

Weekend Work planned on SW Hood Avenue, March 25 - 28

Work along SW Hood Avenue between SW Gibbs and SW Curry Avenue is planned for this weekend, beginning **Friday, March 25 at 10 p.m. through Monday, March 28 at 5 a.m.**

Exit 299A, the Oregon 43/Macadam Avenue/Lake Oswego exit from the Marquam Bridge, will be **closed all weekend** to provide a safe work zone for construction activities and minimize traffic impacts and delays. The **far left lane of SW Hood Avenue will be closed** for this work.

Crews will be **working both day and night shifts** in an effort to expedite the drilled shaft foundation located in the median between SW Hood Avenue and I-5, called Bent 2. At the same time, crews will conduct sawcutting and other activities that require the closure of Exit 299A.

Nearby neighbors can expect loud noise and vibration from the construction activities. In an effort to reduce the impact to residents, noise levels will try to be kept to a lower volume after 11:00 pm.

Why work on the weekend?

The City of Portland received numerous complaints about nighttime noise during the week of March 7th. With an estimated two weeks of additional nighttime work to complete the drilled shafts, the City agreed that changes to the work were necessary.

Project staff and the contractor developed a new plan to accomplish the remaining drilled shaft work with less weekday nighttime work than originally planned. ODOT granted permission to close Exit 299A for an entire weekend, allowing both day and night work to occur at Bent 2.

Drilling will begin Friday night and continue through Sunday. The concrete foundation will be poured on Sunday. Because the concrete pour requires raising a 70-foot-high steel rebar cage in the air and setting it down into the drilled shaft, this must be done when Portland Aerial Tram is not operating.

After Monday morning, with the drilled shaft work complete, above ground work can begin and the bridge will begin to take shape.

Please use the following project phone lines

- (503) 872-4732 – To listen to a recorded **message about construction updates** and the project in general.
- (503) 736-4110 – To contact an on-site staff member for **questions or complaints about the night time noise (as it is happening).**
- (503) 823-7211 – Please contact Jean Senechal Biggs, Project Manager, if you have any other **questions about the project or noise concerns.**
- (503) 823-7350 – To contact the **City's Noise Control Hotline for further assistance with noise complaints or concerns.**