



# Oregon Department of Transportation

## News Release

### Region 1

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## Weekly Construction Update: Sept. 20 – Sept. 27, 2025\*

*\*Schedules are subject to change due to weather and other conditions.*

The following highways have projects included in this week's construction report. Scroll down to see traffic impacts in the following order (interstate, U.S., and state highways).

Sat. 9/20	Sun. 9/21	Mon. 9/22	Tues. 9/23	Wed. 9/24	Thurs. 9/25	Fri. 9/26	Sat. 9/27
I-5: Nighttime closure near Schmeer Rd., nighttime lane closures in SW Portland.							
I-84: EB lane closure at McCord Creek.							
I-205: Nighttime Lane closures Stafford Rd. to Sunnybrook Blvd. lane shoulder and ramp closures near Abernethy Br.							
US 26: Ln closures, traffic shifts, flaggers and traffic holds at SE 99-122, 136-174 Ave. w/ Pedestrian detours. Ln closures @ SE 36 <sup>th</sup> Ave.							
US 30 and Historic Columbia River Hwy: lane closure and limited access (Wahkeena-Multnomah Falls). Closure from Larch Mountain Rd to the Vista House.							
OR 43: Ln closures, Ln shifts, pedestrian detours at Marylhurst Dr. Pedestrian detours, ramp closures and lane closures at I-205.							
OR 99E: Ln closures and ped detours near I-205.							
OR 99W: no impacts							
OR 127: flagging through Sept. 1.							
OR 141: Ln shifts and closures, turning restrictions, flagging, sidewalk closures w/ped detours (Tigard).							
		OR 211: Ln closures and lane shifts. Sidewalk closures w/ped flagging and detours (Molalla).					
OR 213: Nttm lane closures possible (SE Foster to Lindy).							
OR 217: Ln closures, various impacts (between Beaverton-Hillsdale Highway and OR 99W).							
OR 224: lane closures and shifts, sidewalk closures w/ped detours (Milwaukie).							
Region wide: There may be additional impacts for maint. or permitted work.							

Schedules are subject to change due to weather and site conditions. There may be additional impacts for maintenance wk.

Please note: While the funding crisis is having a profound effect on ODOT's maintenance and operations, most construction projects will continue as planned. These projects are typically funded through separate capital programs, often with state or federal funds that are legally restricted to project development and cannot be redirected for maintenance or day-to-day operations.

Delays may still occur due to a reduced workforce. Fewer available staff for traffic control, inspections and project oversight could slow down timelines or introduce challenges in project delivery.

For more information on ODOT's funding crisis, visit our [website](#).

## Maintenance and Permitted Utility Work

There may be impacts throughout the region due to maintenance or permitted activities. Here are some of these impacts:

### Traffic Impacts:

- I-5: Full closure near Schmeer Rd. for powerline work Sept. 25 at 11 p.m. – Sept. 26 at 5 a.m.

## Interstate 5 – Pacific Highway – RealTime Signs

**Project Description:** ODOT is installing RealTime Variable Advisory Speed (VAS) signs along a busy stretch of Interstate 5 through south Portland from the Ross Island Bridge to Terwilliger Boulevard. Realtime VAS signs give drivers notice to slow down before they reach a problem area — improving traffic flow and helping to reduce rear-end crashes and congestion.

**Traffic Impacts:** Nighttime single lane closures.

**Project website:** [bit.ly/I-5VariableSigns](https://bit.ly/I-5VariableSigns)

## Interstate 5 – Pacific Highway – I-5 Rose Quarter Improvement Project

### Project Description:

We are improving safety and congestion where I-5, I-84 and I-405 converge and reconnecting the Albina neighborhood by constructing a highway a cover over a portion of I-5.

From summer 2025 through late 2026, we are constructing new stormwater facilities, repairing the concrete deck in a section of I-5 completing a seismic retrofit, extending an existing merging lane on SB I-5, and constructing a new sign structure for electronic messaging.

Current work includes mobilizing equipment and preparing work sites for stormwater and seismic resiliency work.

**Traffic Impacts:** No traffic impacts.

**Website:** <https://i5rosequarter.org/>

## **Interstate 84 – Columbia River Highway – McCord Creek Bridge (utility work)** **25T021517**

**Project Description:** We are preparing to replace the aging bridge that carries I-84 east over McCord Creek near Warrendale in 2025-2026. Replacing the bridge will eliminate a dip in the roadway and increase safety, earthquake resilience, and the lifespan of the highway.

**Traffic impacts:** Lane closure on I-84 EB days and nights.

**Project website:** [www.i84gorgeconstruction.org](http://www.i84gorgeconstruction.org)

## **Interstate 205 – East Portland Freeway – Bus on Shoulder (25T072657, 25T072654)**

**Project Description:** In collaboration with South Metro Area Regional Transit (SMART) we are working on a project to support more reliable travel by using the highway shoulder for transit vehicles. This concept is referred to as Bus on Shoulder. The project extends approximately five miles in both directions of I-205 between Stafford Road and OR43 (Willamette Drive). Another segment in the southbound direction extends for approximately one mile between the OR 212 interchange and 82nd Drive. Authorized buses may use the shoulder in clearly marked areas when traffic drops below 35 mph. No other vehicles are authorized to use road shoulders to bypass traffic. Emergencies always take priority to use the shoulder.

**Traffic Impacts:** nighttime lane and shoulder closures on I-205 southbound from Stafford Rd. to Sunnybrook Blvd.

**Project Website:** [www.tinyurl.com/i205busonshoulder](http://www.tinyurl.com/i205busonshoulder)

## **Interstate 205 – East Portland Freeway – Improvements Project Phase 1A Abernethy Bridge (22T046983)**

**Project Description:** The I-205 Improvements Project is part of a regional [Urban Mobility Strategy](#) to comprehensively reduce congestion and crashes, while also making travel times shorter and more predictable. The first phase of the project will upgrade the Abernethy Bridge to withstand a major earthquake, improve interchanges at OR 43 and OR 99E, along with improving on- and off- ramps to improve safety. Abernethy Bridge will also be widened to accommodate a third lane in each direction. Final lane configuration will be completed in a future phase.

**Traffic Impacts:** Lane, shoulder and ramp closures in the project area.

Nighttime ramp closure from OR99E to I-205 northbound Monday from 10 pm to 5 am.

Nighttime lane closures on I-205 northbound Wednesday through Friday from 10 pm to 5 am.

Nighttime lane closures on I-205 southbound Wednesday through Friday from 10 pm to 5 am.

Nighttime ramp closure from OR43 to I-205 northbound Wednesday through Friday from 10 pm to 5 am.

Nighttime ramp closure from OR99E to I-205 southbound Wednesday through Friday from 10 pm to 5 am.

OR43 and OR99E lane closure at I-205. Pedestrian detours on OR43 and OR99E.

**Project website:** [i205corridor.org](http://i205corridor.org)

**U.S. 26 – Powell Boulevard – Outer Powell Transportation Safety Project** (22T075374)

**Project Description:** We are constructing safety improvements to help people travel Outer SE Powell Boulevard more safely from SE 99th Avenue to SE 122nd Avenue and SE 136th Avenue to just east of SE 174th Avenue (the Portland/Gresham city limits). The first phase, from SE 122nd Avenue to SE 136th Avenue, is complete.

The overall Outer Powell Project will add a center turn lane, sidewalks and bike lanes. These improvements reduce the frequency and severity of crashes as well as help people driving, taking transit, walking and biking share the road with fewer conflicts. Pre-construction activities are underway. Road construction began spring 2025 and is anticipated to last five years.

**Traffic Impacts:** Lane closures, traffic shifts, shoulder closures and up to 20-minute traffic holds 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., weekdays. Temporary sidewalk closures with accessible pedestrian detours.

Possible nighttime work with closures. Flaggers may periodically be directing traffic.

**Project website:** [www.OuterPowellSafety.org](http://www.OuterPowellSafety.org)

**U.S. 26 – Powell Boulevard at 36th Avenue – Pedestrian Safety Project** (24T110870)

**Project Description:** We are improving safety for people walking, biking or rolling by upgrading the currently unsignalized crosswalk on U.S. 26 (SE Powell Boulevard) and SE 36th Avenue with a new pedestrian-activated beacon, also known as a Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacon, or RRFB.

**Traffic impacts:** Single lane closures from 8am – 4pm.

**Project website:** [www.tinyurl.com/SEPowellandSE36thAve](http://www.tinyurl.com/SEPowellandSE36thAve)

**U.S. 30 – Historic Columbia River Highway – Landslide Repair** 25T054760/ 25T054758

**Project description:** We are making repairs due to a landslide on the Historic Columbia River Highway (U.S. 30) east of Larch Mountain Road.

**Traffic impacts:** The Historic Columbia River Highway closed in both directions (from Milepost 8.7 to Milepost 9.5) between Larch Mountain Rd. and the Vista House. Detour to I-84. Exit 22 at Corbett Hill Road and Exit 28 at Bridal Veil remain open to access destinations along the Historic Highway.

**Project website:** [www.i84GorgeConstruction.org](http://www.i84GorgeConstruction.org)

**U.S. 30 – Historic Columbia River Highway – Multnomah Falls Viaducts** (24T016894, 25T077964)

**Project Description:** Two 100 year-old elevated roadways that provide access to Multnomah Falls require repairs to continue providing access to one of Oregon's most iconic sites. The elevated roadways – called viaducts – carry vehicles and bicycles to the Falls and Lodge from the Historic Columbia River Highway. The east viaduct will be closed fall 2025 through spring 2026. Restoration work to the west viaduct on the Historic Columbia River Highway (U.S. 30) between Wahkeena Falls and Multnomah Falls was completed in May 2025.

**Traffic Impacts:** A section of the Historic Columbia River Highway/U.S. 30 between Multnomah Falls and the Oneonta Trailhead is closed to all users from October 1 until Spring 2026.

I-84 is open. Use I-84 Exit 31 or take transit to visit Multnomah Falls. There is no vehicle, pedestrian or bicycle access to Multnomah Falls heading westbound on the Historic Highway from Exit 35. The Oneonta trailhead is open to hikers, with limited parking.

**Project website:** [www.i84GorgeConstruction.org](http://www.i84GorgeConstruction.org)

**U.S. 30 BY – St. Johns Bridge – Bridge Repair** (22T088503)

**Project Description:** We are improving the long-term safety and lifespan of the St. Johns Bridge by repairing the concrete on the pier columns and arches under the bridge. Repairing the concrete will protect the bridge's steel internal frame and reinforcements from corrosion, maintaining the service life of this beloved Portland Historic Landmark.

**Traffic Impacts:** No traffic impacts.

**Project website:** <https://www.oregon.gov/odot/projects/pages/project-details.aspx?project=37899>

**U.S. 30 BY – North Lombard Street, NE Lombard Street, NE Killingsworth Street, NE Sandy Boulevard – sidewalk curb ramps** (24T025322)

**Project Description:** This project rebuilds 300 sidewalk curb ramps at unsignalized intersections along U.S. 30 Bypass in Portland between N. Syracuse Street and NE 165th Avenue to meet ADA accessibility standards.

**Traffic Impacts:** No traffic impacts.

**Project website:** [www.R1ADA.org](http://www.R1ADA.org)

**OR 8 – TV Highway – fiber optic cable from OR 217 to SW 198<sup>th</sup> Avenue** (25T010672)

**Project Description:** We are installing new overhead and underground fiber optic cable where gaps exist along OR 8 between SW 198th Avenue in Aloha to OR 217 in Beaverton.

**Traffic Impacts:** No Impacts.

**Project website:** [OR8construction.org](http://OR8construction.org)

**OR 43 at Marylhurst Dr Intersection Improvements** (25T007381)

**Project Description:** This project will reduce conflicts and improve safety on OR 43 (Willamette Drive) for travelers at the Marylhurst Drive intersection.

**Traffic impacts:** Lane closures, lane shifts and pedestrian detours on OR 43 at Marylhurst Dr.

**Website:** [Bit.ly/ODOT-OR43-Project](http://Bit.ly/ODOT-OR43-Project)

**OR 141 – Hall Boulevard – SW Hemlock Street and SW Spruce Street - Pedestrian Safety Improvements** (25T044144)

**Project Description:** In partnership with the City of Tigard and Washington County, we are working on a project to enhance safety on Hall Boulevard (Oregon Hwy 141). This project will install two new enhanced pedestrian crossings, or Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacons, across SW Hall Boulevard at the intersections of SW Hemlock and SW Spruce streets.

**Traffic Impacts:** No impacts.

**Project website:** <https://tinyurl.com/SWHallBlvdRRFBs>



## **OR 141 – Hall Boulevard – ADA curb ramp construction (25T028571)**

**Project Description:** We are bringing over 100 sidewalk curb ramps into compliance with Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) accessibility standards in Tigard along SW Hall Boulevard (OR 141) between OR 99W and SW Durham Road, and on SW 72nd Avenue between SW Gonzaga Street and SW Varns Street.

**Traffic Impacts:** Daytime lane shifts, Sidewalk closures with accessible pedestrian detours and turning restrictions on Hall Blvd. and 72<sup>nd</sup> Ave.

**Project website:** <https://www.oregon.gov/odot/projects/pages/project-details.aspx?project=22431>

## **Oregon 211 – Main Street – Private Development (Molalla) (24T030890)**

**Project Description:** A private development is underway off OR 211 near Ona Way in Molalla.

**Traffic Impacts:** Lane closures, lane shifts and flagging. Work anticipated at night and daytime. Sidewalk closures with flagging and accessible pedestrian detours.

## **Oregon 213 – SE 82nd Avenue – Paving and Safety Improvements (23T079513)**

**Project Description:** We are repaving and making safety improvements on SE 82nd Avenue from SE Foster Road to SE Thompson Road. We will repave SE 82nd Avenue in both directions between SE Foster Road and SE Lindy Street. Pedestrian safety improvements from SE Foster to SE Thompson Road include four new Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacons (RRFBs), upgrades to curb ramps that meet Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) requirements and adding new sidewalks between SE Clatsop Street and SE Cornwell Street.

**Traffic Impacts:** Nighttime single lane closures are possible on SE 82 Ave. (OR 213) between SE Foster Rd. and SE Lindy St. from 7:00 p.m. to 7:00 a.m.

**Project website:** [tinyurl.com/82ndAveFosterToThompson](https://tinyurl.com/82ndAveFosterToThompson)

## **Oregon 217 – Beaverton-Tigard Highway – Auxiliary Lanes (21T119060)**

**Project Description:** This project will address long-standing congestion on OR 217 between Beaverton-Hillsdale Highway and OR 99W due to too many closely spaced interchanges: 10 interchanges in just over seven miles! This is some of the shortest merging spacing in the region.

**Traffic Impacts:** Expect lane and shoulder closures on OR 217, various on- and off-ramps, and on local roads near the highway ramps. Various on- and off-ramps temporarily narrowed.

Intermittent lane closures on OR 217 in both directions 9/22-9/26. Intermittent daytime flagging on the Hall Boulevard overpass in Tigard.

**Project website:** [www.hwy217.org](https://www.hwy217.org)

## **OR 224 – SE 17<sup>th</sup> Ave and Rusk Rd**

**Project description:** ODOT is improving safety, paving between SE 17th Avenue and SE 37th Avenue and performing bridge improvements to OR 224 between SE 17<sup>th</sup> Ave and Rusk Rd.

**Traffic impacts:** Lane closures and pedestrian detours on OR 224 in Milwaukie weekdays.

**Project website:** [tinyurl.com/OR224-17toRusk](https://tinyurl.com/OR224-17toRusk)

## Various Highways – ADA curb ramp construction (Phase 1)

**Project Description:** We are bringing over 300 sidewalk curb ramps into compliance with Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) accessibility standards on various highways in Region 1.

**Traffic Impacts:** Lane closures are anticipated weekdays on OR 99E at 12<sup>th</sup> St. in Oregon City.

**Project website:** [r1ada.org](http://r1ada.org)

## Various Highways – West ARTS

**Project Description:** The ARTS Program aims to reduce serious crashes at various intersections on state highway and on local roads. Intersections typically have high rates of crashes. The West ARTS program improves safety at intersections and streets in the west Portland metro area. Improvement corridors include U.S. 30, Tualatin Valley Highway (OR 8), Beaverton-Hillsdale Highway (OR 10), Barbur Boulevard (OR 99W), Macadam Avenue (OR 99E) and Hall Boulevard (OR 141).

**Traffic Impacts:** Single lane closures at SW Hall Blvd. and Nimbus Ave., and at OR 217 and Greenburg Rd.

**Project website:** [www.bit.ly/ARTSProgram](http://www.bit.ly/ARTSProgram)

## Tips for driving safely in work zones

An inattentive driver is the most common cause of work zone crashes. Drivers and their passengers — not workers — make up the majority of work zone fatalities. What you can do:

- **SLOW DOWN!**
- **Pay attention**
- **Obey signs and flaggers**

**Know before you go!** Call 511 or visit [www.TripCheck.com](http://www.TripCheck.com) to check routes, work zones and road and weather conditions before you head out.

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