



U.S. 26: Brookwood Parkway/Helvetia Interchange

A Jobs and Transportation Act Project

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Project summary

ODOT started construction in August 2013 on the U.S. 26: Brookwood Parkway/Helvetia Interchange project, about 13 miles west of Portland. This modernization project will improve traffic flow and safety in the interchange area. Completion is slated for summer 2015. Project elements include:

- Constructing a new westbound U.S. 26 to southbound Brookwood Parkway exit loop ramp
- Reconstructing the westbound U.S. 26 entrance ramp from Helvetia Road
- Widening the Brookwood Parkway overcrossing to accommodate additional northbound and southbound lanes over U.S 26
- Extending the right-turn lane from northbound Brookwood Parkway to the eastbound U.S. 26 entrance ramp
- Adding sidewalks and bike lanes within the interchange area

Traffic impacts & schedule

There are seven stages of construction. At several times, drivers will experience traffic shifts and new traffic patterns in the interchange. **During all seven stages, there will be intermittent nighttime lane closures on Brookwood Parkway, Helvetia Road, U.S. 26 and the on- and off-ramps.** Most daytime work will be behind barriers. Please use caution and follow all construction signage.

- **Stage 1** (August 2013 through fall 2013): Work includes building a new section of Jacobson Road to connect to Helvetia Road farther north, building a new culvert across Helvetia Road (complete), ramp widening, and bridge work. **Groveland Drive where it intersects with Helvetia Road permanently closed October 2013.** Drivers heading to/from Groveland Drive can use Helvetia Road, West Union Road and Groveland Road. Crews will remove approximately 160 small and large trees in the northwest and northeast quadrants of the interchange to prepare for widening and ramp work. At the end of Stage 1, the current connection to Jacobson Road from Helvetia Road will close and the new connection will open. Expect daytime flagging on Helvetia Road and Jacobson Road and nighttime lane closures in the interchange.
- **Stage 2** (fall 2013 through spring 2014): Work includes widening Helvetia Road and Brookwood Parkway, building a retaining wall, widening the ramps on the east half of the interchange and installing new sign structures and bridge girders on U.S. 26. **Traffic impacts:** U.S. 26 under Brookwood Parkway will be entirely closed for 1-2 nights while the new bridge girders are delivered and installed. During the highway closure, traffic will be routed onto the Brookwood Parkway off-ramps and back to the highway using the Brookwood Parkway on-ramps. Expect intermittent nighttime lane closures and daytime work behind barriers.
- **Stages 3 & 4** (spring 2014 through fall 2014): Work includes building new ramps from U.S. 26 westbound and widening the overpass. **Traffic impacts:** Intermittent nighttime lane closures and daytime work behind barriers.
- **Stage 5** (fall 2014): The new on-ramp to U.S. 26 westbound, farther north than the current ramp, will open. Work includes removing the former westbound off-ramp, completing work on the new off-ramp from U.S. 26 westbound to Brookwood Parkway southbound, and widening on Helvetia Road and Brookwood Parkway. At the end of this stage, the new off-ramp from U.S. 26 westbound to Brookwood Parkway southbound will open. The current off-ramp from U.S. 26 westbound will convert to use for northbound traffic on Helvetia Road only. **Traffic impacts:** Intermittent nighttime lane closures and daytime work behind barriers.
- **Stage 6** (winter 2015): Work includes widening the existing U.S. 26 westbound off-ramp. Traffic will be in its final configuration at the end of this stage. **Traffic impacts:** In addition to intermittent nighttime lane closures, there will be a full weekend closure (8 p.m. Friday to 5 a.m. Monday) of the existing off-ramp from U.S. 26 westbound. During the closure, the newly opened ramp from U.S. 26 westbound to Brookwood Parkway southbound will be open. There will be a signed detour for drivers heading north on Helvetia Road. When the ramp is reopened, there will be two off-ramps from U.S. 26 westbound: one for Helvetia Road heading north and one for Brookwood Parkway heading south.
- **Stage 7:** (spring 2015 through summer 2015): Work includes final paving, striping and cleanup work. **Traffic impacts:** Intermittent nighttime lane closures and daytime work behind barriers.

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- ⇒ Visit the project website at www.oregon.gov/ODOT/HWY/REGION1/pages/us26_brookwoodpkwy/index.aspx
- ⇒ Visit www.Tripcheck.com for up-to-date traffic impacts
- ⇒ Contact the noise hotline with any noise concerns or questions, 24-hours-a-day: 503-646-0231
- ⇒ Contact Lili Boicourt, ODOT Community Affairs at 503-731-8247 or Lili.D.Boicourt@odot.state.or.us

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