

Hello,

Work activities in the coming week will be concentrated on leading up to the replacement of the Northbound bridge which will begin at 6 p.m. Friday, August 28, as well as preparing the Southbound bridge to slide in September. Work will include sliding the Northbound bridge into a pre-slide position, stripping bridge overhangs, bridge deck and backwalls, backfilling behind abutments and setting the slider beams and supports for the Southbound bridge slide.

Traffic conditions before and during bridge closure

The work done on the new bridges will mostly be done behind barriers or on the enclosed bridges (except for stripping of overhangs and sliding of the Northbound bridge) and will have little effect on traffic on US 5. There will be some stoppage of traffic to get equipment and materials to the sites.

- The removal of the overhangs and the sliding of the bridge (Saturday 08/22/15) will be done directly over US5 and will require stopping traffic on Route 5. Delays will be kept to 10 minute maximum at 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM.
- A left lane closure will remain on I-91 Northbound with occasional left lane closures on I-91 Southbound.
- There will be no night work during the week until the closure at 6 p.m. on Friday, August 28.
- **During the day and night traffic will need to be stopped throughout the weekend, especially during the demolition and sliding of the Northbound bridge. Delays on Route 5 will be up to 20 minutes or longer.**
- **I-91 Northbound will be closed from 6 p.m. Friday, August 28 and reopen by 6 a.m. on Monday, August 31.**
- During the closure of Northbound I-91, traffic will be taken off the I-91 Off Ramp, cross US 5 and then go directly back to I-91 Northbound via the On Ramp. A uniformed traffic officer will be stationed at the traffic light and will keep the ramp traffic flowing.
- Motorists on Route 5 will be directed to use alternate routes (VA Cut Off Road or Exit 12 on I-91 in Wilder).
- I-89 traffic going to I-91 Northbound will be requested to use Alternate route via Exit 1 on I-89. This route will be clearly marked with detour signs.

It is highly recommended that motorist 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, at night and during the closure period. 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 police to find an alternate route.

I will be sending communicating again mid-week about the weekend closure.



First deck slab removed from the Northbound bridge.



Much of the deck of the Northbound bridge has been removed to facilitate next week's slide-in of the replacement bridge.

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