



U.S. 26 Widening Project

Cornelius Pass Road to 185th Avenue

Construction has begun!

Construction on a project to address congestion on U.S. 26 (Sunset Highway) between Cornelius Pass Road and 185th Avenue has begun. This joint project between ODOT, the City of Hillsboro and Washington County will continue through 2018.

What's the problem?

The stretch of U.S. 26 between Cornelius Pass Road and 185th Avenue has reached its vehicle capacity. The congestion is particularly evident on U.S. 26 westbound between 185th Avenue and Cornelius Pass Road. The population and employment in Washington County continues to grow, increasing the traffic demand on U.S. 26. Without improvements, congestion and related crashes are anticipated to increase in the area.

Project elements

The purpose of this project is to increase capacity, improve traffic safety and relieve congestion in this stretch of U.S. 26. Project elements include:

- ◆ *Widening U.S. 26 to three lanes in each direction between Cornelius Pass Road and 185th Avenue.* The majority of the widening will occur to the inside of the highway, in the highway center median.
- ◆ *Replacing the two U.S. 26/Rock Creek bridges with one bridge.* This work will take place over the Rock Creek Trail. Rapid bridge construction will be used to minimize impacts
- ◆ *Improving the north side of the U.S. 26/Cornelius Pass Road interchange,* including adding a second lane to the westbound off-ramp (the loop ramp)
- ◆ *Building a noise wall on the north side of U.S. 26 in the Rock Creek neighborhood*

Traffic and noise impacts from Nov. 2016 through Dec. 2018

- ◆ Road users should expect nighttime lane closures on U.S. 26, ramp closures, lane closures on Cornelius Pass Road, reduced shoulders and traffic shifts. No daytime lane closures on U.S. 26 are expected
- ◆ The Rock Creek Trail under U.S. 26 will be closed for two separate weekends and six separate nights - with a detour in place - as the new bridge is constructed. There will also be intermittent flagging on the trail
- ◆ Work not requiring lane closures (such as building the sound wall) will take place during the day
- ◆ Road users should expect increased congestion, noise and delays during construction
- ◆ There will be periodic nighttime work on this project. Residences and businesses adjacent to the project area may experience daytime and nighttime construction noise. ODOT has obtained a nighttime noise variance from the City of Hillsboro. A noise hotline is available 24 hours a day for reporting noise concerns. That number is 971-673-5239

Stay current with the project

- ◆ Visit the project website - www.CornPass185.org - to find current information, including detailed traffic impacts in a weekly construction update posted every Friday. Visit the **online open house**, available on the website
- ◆ Visit www.tripcheck.com or call 511 for current traffic conditions and impacts
- ◆ Call the noise hotline (24-hour number to be used for noise concerns): 971-673-5239
- ◆ Ask questions or get added to the project email list by contacting ODOT Community Affairs directly: Lili Boicourt, PH: 503-731-8247 or email: Lili.D.Boicourt@odot.state.or.us
- ◆ ¿Habla usted español? Podemos proveer la información en esta publicación en español. Para recibir la información en español, por favor llámé al (503) 731-4128

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Cornelius Pass Road Interchange with U.S. 26
 Improvements will be made to Cornelius Pass Road and the ramps in the NW quadrant of the interchange to improve traffic flow and safety.

Rock Creek Bridges Replacement
 The two bridges on U.S. 26 over Rock Creek will be demolished and a new single bridge built in its place. The contractor will use rapid bridge construction to minimize impacts to U.S. 26 and the Rock Creek Trail under the highway.

New Sound Walls
 Two new sound walls will be built along the north side of U.S. 26. They will be approximately 12 feet tall and will connect with the existing sound wall to the east.

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 The highway will be widened to three lanes in each direction between Cornelius Pass Road and 185th Avenue. The majority of the widening will occur to the inside of the highway, in the highway median. Highway shoulders will also be widened.

Project Elements
 Construction 2016-2018

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