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Southbound I-5 traffic switch set for tonight in Tacoma

TACOMA – Tonight, contractor crews working for the Washington State Department of Transportation on the [I-5 M Street to Portland Avenue HOV](#) project will finish removing barrier that created a temporary southbound Interstate 5 collector/distributor (c/d) between L Street and State Route 16. Drivers can expect to encounter multiple ramp closures and a full closure of southbound I-5 tonight.

Monday, April 9

- At 8:30 p.m. crews will close the southbound I-5 c/d lanes, the southbound exit to SR 16, SR 7, I-705 and 26th Street, and the Portland Avenue and SR 167 on-ramps to southbound I-5. Southbound I-5 drivers headed to those destinations will be detoured via 56th Street and northbound I-5.
- At 8:30 p.m. the northbound SR 7, southbound I-705 and Pacific Avenue on-ramps to southbound I-5 will close until 11 p.m.
- At 11 p.m., all lanes of southbound I-5 will be reduced to a single lane and detoured at exit #135 to Portland Avenue. Drivers will follow a detour to SR 509, and I-705, and back to southbound I-5, until 4 a.m. Tuesday, April 10.

Tuesday April 10

- At 4 a.m., the two right lanes of southbound I-5 will open, and the two left lanes will remain closed until 6 a.m. Once opened, that segment of southbound I-5 will be in its near-final configuration and travelers will be driving on a new roadway surface.

The removal of the temporary c/d allows crews to begin work on one of the final phases of construction in this project – completing the new McKinley Way/D Street overpass.

Additional HOV construction lane and ramp closures scheduled for the week of April 9 can be found online at www.TacomaTraffic.com.

Hyperlinks within the release:

- I-5 M Street to Portland Avenue HOV project:
www.wsdot.wa.gov/Projects/I5/MStToPortland/default.htm

- TacomaTraffic.com: www.wsdot.wa.gov/Construction/PugetSound/tacoma.htm

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