

I-5 Over SW 26th Avenue Project

ODOT is replacing the I-5 bridge over SW 26th Avenue and improving SW 26th Avenue.

- All lanes of I-5 will close for 4 miles between the SW Terwilliger Boulevard off-ramps and on-ramps for one weekend this summer.
- Seven I-5 ramps will close as well.
- SW 26th Avenue under I-5 is expected to reopen this spring.

Thank you for your patience during these travel impacts (**details inside**).

Visit the project website for updates and more information: bit.ly/swi-5repair

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ODOT is improving I-5 over SW 26th Avenue in Portland to maintain 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.

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Noise concerns? Call the 24/7 nighttime noise hotline: 503-276-7892

Project website: bit.ly/swi-5repair

The I-5 bridge over SW 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 replaces the worn-out bridge for a smoother ride and to meet current seismic safety standards.

I-5 Weekend Closure

During one weekend this summer (9 p.m. Friday to 5 a.m. Monday), I-5 will fully close for over 4 miles so crews can complete the work.

- Southbound I-5 will close between the SW Terwilliger Boulevard off-ramp and the SW Capitol Highway on-ramp.
- Northbound I-5 will close between the SW Barbur Boulevard off-ramp and the SW Terwilliger Boulevard on-ramp.

See detour maps inside.

Several on-ramps will also close to prevent drivers from getting on I-5 in the area during the closure.

Northbound on-ramp closures:

- Kruse Way.
- SW Spring Garden Street.
- SW Capitol Highway.
- OR 99W/SW Barbur Boulevard.
- SW Haines Street.

Southbound on-ramp closures:

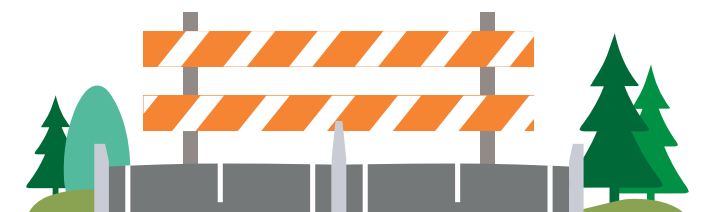
- S Harbor Drive.
- Interstate 405 southbound exchange to southbound I-5.



Closure Date to be Announced Soon!

ODOT is working with the contractor to determine the exact date of the weekend closure. The closure may occur in June or July. Closure dates will be shared by May through the project website, postcard and email.

Be sure to get on the email update list for notices on the closure date and any possible changes.



Visit the project website to sign up for updates: bit.ly/swi-5repair

Construction Method Reduces Impacts

Replacing a bridge is expensive, time-consuming and can be disruptive to traffic and the surrounding communities. To minimize impacts, we evaluated options and chose the one with lower costs, shorter construction time, fewer traffic impacts, less nighttime noise, fewer environmental impacts and improved safety for workers and drivers.

Work began on the I-5 bridge nearly a year ago. We're using a construction method that builds the new bridge underneath the existing bridge while I-5 remains open. This summer, we'll finish the work by removing the top of the existing bridge and adding new asphalt paving — all during just one full weekend.

An Improved SW 26th Avenue Opens This Spring

Last spring, SW 26th Avenue closed to motor vehicles under I-5 and SW Barbur Boulevard. SW 26th Avenue is expected to reopen this spring.

SW 26th Avenue will close again during the I-5 weekend closure for equipment access and to ensure safety while work is happening above.

SW 26th Avenue will have the following improvements:

- The sides of the structure will be filled in, similar to the look of a culvert or tunnel (see illustration). Boston Ivy (non-invasive) will be planted on the outside of the structure to help soften the look of the concrete, blend in with the nearby green space, and deter graffiti.
- Six to eight lights will be installed inside the structure to ensure that it is well-lit for safety.
- People will have a wider space to walk, bike or roll.
- The intersection of SW 26th Avenue and SW Barbur Court will be upgraded with wider sidewalks and high-visibility crosswalks.

Collaboration With PBOT

ODOT is collaborating with the Portland Bureau of Transportation on project elements that affect SW 26th Avenue. This includes connecting the new multiuse path PBOT is building as part of its OR 99W/SW Barbur Blvd Area Sidewalk Infill Project and adding new bike lanes on SW Barbur Court.

Additional Nighttime Impacts on I-5

To prepare for and finish the bridge replacement work safely and with minimal traffic impacts, additional nighttime work is required on I-5. This will include I-5 lane closures.

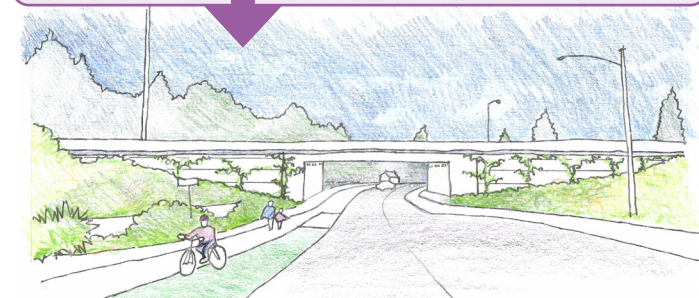
Expect the following:

- **Up to 10 nighttime directional closures of I-5 (five northbound and five southbound) from 11 p.m. to 5 a.m.**
- Nighttime single lane closures on I-5 in both directions, from 8 p.m. to 5 a.m. on weekdays and from 8 p.m. to 8 a.m. on weekends.
- Within 90 days of the weekend closure, I-5 in and near the project area will have up to 30 nights of double lane closures in both directions.

More information about I-5 impacts: bit.ly/swi-5repair



A sketch of the improvements on SW 26th Avenue and the new structure, viewed from SW 26th looking southeast.

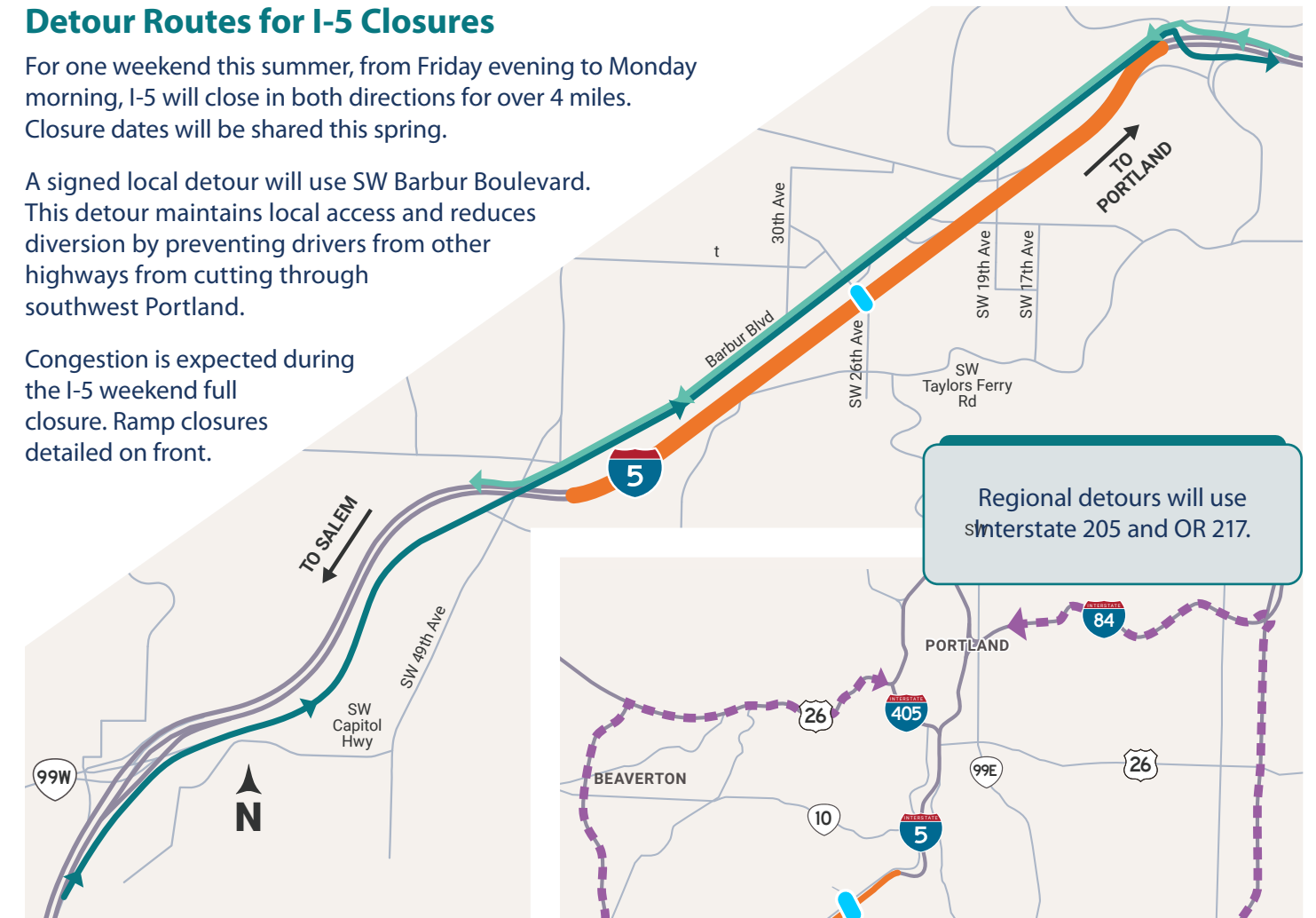


Detour Routes for I-5 Closures

For one weekend this summer, from Friday evening to Monday morning, I-5 will close in both directions for over 4 miles. Closure dates will be shared this spring.

A signed local detour will use SW Barbur Boulevard. This detour maintains local access and reduces diversion by preventing drivers from other highways from cutting through southwest Portland.

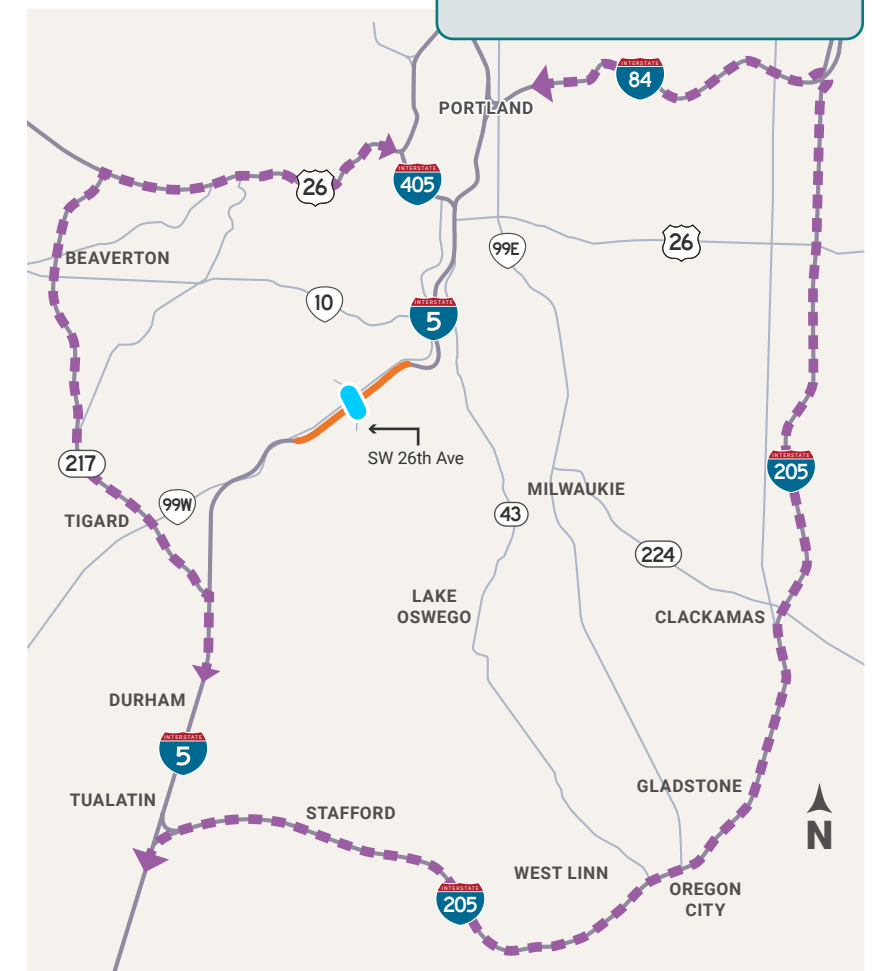
Congestion is expected during the I-5 weekend full closure. Ramp closures detailed on front.



Detours During I-5 Closures

- Project area
- 4-mile freeway closure
- Local southbound detour route
- Local northbound detour route
- Regional northbound and southbound detour routes

- Southbound I-5 will close between the SW Terwilliger Boulevard off-ramp and the SW Capitol Highway on-ramp.
- Northbound I-5 will close between the SW Barbur Boulevard off-ramp and the SW Terwilliger Boulevard on-ramp.



Regional detours will use Interstate 205 and OR 217.

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