



Frequently Asked Questions

In summer 2013, ODOT will grind and repave 5 ½ miles of Interstate 84 in both directions between Interstate 5 and Interstate 205. In order to complete the project more quickly and with the least amount of impact to motorists, ODOT will close I-84 – one direction at a time – over three weekends. Following are answers to some frequently asked questions about this project:

When will the weekend closures of I-84 happen?

Weather permitting, the preliminary schedule of weekend closures is as follows:

- 10 p.m. Friday, July 12 to 5 a.m. Monday, July 15
I-84 **eastbound** closed between I-5 and I-205 for grinding and paving
- 10 p.m. Friday, July 19 to 5 a.m. Monday, July 22
I-84 **westbound** closed between I-205 and I-5 for grinding and paving
- 11 p.m. Saturday, August 3 to 5 a.m. Monday, August 5
I-84 **westbound** closed between I-205 and I-5 for restriping the I-5 merge and sign installation

NOTE: This work is weather dependent and the weekend closures will be canceled and rescheduled if it rains.

Will I-84 be closed in both directions at the same time?

No. Only one direction at a time will be closed during each weekend (eastbound or westbound).

Why is the freeway being paved?

The pavement on this section of I-84 has become severely rutted and worn since it last paved 11 years ago. This project will completely remove and replace the old pavement and restripe the I-84 westbound merge with I-5 to improve safety and mobility on this heavily traveled section of interstate.

How much will the project cost to complete and where is the money coming from?

The total project cost, including planning, design, permitting and construction is approximately \$6 million. The project is being paid for using a combination of state and federal gas tax funding.

When was the last time this section of I-84 was paved?

ODOT last paved this section of I-84 in 2002.

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Why is ODOT doing this on the weekends? Why not do the work at night?

Using weekend directional full closures of the interstate will allow ODOT to complete the project more quickly, less expensively and more safely. If ODOT did the work only at night, the project would take approximately 32 nights of dry weather to complete and would cost at least \$1 million more. Using full weekend closures is also safer for the construction crews and the motoring public and will give us a better quality finished product that will last longer.

How can I get where I need to go during the closures? What are my options?

Option 1: Plan Ahead and Find Your Alternate Route

There are a variety of east-west alternate routes that motorists may use to reach their destinations (from north to south):

- State Route 14 in Vancouver, Washington
- Northeast Marine Drive
- Northeast Columbia Boulevard/Lombard Street/U.S. 30 Bypass
- Northeast Killingsworth Street
- Northeast Sandy Boulevard
- Northeast Fremont Street
- Northeast Halsey Street and Broadway/Weidler
- Northeast Glisan Street
- East Burnside Street and Southeast Stark and Washington streets
- Southeast Division Street
- Southeast Powell Boulevard (US 26)
- Southeast Holgate Boulevard to McLoughlin Boulevard

Motorists should plan ahead and map out their alternate route in advance if they plan to travel through the area during the weekend closures. ODOT is working with the City of Portland to monitor and adjust traffic signal timing as needed to help keep traffic flowing on the alternate routes.

Option 2: Take Transit

TriMet offers a wide array of public transportation options for travelers, including three MAX light rail lines that run along the full length of I-84 in this area, streetcars and buses. Visit their Web page to view system maps, learn about fares and operating hours, find your closest Park and Ride location, or use their “Plan Your Trip” tool to map out your route. Visit www.trimet.org for more information.

How can I find out if the weekend closures have been canceled or changed?

You can get the latest information about any changes to the planned schedule of weekend closure several ways:

- On the Web: www.i84paving.org or www.tripcheck.com
- Call the project hotline (English and Spanish): 503-731-4663
- Subscribe to the project email list (More information online at www.i84paving.org)
- Follow ODOT on Twitter or Facebook
- Monitor the local television, radio and print media

What other types of impacts to traffic will there be?

Besides the weekend closures, the contractor is also allowed to use four full nighttime closures of I-84 (two in each direction, one direction at a time) and nighttime single lane closures to complete finishing work, if needed.

In early July, ODOT will close the NE Halsey Street overpass at 82nd Avenue (OR 213) and I-84 for 2-3 nights so the contractor working on the I-84 paving project can apply a waterproof membrane to the bridge and repave it. This work will not occur during one of the weekend closures because Halsey Street is an alternate route.

ODOT is also building a separate project this summer that will add a lane to the two-lane section of I-84 eastbound between the Halsey Street exit (exit 7) and the exit for I-205 northbound (exit 8). During construction of this project, the contractor may completely close I-84 eastbound between the exits for I-205 southbound and 102nd Avenue for up to 15 nights. A signed detour will be available on these nights. For more information, please visit: www.i84toI205.org or call 503-731-3490.

What kind of alerts will motorists see?

Starting a week in advance, electronic message boards on I-5, I-84 and I-205 throughout the Portland metro area, including southwest Washington, will run messages advising motorists about the closures. ODOT will also post information on the Web, Twitter and Facebook, and will run ads on a large number of commercial radio stations and several local newspapers.

Where can I get information about traffic delays?

Motorists can go to www.tripcheck.com for the latest information on the closures and to view traffic speed maps or check ODOT cameras.

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