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TRAFFIC ADVISORY

Southbound I-405 weekend closure

***Preservation project will close southbound lanes between Fremont & Marquam bridges;
Special events will increase highway congestion this weekend***

From 10 p.m. on Friday, Aug. 28, to 5 a.m. on Monday, Aug. 31, all southbound lanes on Interstate 405 will be closed between the Fremont and Marquam bridges. All ramps connecting to southbound I-405 also will be closed during these work hours. During this weekend's closure, the contractor will focus on relighting I-405, striping and sign work.

Lanes and ramps on northbound I-405 will remain open during the southbound closure. The Fremont Bridge connection from U.S. 30/Yeon Ave. and the Marquam Bridge will remain open during this work.

Increased Traffic Volumes

Motorists should expect heavy highway traffic and congestion this weekend.

Over 100,000 people will be attracted to multiple events in the Portland area this weekend including the Hood to Coast Relay, the LPGA Safeway Classic, The Street of Dreams home show and the Oregon International Air Show. Before hitting the road to reach your weekend destination plan ahead for extra time and *Know Before You Go* by visiting <http://www.tripcheck.com> or dialing 511 for up to the minute traffic conditions.

Detours

During the full directional closures of I-405 southbound, motorists will be able to use Interstate 5 southbound as an alternate route to reach their destination. Detour maps are available on the Oregon Department of Transportation's project web site:

<http://www.oregon.gov/ODOT/HWY/REGION1/I405/>

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Remaining Directional Closures

This weekend's full directional closure is the third of the four weekend full directional closures allowed by ODOT so the contractor can complete the paving project as quickly as possible. Please be aware the scheduled closure dates are subject to change due to weather and other factors.

After this weekend, the final full directional closure will take place **Friday, Sept. 11, 10 p.m., to Monday, Sept. 14, 5 a.m.** During this weekend, all lanes on **northbound I-405** will be closed between the Marquam and Fremont bridges. All ramps connecting to northbound I-405 also will be closed during these work hours. Lanes and most ramps on **southbound I-405 will remain open** during the northbound closure. The Fremont Bridge connection from U.S. 30/Yeon Ave. and the Marquam Bridge **will remain open** during this work.

Project Background

ODOT contractor Kerr Contractors Inc. of Woodburn, Ore., is working on an \$11.6 million project to repave I-405 between the Fremont Bridge and the Marquam Bridge. Work includes repaving the ramps to and from I-405, relighting the freeway corridor and tunnels, and upgrading freeway signs. Approximately 30% of the \$11.6 million I-405 paving project uses federal stimulus funds through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act.

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For the latest closure information go to <http://www.tripcheck.com> or dial 5-1-1.

Project web site: <http://www.oregon.gov/ODOT/HWY/REGION1/I405/>

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