

TRAFFIC ADVISORY

Wednesday, Nov. 14, 2018

PGE infrastructure reliability project requires night work across Sunset Highway beginning Saturday

Expect rolling stops along Highway 26 near the Helvetia Road Ramp Crossing

HILLSBORO, Ore. – Portland General Electric will implement a rolling closure along a segment of Sunset Highway/Highway 26 near the Helvetia Road Ramp crossing from Saturday, Nov. 17 at 9 p.m. to Sunday, Nov. 18 at 5 a.m. This eastbound and westbound closure is required as a new PGE transmission line project within Hillsboro reaches a critical construction milestone.

Since July, crews began installing approximately 80 new utility poles and 4.4 miles of new power lines to increase reliability and now need to string the new overhead lines across the busy highway. The goals for this project are to upgrade the utility poles and distribution lines to meet the region's growing energy needs while increasing redundancy in the system. The project also aims to reduce unintended outages. The Hillsboro Upgrade Project is one of many projects in planning or construction to improve reliability and resiliency for PGE's 885,000 customers.

What to anticipate during construction along Highway 26

To complete this segment of work in a safe manner, Oregon Department of Transportation permitted PGE crews to implement the series of rolling stops at night. Evening and dawn commuters should be aware of the following:

- Beginning at 9 p.m., traffic control teams will begin implementing rolling stops that will include slowdowns for nearly 3.5 miles to eastbound and westbound traffic.
- Crews are expected to complete their work by 4 a.m., and begin removing traffic control measures by 5 a.m.
- Passenger vehicles may consider alternative routes while the highway closure is in place.

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CAPTION: Map of PGE's Hillsboro Upgrade Project, including the night work planned on Highway 26 between the NW Helvetia Ramp Crossing and NW Jackson School Road Ramp Crossing.

Later this winter, another PGE project will require a rolling closure along Sunset Highway/Highway 26 between NE Cornelius Pass Road and NW Brookwood Parkway.

For more information about PGE's work, portlandgeneral.com/hillsborougrade.

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