

# Portland Area Bridge Screening & Rail Retrofit

Work begins soon at SE Washington St over I-205

## About the project

The Oregon Department of Transportation will begin construction soon on a project to increase safety on **the SE Washington Street bridge over I-205**. The project will install a new protective screening and a new bridge railing on the Washington Street bridge.

This work is part of a larger project that includes installing new protective screening on twelve bridges over ODOT highways in the Portland area, and new railings on four of the twelve bridges. The project began construction in 2021 and will continue to summer 2022.

## Project benefits

New protective screening on the bridge will improve safety by reducing the ability for objects to fall or be thrown off the bridge onto the highway below. New railing will bring the bridge rail up to current standards.

## Project schedule

We expect construction to begin in the next few weeks and take about two months. Work will happen in two stages, one side of the bridge at a time.

The project schedule is subject to change. To get updates on schedule and traffic impacts, you can check out our project website or visit **TripCheck.com**.



*Protective screening will help improve safety on and below the SE Washington Street bridge over I-205. We will also install new railing on both sides of the bridge.*

## Construction hours

- Work shifts for this project will happen at night, but **lane closures on Washington Street will be 24/7** for the duration of the project because crews have to remove the existing bridge rail to install the new rail. The hours for nighttime work will be **8 p.m. to 5 a.m.**

## 24/7 Washington St. impacts

- A 24/7 right lane closure for about two months, one side of the bridge at a time. During this time, one side of traffic will shift to the center turn lane.

## I-5 traffic impacts

- Nighttime single lane closures on I-5 from 8 p.m. to 5 a.m.
- Nighttime two-lane closures on I-5 in one or both directions beginning at 10 p.m. All lanes will reopen at 5 a.m.

## Impacts for people walking, rolling and biking

- The sidewalk and bike lane will be closed while we work on the south side of Washington Street, but there will be an accessible detour for both the sidewalk and bike lane at all times.

## Construction noise

- Residents in the area may hear some noise at night from typical construction equipment. For nighttime noise concerns, please call our **24/7 noise hotline at 503-412-2349**.

## Questions or comments? Contact:

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**You can also find project information and sign up for updates at:**

**[tinyurl.com/R1BridgeScreening](https://tinyurl.com/R1BridgeScreening)**



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**New bridge railing and protective screening coming to the SE Washington Street bridge over I-205; Expect 24/7 traffic impacts on Washington for about two months, in one direction at a time.**

**Find more information inside.**

## About the project

ODOT will increase safety on twelve bridges over state highways in the Portland area in 2021 and 2022 by installing protective screening to reduce the ability for objects to fall or be thrown off the bridge. ODOT will also install new railings on four bridges to reduce the ability for vehicles to crash through the railing onto the highway below.

**For more information about the project and anticipated traffic impacts near you, visit the project website:**

[tinyurl.com/R1BridgeScreening](https://tinyurl.com/R1BridgeScreening)