



# Background

## Region 1

### Interstate 5 Holladay to Marquam Closure FAQs



**Will there be more weekend directional closures for the Interstate 5 paving project?**  
Yes, on two more weekends, from 11 p.m. Friday Aug. 17 to 5 a.m. Monday Aug. 20 and again from 11 p.m. Friday Sept. 7 to 5 a.m. Monday Sept. 10. There will be no project work on the weekend of Aug. 25 for the Hood-to-Coast relay or over the Labor Day weekend.

**What will be closed?**  
On both closure weekends, the through lanes of northbound I-5 will be closed between the Marquam Bridge and the Fremont Bridge, although the northbound exit to Interstate 84 will remain open.

**What about I-84 westbound?**  
The ramp from westbound I-84 to I-5 north will close only at night, from 11 p.m. Friday to 7 a.m. Saturday, from 11 p.m. Saturday to 8 a.m. Sunday and from 10 p.m. Sunday to 5 a.m. Monday.

**How can motorists avoid delays?**  
The best plan is to avoid the area during the closures. Backups may take place along I-5 north south of the Marquam Bridge, on northbound

Interstate 405 and on U.S. 26 westbound to I-405 north. Drivers choosing to use these freeways during the weekend closures should expect delays.

**What's the detour?**  
Drivers heading north on I-5 will be routed onto I-405 north over the Fremont Bridge and back to I-5 north. However, northbound drivers can avoid this area all together and use Interstate 205 north if traveling into Washington.

**What kind of alerts will motorists see?**  
Variable messages signs warning of the closure will be employed along the route as far south as Wilsonville. The sign there will advise drivers to use Interstate 205 to reach Washington. In addition, ODOT will issue tweets before and during the closures and local radio stations will broadcast public service announcements saying that the best plan is to avoid the area.

**Will there be any more closures of southbound I-5?**

The southbound lanes may see occasional overnight lane closures as crews complete work there but no more full weekend closures as seen in July and early August are scheduled.

**Why do this on the weekend? Why not do the work at night?**

If ODOT did the work only at night, the project would take nearly three years to complete. Directional closures ensure we will get the work done in one summer season. While these weekend closures require motorists to change their normal weekend travel plans, getting this work done quickly is cost effective and, in the long run, more convenient. This stretch of freeway hasn't had a new overlay since it opened a half century ago. It's critical we get it done now as it would cost more to do in the future.

**How can I best avoid gridlock?**

Drivers choosing to use the freeways in and around downtown Portland during these weekend closures should expect delays or plan alternate routes.

**Where can I get information about traffic delays?**

Motorists should go to [TripCheck.com](http://TripCheck.com) for the latest information, to see the speed map and to check the ODOT traffic cameras.

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