

Hello,

Starting the week of October 12, the contractor will continue with work activities aimed towards completing the project within the next several weeks. Here's what will be happening.

I-91

The contractor will work on the newly installed bridge barriers and bearing devices, pave bridge approaches and bridge curb, install asphaltic (expansion) plug joints on each end of both bridges and cleanup the roadway shoulders. This work will be done with lane closures on I-91 Northbound and Southbound.

US Route 5

Construction work will be heavy all week as the contractor continues the cleanup and restoration of Route 5 as well punch list items on the new bridge substructures and stabilizing and shaping fill around the wingwalls.

Route 5 will be paved on Monday, Oct 12, and markings (striping) installed on Tuesday, Oct 13. Granite curb will be placed for the traffic islands in the middle of and along the left side of US 5 Southbound on Tuesday Oct 13 – Saturday Oct 17. **This work will have huge impacts on traffic.** Two lanes of traffic will be maintained as much as possible, but it may be necessary to run alternating traffic or stop traffic for periods of time. Delays will be kept to a 10 minute maximum during the hours of 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM.

There will be no night work this week, except for the milling/cold planning (removal of existing pavement to prepare for a new layer of pavement) of Route 5 on Sunday night (Oct 11th).

The temporary signals will stay in place until the final pavement and pavement markings have been placed on Route 5 and on the On/Off Ramps. It is possible that the temporary signals at the I-91 Northbound and Southbound Ramps will be turned off by the end of the week of Oct 18 and traffic will resume the pattern that existed prior to the project. This includes re-opening the small slip ramp at the end of the I-91 Exit 11 Northbound Off Ramp that allow traffic to turn left onto Route 5 South. The only exception will be permanent removal of the long access ramp to I-91 Southbound On Ramp. Motorists who are traveling south on Route 5 will access I-91 Southbound using a newly built right turn lane that extends as far back as the closed I-91 Southbound On Ramp.

TRAFFIC WARNING!

Heavy Traffic Impacts will occur on US route 5 during the day on Monday-Saturday at 9:00am-3:00pm Delays will be held to a 10 minute maximum.

It is highly recommended that motorists avoid the construction area and seek alternate routes during the time when alternating/stopped traffic occurs during the day at 9:00 AM-3:00 PM. During long periods of alternating one way traffic or traffic stoppage the temporary signals will be put on flash and manned by uniformed traffic officers. If necessary to keep the off ramps from backing up to I-91, motorists may be motioned by the traffic officer to find an alternate route.

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