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Nighttime detours planned at Winchester exit 129

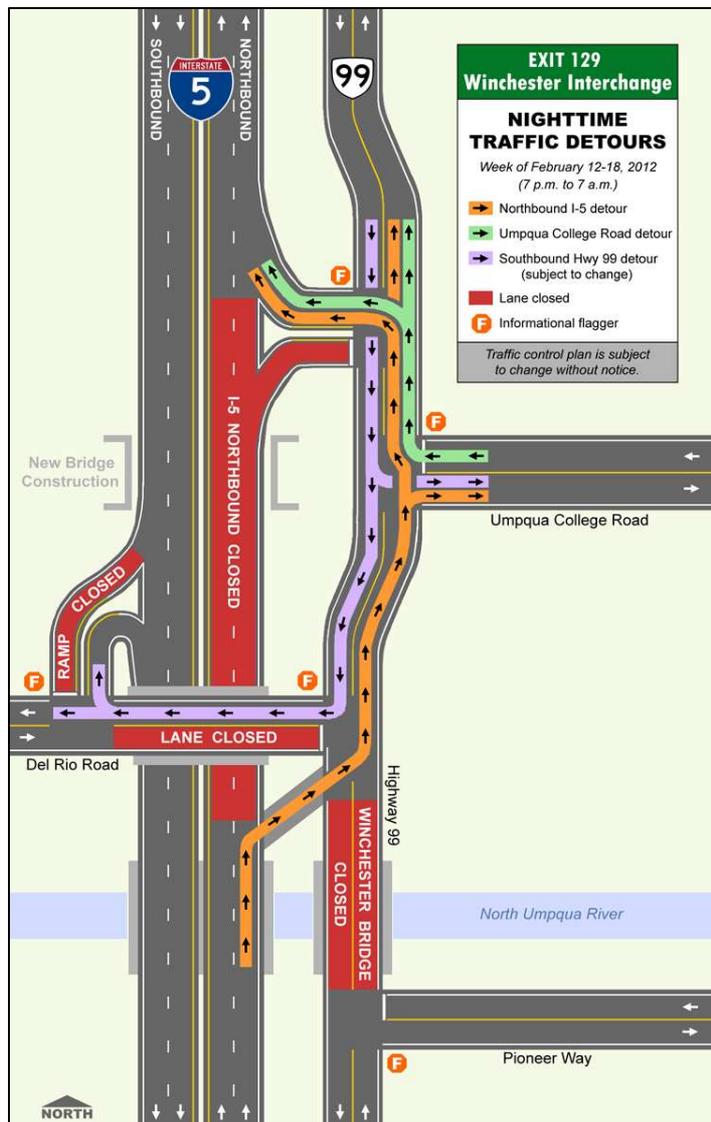
Workers will place beams on new Del Rio Road overcrossing next week

ROSEBURG – Northbound Interstate 5 motorists will detour around the Winchester interchange (exit 129) on four nights next week as concrete beams are placed on the new Del Rio Road overcrossing.

The beams will be placed between 7 p.m. and 7 a.m. each night, beginning Sunday, Feb. 12. Beams are also scheduled to be set Tuesday through Thursday nights, Feb. 14-16, weather permitting.

The 13 massive beams, each 175 feet long and weighing 90 tons, will span the entire width of I-5 and can only be lifted into place when traffic is clear.

Southbound I-5 motorists should expect delays up to 30 minutes due to rolling slowdowns between Rice Hill and Roseburg during the beam placement work. The southbound off-ramp at exit 129 will be closed each night and drivers are advised to use alternate routes.



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Northbound I-5 traffic will cross the North Umpqua River and detour onto Highway 99 for about a half mile before returning to I-5 via the northbound on-ramp. A 35 mph speed limit will be in effect on the detour.

Highway 99 will be closed in both directions at the old Winchester Bridge. Southbound Highway 99 traffic will be detoured onto the existing Del Rio Road overcrossing. However, congestion may require intermittent closure of the southbound Highway 99 lanes.

While the detours are in effect, motorists traveling to Umpqua Community College are advised to take I-5 north from Roseburg or Highway 99 south from Sutherlin. Westbound traffic on Umpqua College Road will be required to turn right onto Highway 99.

Emergency service vehicles will be given priority through the work zone.

Construction schedules are subject to change without notice. For the latest road and traffic information, visit www.tripcheck.com.

The beam placement work is part of the \$22 million *I-5: Del Rio Road/Winchester Interchange* project that will replace the Del Rio Road overcrossing on a new alignment, build four new ramps and make other improvements to the interchange. Construction on the 15-month project is scheduled to be completed in September.

For more project information: <http://www.oregon.gov/ODOT/HWY/REGION3/delrio.shtml>.

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