

Hello,

Next week will be filled with work activities leading up to the closure I-91 Northbound beginning Friday, August 21 at 6 p.m. To prepare for the bridge slide, on Monday, the Construction crew will begin removing one lane of the existing Northbound bridge, leaving open one travel lane for the duration of the week until the highway is closed on Friday.

Next week's work activities will include:

Bridges

- Northbound - Strip backwall and side barrier.
- Southbound - Strip bridge deck, backwalls and overhangs. Cure concrete side barriers.

Abutments and Wingwalls (retaining walls)

- Form and pour tops of two wingwalls.
- Backfill behind two abutments.
- Sawcut portions of Northbound bridge pier.

I-91

- Cold plane approaches on the left lane of existing I-91 Northbound bridge.
- Remove pavement, subbase and existing backwall of the left lane of existing I-91 Northbound bridge.
- Set concrete barrier closing left lane on existing I-91 Northbound bridge for the week (Monday August 17)
- Sawcut deck and curb for left lane of existing I-91 Northbound bridge.
- Begin demolition of left lane and curb of existing I-91 Northbound bridge the evening of Monday, August 17.
- Widen roadway, install drainage and place subbase in approaches for right shoulder of new I-91 Northbound bridge.
- Strip approach slabs in median.

I- 91 Northbound Off Ramp

- Stripe lanes.

TRAFFIC ALERT!

US Route 5...

The work done on the new bridges and wingwalls will mostly be done behind barriers or on the enclosed bridges and will have little effect on traffic on Route 5. There will be some stoppage of traffic to get equipment and materials to the sites. Stoppages will be limited to 10 minutes from 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM.

The sawcutting of the Northbound deck on Monday, August 17 (day & night) will require traffic to be stopped on Route 5 when cutting directly overhead.

The demolition of the left lane of the Northbound bridge will require stopping of traffic on Route 5 whenever cranes are removing concrete and girders on Monday, August 17 (night). During the removal

of the deck and girders, traffic will need to be stopped on Monday Night /Tuesday morning. Delays will be longer than the 10 minutes allowed during the day.

During the day and night, traffic will need to be stopped throughout the closure weekend, especially during the demolition and sliding of Northbound bridge (Friday, August 21 and Saturday, August 22.) Delays will be up to 20 minutes or longer. Pedestrians will not be allowed to walk under the bridge on these days; a shuttle bus will be provided for pedestrians.

I-91 Northbound Only...

The left northbound lane will be closed Sunday (August 17) at 4 p.m. through Friday (August 21) 6 p.m. Both lanes will be closed from Friday at 6 p.m. until the highway re-opens at 6 a.m. on Monday, August 24.

I-91 Southbound...

The left lane of I-91 Southbound will be closed (temporary) during the demolition of the Northbound bridge to allow the removal concrete and steel, beginning Monday, August 17

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, 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 police 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.

PLEASE DRIVE WITH CAUTION THROUGH THE WORK ZONE AND "HANDS FREE" IF USING A CELL PHONE.