



US 97 - Biggs Rapids - Sam Hill Bridge Deck Replacement

Know Your Commute Options

Full bridge closure begins late summer 2007

Overview

This project will replace the existing deck on the US 97 Biggs Rapids-Sam Hill Bridge over the Columbia River with a more durable concrete deck.

Why does the bridge need to be closed?

- The bridge deck is deteriorating at an accelerated rate despite constant maintenance repairs and recent load restrictions.
- The bridge must be closed during replacement for the safety of motorists and work crews.
- The duration of construction impacts under a full closure are three times shorter than under single lane closures.
- The quality of the deck replaced under a full closure will have a longer life span than one constructed under single lane closures.

Project Facts:

- Construction is scheduled to begin mid-summer 2007.
- The bridge closure will begin after Labor Day and will remain closed until the new deck is completed. A detour will be available during the full closure.
- Construction is expected to be complete in spring 2008, and the bridge reopened to traffic by Memorial Day.

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What are my commute options?

To make commuting more efficient, WSDOT encourages motorists to utilize alternate commuting options such as carpools.

CarpoolMatchNW.org is an easy and convenient way to find someone to share a ride with in Oregon and Southwest Washington. By logging onto the Web page and setting up a user profile, you will be guided through the matching process. Information shared on the Web page is confidential and secure.

Register for a carpool today!

Visit CarpoolMatchNW.org at:
www.carpoolmatchnw.org

If you are without internet access or need assistance setting up a user profile, please contact WSDOT toll-free at (866) 973-6879.

Detour Information

During the bridge closure, motorists wanting to travel between Oregon and Washington will need to use I-84, SR 14 and the US 197 Dalles Bridge.

Project Update Information

For more information, please visit the project Web page:
www.wsdot.wa.gov/Projects/US97/BiggsBridge/

Construction updates are available at:
www.wsdot.wa.gov/regions/southwest/construction/



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