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TRAFFIC ADVISORY

B-1 bomber back on the road to Renton, WA

The jet is scheduled to leave Portland International Airport at 11:30 p.m. Friday

A decommissioned B-1 bomber will resume its journey to Renton, WA Friday night when it leaves a hanger at Portland International Airport, where it has been housed since November.

Starting at 11:30 p.m. Friday the bomber, wings detached, will travel east on Northeast Airport Way to Interstate 205 and north into Washington. It's scheduled to stop at a weigh station near Olympia Saturday morning, resume its trip at 2:30 a.m. Sunday and reach Boeing's Renton, WA plant early Sunday morning.

Motorists should expect brief late-night delays on Airport Way and northbound I-205 on the Glenn Jackson Bridge as the jet makes its way into Washington.

The B-1, owned by Boeing, is 131 feet long, more than 29 feet wide and 15 feet high. The load will be accompanied by vehicles from the Washington State Patrol.

The jet has been housed since November at a Boeing hanger at Portland International Airport, where it arrived last November from Tucson, AZ.

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