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### WILLAMETTE BRIDGE PROJECT INFORMATION

- ◆ Visit [www.willamettebridge.org](http://www.willamettebridge.org)
- ◆ Follow the project on Twitter at @OregonDOT
- ◆ Visit [www.Tripcheck.com](http://www.Tripcheck.com) for current traffic conditions statewide

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Going back and forth between Eugene and Springfield has become a bit more difficult, but only for a short time.

Franklin Boulevard under Interstate 5 between Eugene and Glenwood will be closed until 7 a.m. Monday as contractors for the state Department of

Transportation continue work to demolish the old I-5 bridge over the Willamette River.

Motorists can take the following detours:

◆ Traffic heading from Glenwood into Eugene: Take Glenwood Boulevard to I-5 northbound, then take Exit 192 onto Franklin Boulevard in Eugene.

◆ Traffic heading from Eugene into Glenwood: Take

the on-ramp to southbound I-5, drive south and take Glenwood Exit 191, and drive north on Glenwood Boulevard to reach Franklin Boulevard.

Later this month, contractors will close the ramp from Franklin Boulevard in Eugene onto I-5 southbound for nearly two months to install supports for a new sign bridge spanning I-5. The ramp will close for

construction as early as Nov. 30 until Jan. 22, 2010. Franklin Boulevard traffic heading to southbound I-5 will need to stay on Franklin into Glenwood, then take Glenwood Boulevard south to Exit 191 onto I-5. ODOT will put up signs warning drivers in advance of the ramp closure.

Franklin Boulevard and all on- and off-ramps to I-5 will be open over Thanksgiving weekend.