



# U.S. 26: Brookwood Parkway/Helvetia Interchange

## *A Jobs and Transportation Act Project*

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### Project summary

ODOT started construction in August 2013 on the U.S. 26: Brookwood Parkway/Helvetia Interchange project, about 13 miles west of Portland. This modernization project will improve traffic flow and safety in the interchange area. Project completion is slated for summer 2015. Project elements include:

- Constructing a new westbound U.S. 26 to southbound Brookwood Parkway exit loop ramp
- Reconstructing the westbound U.S. 26 entrance ramp from Helvetia Road
- Widening the Brookwood Parkway overcrossing to accommodate additional northbound and southbound lanes over U.S. 26
- Extending the right-turn lane from northbound Brookwood Parkway to the eastbound U.S. 26 entrance ramp

### Traffic impacts & schedule

There are seven stages of construction. At several times, drivers will experience traffic shifts and new traffic patterns in the interchange. **During all stages, there will be intermittent nighttime lane closures on Brookwood Parkway, Helvetia Road, U.S. 26 and the on- and off-ramps.** Most daytime work will be behind barriers. Please use caution and follow all construction signage. The speed limit has been reduced to 40 MPH on Helvetia Road and Brookwood Parkway from West Union Road to Huffman Street. Fines are double around the clock in this section, regardless of whether there's active construction.

- **Stage 1 complete** (August 2013 through winter 2014): Work included building a new section of Jacobson Road to connect to Helvetia Road farther north and building a new culvert across Helvetia Road. **Groveland Drive where it intersected with Helvetia Road permanently closed October 2013.** Crews removed approximately 160 small and large trees in the northwest and northeast quadrants of the interchange to prepare for widening and ramp work. The new connection of Jacobson Road and Helvetia Road opened in Feb. 2014.
- **Stage 2 we are here** (winter 2014 through spring/summer 2014): Work includes widening Helvetia Road and Brookwood Parkway, building a retaining wall, widening the ramps on the east half of the interchange and installing new sign structures and bridge girders on U.S. 26. **Traffic impacts:** U.S. 26 under Brookwood Parkway will be entirely closed for 1-2 nights while the new bridge girders are delivered and installed. During the highway closure, traffic will be routed onto the Brookwood Parkway off-ramps and back to the highway using the Brookwood Parkway on-ramps. Expect intermittent nighttime lane closures and daytime flagging on Helvetia Road.
- **Stages 3 & 4** (spring/summer 2014 through fall 2014): Work includes building new ramps from U.S. 26 westbound and widening the overpass. **Traffic impacts:** Expect intermittent nighttime lane closures and daytime flagging on Helvetia Road.
- **Stage 5** (fall/winter 2014/15): The new on-ramp to U.S. 26 westbound, farther north than the current ramp, will open. Work includes removing the former westbound off-ramp, completing work on the new off-ramp from U.S. 26 westbound to Brookwood Parkway southbound, and widening on Helvetia Road and Brookwood Parkway. At the end of this stage, the new off-ramp from U.S. 26 westbound to Brookwood Parkway southbound will open. The current off-ramp from U.S. 26 westbound will convert to use for northbound traffic on Helvetia Road only. **Traffic impacts:** Expect intermittent nighttime lane closures and daytime flagging on Helvetia Road.
- **Stage 6** (winter 2015): Work includes widening the existing U.S. 26 westbound off-ramp. Traffic will be in its final configuration at the end of this stage. **Traffic impacts:** In addition to intermittent nighttime lane closures, there will be a full weekend closure (8 p.m. Friday to 5 a.m. Monday) of the existing off-ramp from U.S. 26 westbound. During the closure, the newly opened ramp from U.S. 26 westbound to Brookwood Parkway southbound will be open. There will be a signed detour for drivers heading north on Helvetia Road. When the ramp is reopened, there will be two off-ramps from U.S. 26 westbound: one for Helvetia Road heading north and one for Brookwood Parkway heading south.
- **Stage 7:** (spring 2015 through summer 2015): Work includes final paving, striping and cleanup work. **Traffic impacts:** Intermittent nighttime lane closures and daytime work behind barriers.

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- ⇒ Visit the project website at [www.oregon.gov/ODOT/HWY/REGION1/pages/us26\\_brookwoodpkwy/index.aspx](http://www.oregon.gov/ODOT/HWY/REGION1/pages/us26_brookwoodpkwy/index.aspx)
- ⇒ Visit [www.Tripcheck.com](http://www.Tripcheck.com) for up-to-date traffic impacts
- ⇒ Contact the noise hotline with any noise concerns or questions, 24-hours-a-day: 503-646-0231
- ⇒ Contact Lili Boicourt, ODOT Community Affairs at 503-731-8247 or [Lili.D.Boicourt@odot.state.or.us](mailto:Lili.D.Boicourt@odot.state.or.us)

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