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For more information: <http://www.oregon.gov/ODOT/HWY/REGION1/pages/or99epaving/index.aspx>

TRAFFIC ADVISORY

24-hour weekend paving on OR 99E starts tonight

Only one lane will be open in each direction and access to 10th, 9th, 8th and 7th is restricted

From 7 p.m. Friday, July 6 to 6 a.m. Monday, July 9, Knife River Construction, a contractor for ODOT, will replace a membrane on the OR 99E viaduct in Oregon City. The membrane on the viaduct is a protective layer between the asphalt driving surface and the bridge viaduct structure. The membrane protects the structure from corrosion due to water.

This work requires lane closures in both directions and intersection closures at 10th Street, 9th Street, 8th Street and 7th Street around-the-clock this weekend. The contractor will start work in the southbound lanes and then switch to the northbound lanes. Below is the intersection restrictions based upon work direction:

Intersection closures necessary for northbound work

Access to or from OR 99E at 9th, 8th and 7th Streets will be closed to southbound traffic. Southbound travelers can use 14th, 12th or Main Streets to reach their destinations in Oregon City. Northbound travelers on OR 99E can access 10th, 9th, 8th, 7th and Main Street during the work.

Intersection closures necessary for southbound work

OR 99E at 8th and 9th streets will be closed in all directions. Local traffic may access area businesses using Main Street. Through traffic can use 10th, 12th or Main Street to reach their destinations. All other access to downtown Oregon City will remain open during this work.

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In addition to the lane and intersection closures, crews will shut off the traffic signals at 10th Street and Main Street. Flaggers will direct motorists through the work zone and access to businesses. Drivers should expect delays through Oregon City along OR 99E this weekend.

Intersection closures are necessary because unlike paving work, you cannot drive on the membrane. After workers place the membrane, they must pave over it before traffic can drive on the surface. This will require closing intersecting streets in the work area to prevent vehicles from entering the work zone.

Project Background

Knife River Construction is starting work on an improvement project along OR Highway 99E between 10th Street and Territorial Road. In addition to paving, work includes improving striping by adding a left turn lane in two areas between 2nd Street and South End Road. Adding the left turn lane requires removing one travel lane in each direction. Visit the project website for more details <http://www.oregon.gov/ODOT/HWY/REGION1/pages/or99epaving/index.aspx>.

Paving started Thursday, July 5 at 9 p.m. at 10th Street in Oregon City. Work will take place from 9 p.m. to 6 a.m. each night in downtown Oregon City, and will require lane closures and flagging. South of Main Street, lane closures will begin at 7 p.m.

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