

# Portland Area Bridge Screening & Rail Retrofit

Construction begins soon on Ainsworth St over I-5

## About the project

The Oregon Department of Transportation will begin construction soon on a project to increase safety on **the N Ainsworth St bridge over Interstate 5**. The project will install a new protective screening on the bridge ramp.

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. Work began in 2021 and we expect it to continue through early 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.

## Project schedule

We expect construction at the **Ainsworth Street** bridge to take place over several weeks this summer beginning as soon as early July.

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**.



*An example of protective screening similar to what ODOT will install on both sides of the N Ainsworth Street bridge over I-5 in Portland beginning in July.*

## Construction hours

- Most of the work for this project will happen at night. The hours for nighttime work will be **8 p.m. to 5 a.m., Monday through Thursday nights**.

## N Ainsworth St traffic impacts

- Nighttime single lane or double lane closures on N Ainsworth Street over I-5.

## I-5 traffic impacts

- Nighttime single lane closures on I-5 in both directions 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.

## 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**.

## COMING LATER IN 2021

We will also install bridge screening, as well as bridge railing, on the N Lombard Street and N Alberta Street bridges over I-5 beginning later this year. Work on these two bridges will involve 24/7 lane closures on one side of each bridge at a time for several weeks, but only nighttime lane closures on I-5. Check the project website for updates as we get closer.

## 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 protective screening coming to a bridge near you:  
N Ainsworth Street over I-5**

**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)