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FARMINGTON ROAD TRAFFIC LANE SHIFT STARTS THIS WEEK

BEAVERTON, Ore. – The City of Beaverton will temporarily shift traffic between Murray and Hocken beginning Thursday, Jan. 20 for approximately four to five weeks in order to complete installation of a sewer line. The west bound lane will be on the north side of Farmington Road and the east bound lane will be on the south side. Traffic may be occasionally reduced down to one lane with flaggers moving traffic in both directions between the hours of 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. Left turns will remain restricted between Murray and Hocken. Travelers should expect long delays and are encouraged to use alternate routes such as Tualatin Valley Highway/Canyon Road or Allen Boulevard.

Pedestrians will continue being directed to use the north side of Farmington during sewer line work and while the contractor completes the sidewalk on the south side. TriMet will continue to use their existing stops along Farmington Road for bus #52.

Once sewer line work is complete, widening of the north side will begin. Both directions of traffic will then be shifted to the south side of Farmington Road and pedestrians will be directed to use the new sidewalk along the south side.

The joint project between the City of Beaverton and Washington County will take approximately two years to complete and includes improvements such as:

- Widening of Farmington Road to five lanes (two lanes in each direction and a center turn lane) between Murray and Hocken
- Installing bicycle lanes, sidewalks and street lighting
- Realigning 141st and 142nd Avenues
- Upgrading water and sanitary sewer lines

The estimated cost of the project is \$21.4 million. Road improvements are funded through Washington County's Major Streets Transportation Improvement Program (MSTIP). Beaverton will fund \$2.7 million for water and sanitary sewer line upgrades. K&E Excavating will be doing the construction of the improvements.

There are four phases to the Farmington Road project:

1. Widen the south side of Farmington Road (almost complete)
 - a. Included installation of a new box culvert at Erickson Creek.
2. Sewer installation (now through Feb. 2016)
3. Widen north side of Farmington Road (estimated to begin Feb. 2016 and be complete July 2016)
4. Improve Farmington Road/Murray Boulevard intersection (estimated to begin June 2016 and be completed April 2017)

Businesses along the construction route will remain open.

For more information on bus routes, residents can call 503-238-RIDE or visit <http://trimet.org/alerts/> to view all detours and service disruptions relating to buses. TransitTracker is another option for bus users at <http://trimet.org/arrivals/>.

For more information on the project, visit www.BeavertonOregon.gov/FarmingtonRoad. To sign up for periodic newsletters about the Farmington project, visit tinyurl.com/ohotzp5. Or contact Kim Haughn, Washington County public information officer, at 503-846-7822 or lutproj@co.washington.or.us.

ABOUT BEAVERTON

Beaverton is a welcoming and responsible city that enjoys one of the most diverse populations in Oregon. In 2015, Beaverton was recognized as the **safest city** in the Pacific Northwest (according to CQ Press for cities more than 75,000). Recently, the city's award-winning finance department received the **Distinguished Budget Presentation Award** as well as the **Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting**. In 2012, the city was awarded the **Mayors' Climate Protection Award** from the U.S. Conference of Mayors. It was named **one of the 100 Best Places to Live in America** by *Money* magazine and recognized as one of the **best places to raise kids** by *BusinessWeek* magazine. The city was named **one of the top 25 Suburbs for Retirement** by *Forbes.com* and **one of the 100 Best Walking Cities in America** by *Prevention* magazine. The city also received the **Recycler of the Year** award from the Association of Oregon Recyclers, named a **Tree City USA** by the Arbor Day Foundation, received a **Bronze Award Bicycle Friendly Community** designation by the League of American Bicyclists, and recognized as one of the Environmental Protection Agency's **Green Power Communities**. Lastly, the city's nationally acclaimed visioning program was named **Public Involvement Project of the Year—Best Planning Project** by the International Association of Public Participation (IAP2) Cascade Chapter and also received the prestigious **3CMA Award of Excellence**.

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Caption: Road improvements continue on Farmington Road between Murray Boulevard and Hocken Avenue. Traffic will be shifted to the north and south sides of the road during sewer line work. *(Graphic courtesy of City of Beaverton)*