

## I-5 over SW 26th Avenue Project

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### Project overview

ODOT is getting ready to improve Interstate 5 over SW 26th Avenue in Portland to ensure 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.

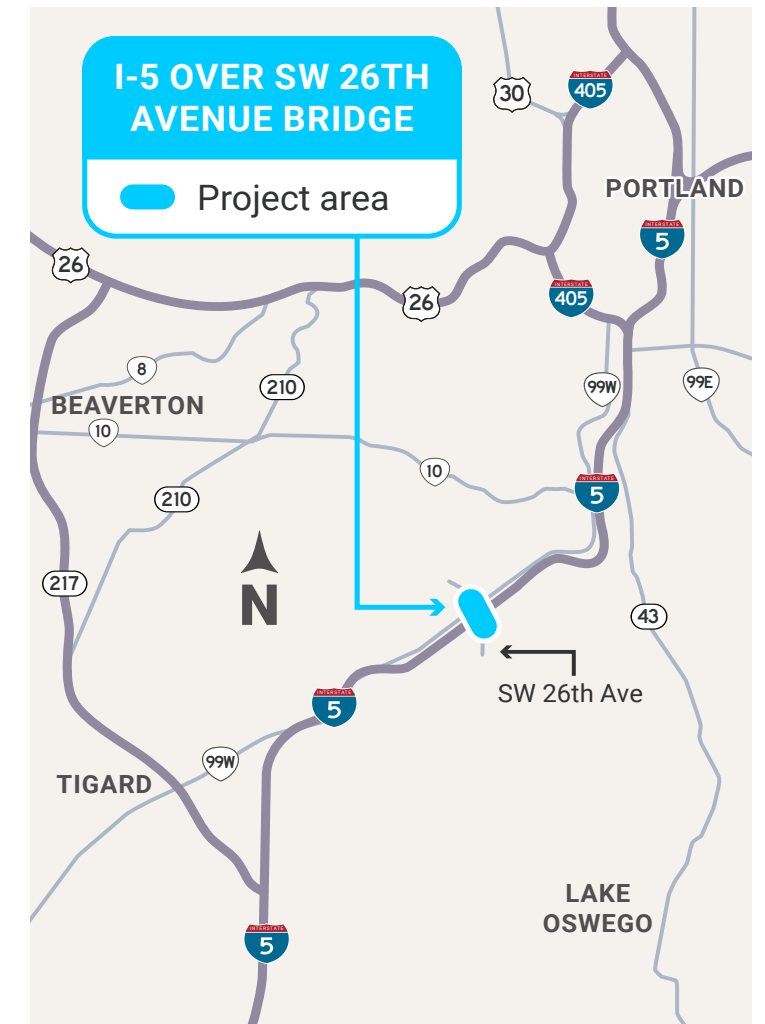
Construction will start in 2023 and continue through 2024. Most traffic impacts will occur under I-5 on SW 26th Avenue, but I-5 will fully close for one weekend in 2024. We are working closely with the Portland Bureau of Transportation (PBOT) for the portion of the project on SW 26th Avenue.

### Project background and benefits

The I-5 bridge over Southwest 26th Avenue was built in 1959 and widened in the 1980s. It carries over 100,000 vehicles per day. Its deck is heavily worn and near the end of its useful life.

This project will maintain this important freeway connection and create a smoother ride for travelers while bringing it up to current seismic standards using an innovating construction method that saves time and money.

### Project area map



### Project Timeline

2023			2024		
Spring	Summer	Fall	Winter	Spring	Summer
Construction Starts— <b>SW 26th Avenue closed to motor vehicles for a year.</b>			<b>Full closure of I-5 in both directions for one weekend</b> (Friday evening through Monday morning). Dates to be announced.		

## Bridge replacement

We need to replace the aging I-5 bridge over SW 26th Avenue to keep people and goods moving safely through our region on I-5.



We evaluated two solutions:



**1** Build a replacement bridge, which means building a detour bridge and shifting traffic to it during construction, creating **major traffic impacts on I-5 for almost two years.**



**2** Build a new support structure underneath, then replace the deck and pave during **one weekend closure of I-5 in both directions.**

We chose the option with lower costs, shorter construction time, fewer traffic impacts, less nighttime noise, fewer environmental impacts and improved safety for workers and drivers.

## Collaboration with PBOT on SW 26th Avenue

ODOT is collaborating with the Portland Bureau of Transportation on the project elements that affect 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 sidewalk to continue the connection north to SW Barbur Boulevard. ODOT will connect the end of that sidewalk project through this project's area to SW Barbur Boulevard, thus ensuring continued pedestrian and bicycle infrastructure and connectivity along SW 26th Ave.

Visit the project website for more information and to sign-up for project updates:  
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## Construction impacts

### SW 26th Avenue

Beginning in 2023, and throughout construction, we will **close SW 26th Avenue to motor vehicles directly under I-5 for about a year.** Businesses on SW Barbur Court and homes on SW 26th Avenue will still be accessible.

If you walk, bike or roll, you will have access under I-5 for most of the project. If we have to temporarily close all access, we will provide an accessible way to get around the closure.

We will have a 24/7 noise hotline for neighbors to call during construction.

### Interstate 5

Beginning in 2023, there will be occasional nighttime lane closures and possible nighttime one-direction (either northbound or southbound) closures of I-5.

In 2024, **I-5 will close in both directions for one full weekend** from Friday night to Monday morning. During these closures there will be a regional detour using I-205 and some signed local detours. Travelers can expect congestion and delays. We will share dates as we get closer to construction.

## Work zone safety

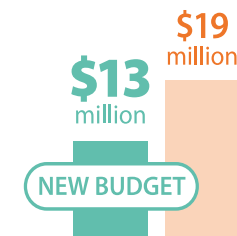
The work zone and workers will be below the bridge for the majority of construction.



4 out of 5 work zone crash victims are drivers and their passengers, not workers.

## Cost savings

Project saves up to \$5.5 million with weekend I-5 closure.



## Fewer environmental impacts

Including less construction waste, no impact to a nearby water drainage area, and less construction fuel consumption.



## Efficient use of time and money

Saves 6 months of construction.

Less disruption to traffic and fewer detours in the region, keeping people and goods moving.

One weekend closure of I-5 plus nighttime lane closures and possible nighttime one-direction closure instead of almost two years of a detour structure and frequent major I-5 impacts.



## Less noisy work

Limiting nighttime work to only 90 nights so project noise is less disruptive to the surrounding neighborhood.

