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Summer re-route of I-5 exit to 26th Street/Tacoma Dome starts July 8

TACOMA – Starting next week through September, drivers on the northbound Interstate 5 collector/distributor headed to 26th Street or the Tacoma Dome will need to take a short detour via State Route 7.

Contractor crews working to build Interstate 5 HOV lanes in [Tacoma](#) will implement several overnight ramp closures next week for paving and lane striping, bridge deck work and roadway excavation. Part of this work will create a safe access point from which to excavate a concrete-lined vault full of soil contaminated with petroleum products left from original Interstate 705 construction.

Weather permitting, at 5 a.m. Friday, July 8, drivers headed to the 26th Street/Tacoma Dome exit from the northbound I-5 collector/distributor will instead be detoured to southbound State Route 7, to 38th Street, and loop around back to northbound SR 7.

Drivers using the northbound I-5 collector/distributor to I-705 will be allowed to continue to downtown Tacoma, however they will not be able to reach the 26th Street exit. Drivers using the SR 7 ramp will be able to exit to 26th Street/Tacoma Dome and continue to northbound I-705. The temporary configuration will remain in effect through September.

The vault work is a continuation of work that occurred in 2013 when two similar vaults in the same area were removed. While it is necessary to remove the vault and material for continued project construction, the contaminated soil does not represent a health or safety threat to the public or the environment.

Below is a full list of ramp closures scheduled next week for both Tacoma [HOV](#) projects. All ramp closures will have signed detours.

Tuesday, July 5

- Southbound I-5 exit to City Center will close from 10 p.m. to 6 a.m. the following morning.
- Southbound State Route 167 on-ramp to southbound I-5 will close from 10 p.m. to 6 a.m. the following morning.
- Portland Avenue on-ramp to southbound I-5 close from 10 p.m. to 6 a.m. the following morning.

- East 28th Street on-ramp to northbound I-5 will close from 8:30 p.m. to 4 a.m. the following morning.

Wednesday, July 6

- Southbound I-705 ramp to northbound I-5 and SR 7 will close from 11 p.m. to 4 a.m. the following morning.
- Northbound I-5 collector-distributor exit to northbound I-705 and southbound SR 7 will close from 11 p.m. to 4 a.m. the following morning.
- 38th Street on-ramp to northbound SR 7 will close from 10 p.m. to 6 a.m. the following morning.

Thursday, July 7

- Northbound I-5 collector-distributor exit to northbound I-705 and southbound SR 7 will close from 11:59 p.m. to 5 a.m. the following morning.
- 38th Street on-ramp to northbound SR 7 will close from 11 p.m. to 6 a.m. the following morning.

Friday, July 8

- Northbound I-5 collector-distributor exit to northbound I-705 and southbound SR 7 will close from 11:59 p.m. to 5 a.m. the following morning.

Drivers can also expect additional weeknight single- and double-lane closures planned for both directions of I-5 between M Street and Port of Tacoma Road.

Real-time traveler information is available from the [WSDOT app](#) and by following the [WSDOT regional Twitter feed](#).

Hyperlinks within the release:

- Project web pages: www.wsdot.wa.gov/projects/i5/MStoPortland/
www.wsdot.wa.gov/projects/i5/PortlandToPortNB/
- WSDOT app: www.wsdot.wa.gov/Inform/mobile.htm
- WSDOT on Twitter: https://twitter.com/wsdot_tacoma

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