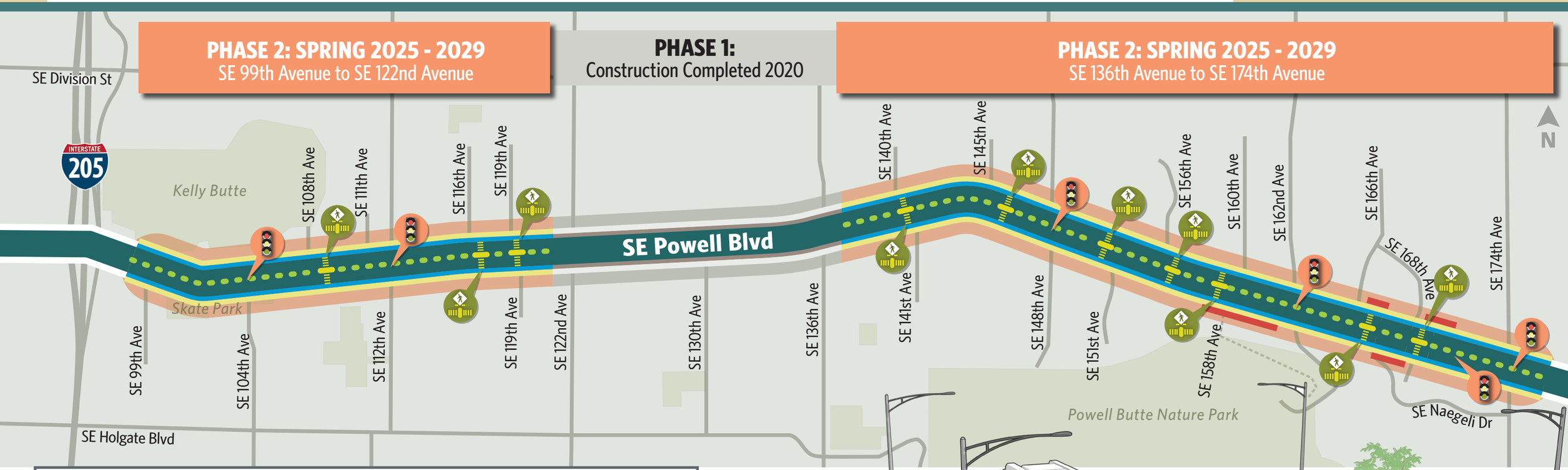
- Daytime and nighttime work with lane closures between I-205 and SE 174th Avenue.
- At least one traffic lane will remain open in each direction on SE Powell Boulevard during the day.
- Side streets will temporarily close at their intersections and detours will be in place.
- Flaggers will direct traffic through intersections.
- Temporary intersection closures during construction activities with detours in place.
- Temporary pedestrian accessible detour routes for people walking, biking and rolling during construction.
- TriMet bus routes will remain operational, although some bus stops may be temporarily relocated or closed (check TriMet.org/alerts for up-to-date information).
- Businesses will remain open during construction. Although access may be limited, please continue to visit local businesses.
- Those working or living in the area may hear noise from heavy equipment, construction trucks, beeping noises when vehicles are in reverse, and other equipment related to construction work. The noise hotline is available to help resolve any ODOT noise-related concerns 24 hours a day.

For questions or concerns regarding construction noise, please call the designated Noise Hotline: 503-276-7803.

Tips for Traveling Safely in Work Zones:

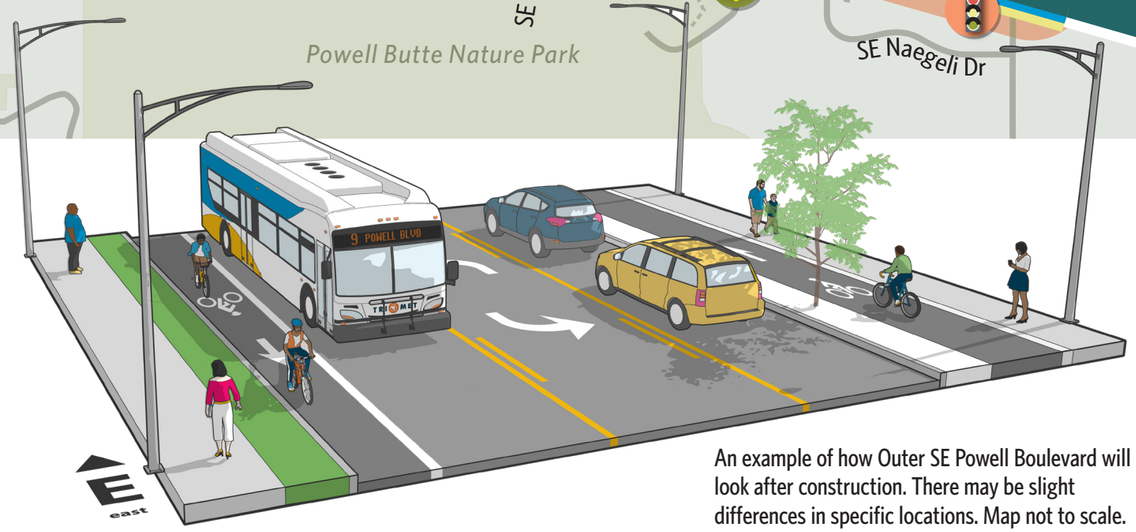
- Orange is your cue! Pay attention when you see orange signs, barrels, cones and barricades.
- Obey all speed signs for your safety and the safety of others.
- Expect delays—plan for them—and leave early so you can drive safely through the work zone.
- Allow extra time when traveling and follow all signs and flaggers for safety.

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LEGEND

- Corridor-wide improvements, including sidewalks, center turn lane, bike lanes, storm drains and improved lighting
- Upgraded Traffic Signal
- NEW Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacon/Crossing
- Completed Segment
- NEW Sidewalk
- Center Turn Lanes
- NEW Bike Lane
- NEW Sound Wall



An example of how Outer SE Powell Boulevard will look after construction. There may be slight differences in specific locations. Map not to scale.