

# I-5, Mellen Street to Blakeslee Jct.

*Construction is scheduled to begin in spring 2012 and be complete in 2014*

## Construction impacts

During the next three years, there will be more than **100,000 trucks** and construction vehicles entering and exiting this stretch of I-5 in Centralia. Between truck traffic and construction noise, the project will have some unavoidable impacts on the neighboring residents and businesses. We are working to minimize construction impacts as much as possible and would like your help determining the best approach.



## A balancing act: congestion and nighttime noise

Crews will use a combination of daytime and nighttime work shifts to help balance and reduce impacts experienced by local residents and businesses during construction. Our current plan is to have crews complete the majority of work activities during night shifts.

### Night Work

*Expect noise and ambient light*

By working at night, we will avoid grid-locking Harrison Avenue and Mellen Street, two roads that are already busy and congested during peak traffic hours. Nighttime work will significantly reduce the amount of traffic backups and delays during construction, and will alleviate potential impacts to businesses, commuters and school transit.

Here's the trade-off. Nearby residents can expect some noisy nights. There will be varying noise levels and ambient light in the work zone during night shifts.

### Day Work

*Expect truck traffic and delays*

The majority of construction work will take place during night shifts. However, crews will strategically use daytime shifts to complete various activities.

When crews are working during the day, drivers can expect to see a higher percentage of trucks on the roadway and should plan for some backups and delays.

During construction, you can access real-time traffic information by dialing 511, or visiting: [www.wsdot.com/traffic/](http://www.wsdot.com/traffic/).