

# SUMMER 2026 I-5 CLOSURES

April 29, 2026



# WELCOME!

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There will be Q&A at the end of the presentation.



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# OBJECTIVES

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- ▶ Overview of current Rose Quarter construction
- ▶ Review purpose and need for I-5 SB concrete deck repair closure
- ▶ Show how we are preparing and communicating with the public
- ▶ Share information about communications strategy
- ▶ Next steps

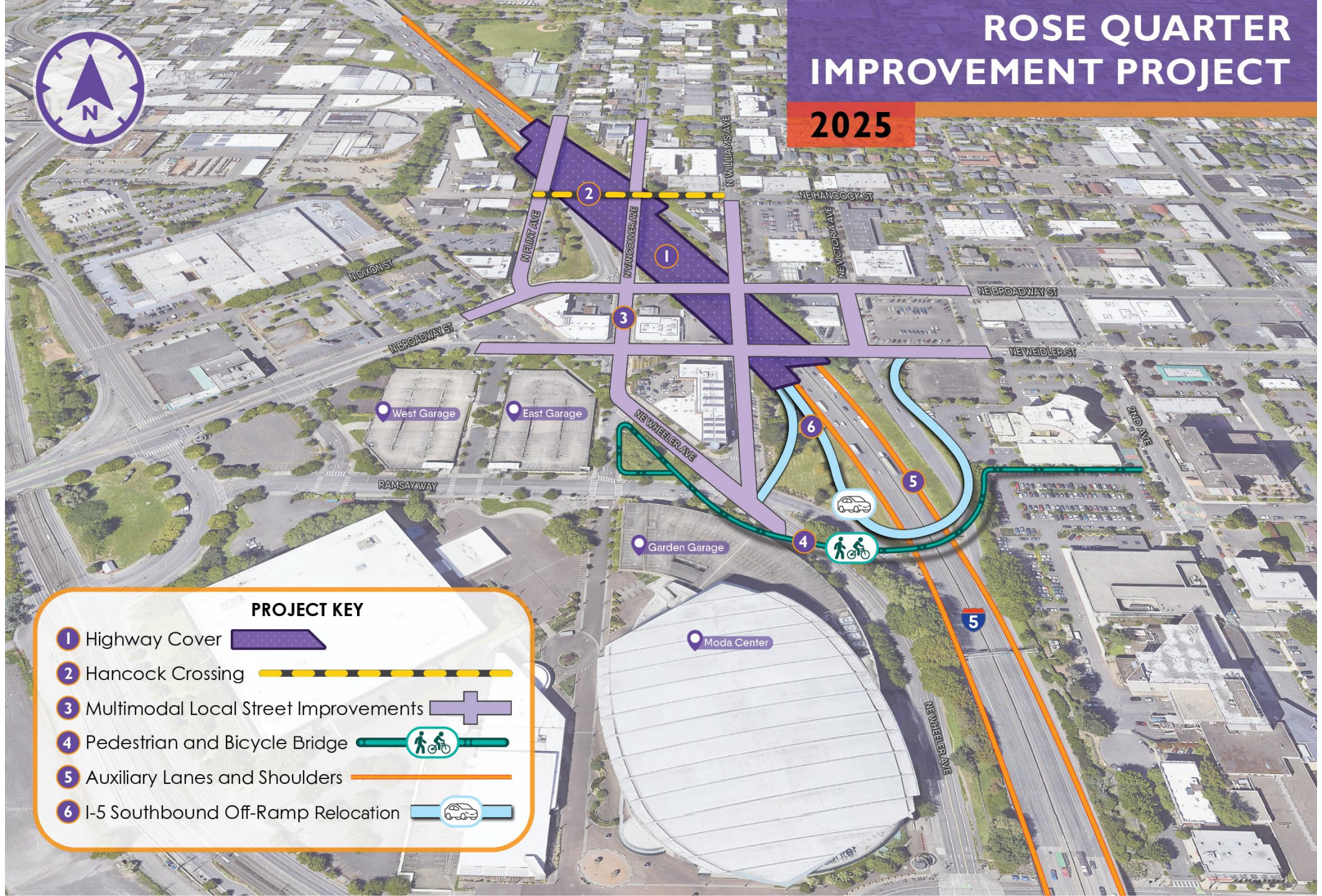
# ROSE QUARTER IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

2025



**PROJECT KEY**

- 1 Highway Cover
- 2 Hancock Crossing
- 3 Multimodal Local Street Improvements
- 4 Pedestrian and Bicycle Bridge
- 5 Auxiliary Lanes and Shoulders
- 6 I-5 Southbound Off-Ramp Relocation



# CONSTRUCTION OVERVIEW: 2025-2026



# I-5 SIGN BRIDGE INSTALLATION

**Purpose:** Signage for safe navigation after construction is complete

## Traffic Impacts:

- ▶ **Closure:** I-5 closure - all lanes in both directions
- ▶ **Duration:** up to 14 hours - 10 p.m. Saturday to 12 p.m. Sunday
- ▶ **Estimated Timing:** July 2026

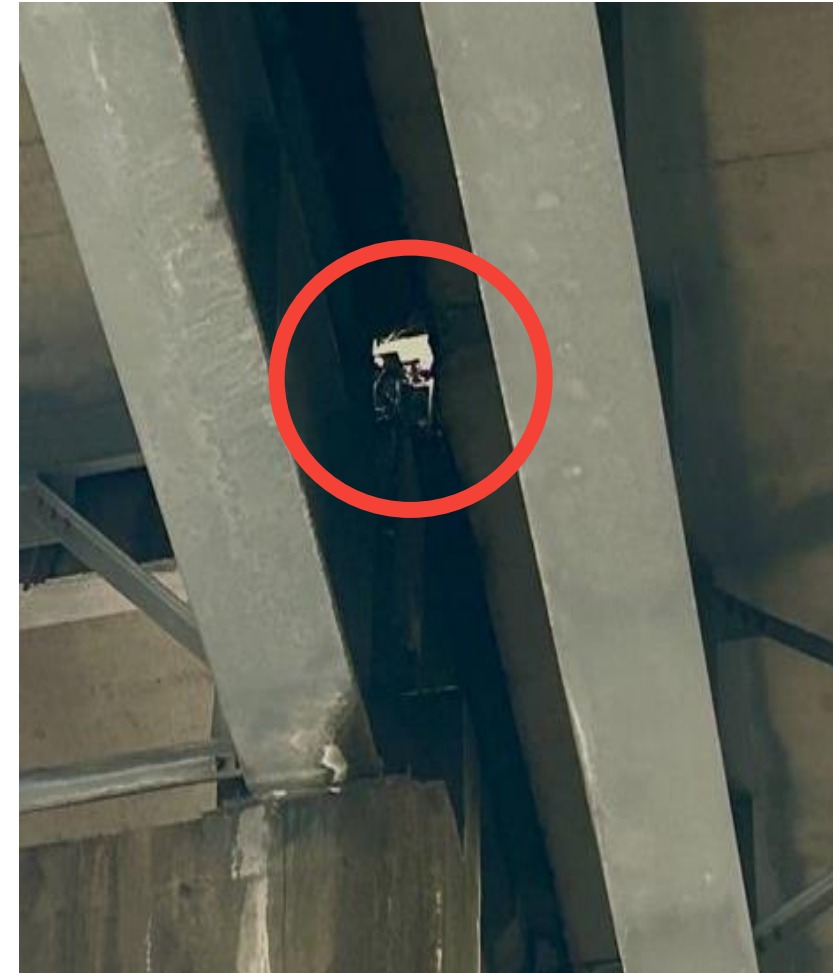


# I-5 STRUCTURAL REPAIR & SURFACE REPLACEMENT

- ▶ I-5 road surface has surpassed its 25-year lifespan
  - » Increasing number of ruts, cracks, and potholes from heavy use
  - » Delaying updates would cause conditions to worsen, increasing future repair costs and frequency of emergency repairs



# I-5 SB EMERGENCY BRIDGE REPAIR – 4/28/24





# DECK OVERLAY CLOSURES

- ▶ ~2,000 feet of I-5 SB redecking during the closure
- ▶ 3 years of planning with contractor to optimize schedule
- ▶ Closure duration: up to 5 weeks
- ▶ Anticipated Timing of Closure: September 11 – early October



*Google Street View: Driver's perspective travelling on I-5 SB through planned work area*













# WHY NOT LONG-TERM SINGLE LANE CLOSURES?



- ▶ **Cost Increase:** \$4.5 - \$7 million
- ▶ **Duration:**
  - » Would require two longer closures: at least 2 months
  - » Schedule shifts could result in 8 - 9 month delay if weather window closes
- ▶ **Safety and traffic operations:**
  - » **Narrow width:** Protective barrier would only allow 12 ft of lane space (16 ft lane minimum for interstate)
  - » **Worker safety:** If barrier was not used, significant safety risk to crew from live traffic
  - » **Traffic safety:** Demolition activities would create hazardous conditions for traffic
  - » **Equipment:** Safety issues and inefficiencies to get equipment into single lane work area
  - » **Significant Traffic Impact:** Only 1 lane on I-5
- ▶ **Roadway quality:**
  - » Vibration from traffic would reduce efficacy of the bond between deck and overlay → new overlay could fail sooner

# WHY NOT WEEKEND DIRECTIONAL CLOSURES?

- ▶ **Cost Increase:** \$6 - \$9 million
- ▶ **Duration:**
  - » Would take longer to accomplish due to inefficiencies: 13-15 weekend closures
  - » Could take a couple of construction seasons (2+ years) to complete
- ▶ **Traffic and Work Inefficiencies:**
  - » **Traffic control:** Extensive traffic control setup and takedown needs to occur multiple times
  - » **Work planning:** Contractor would need to mill, hydroblast, repair the deck, allow time for the deck to dry, and then replace the portion of overlay removed with high-early material in one weekend
  - » **Delays:** Difficult to plan for contingencies → High chance of delays to reopening
  - » **Impact to Traveling Public:** Directional closures every weekend during summer months
- ▶ **Roadway quality:**
  - » Results in many joints between overlay pours, creating more failure points

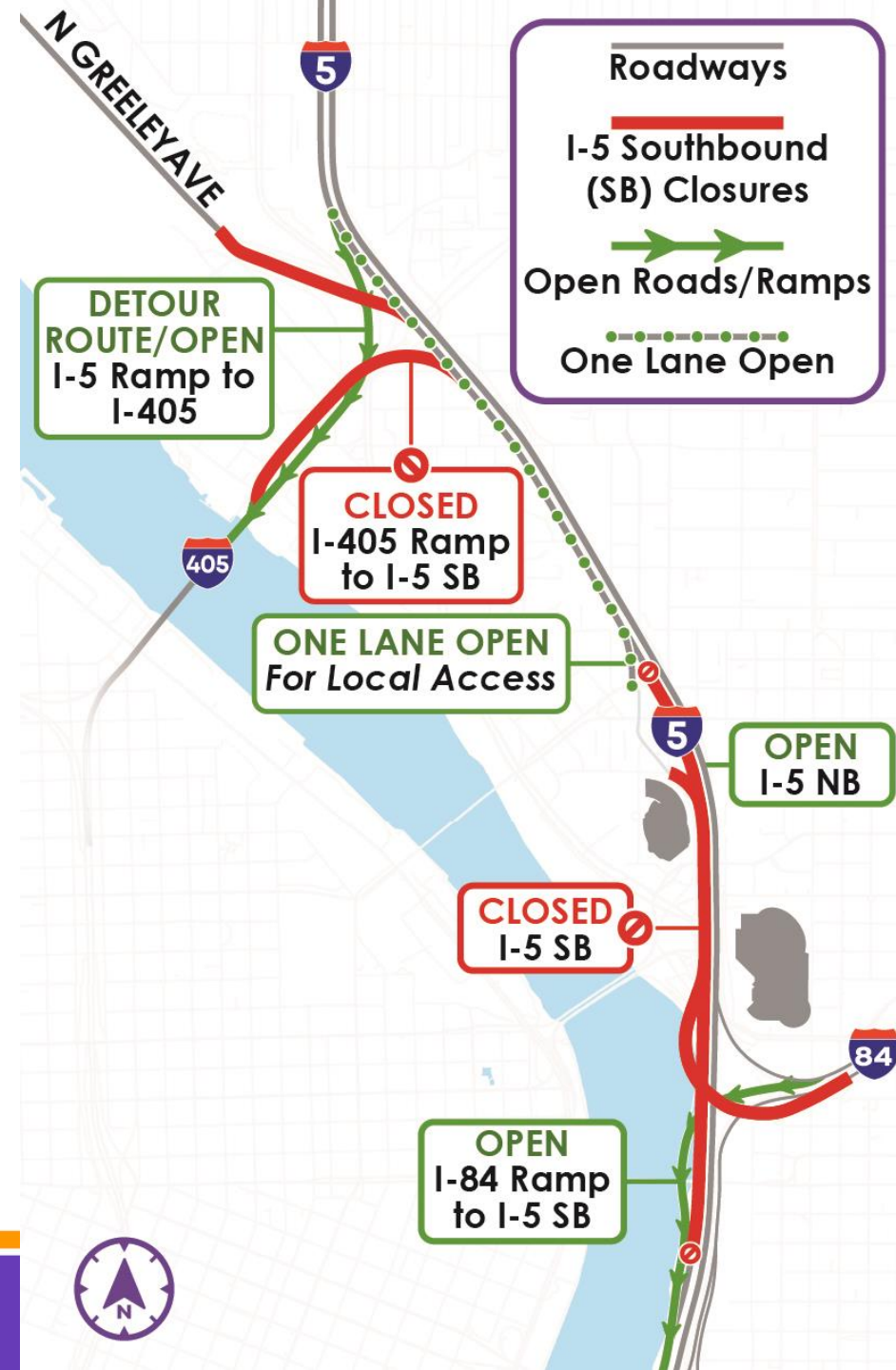
# ADVANTAGES OF CONTINUOUS CLOSURE

	Single Lane Closures	Weekend Directional Closures	Continuous Directional Closure
Construction Duration			
Safety			
Road Quality			
Cost			

 Best
  Average
  Worst

# I-5 SOUTHBOUND CLOSURE

- ▶ **Closure:** All lanes of I-5 southbound between Broadway/Weidler and I-84
- ▶ **Duration:** All hours of the day for up to 5 weeks
- ▶ **Estimated Timing:** Sept 11 – early/mid Oct



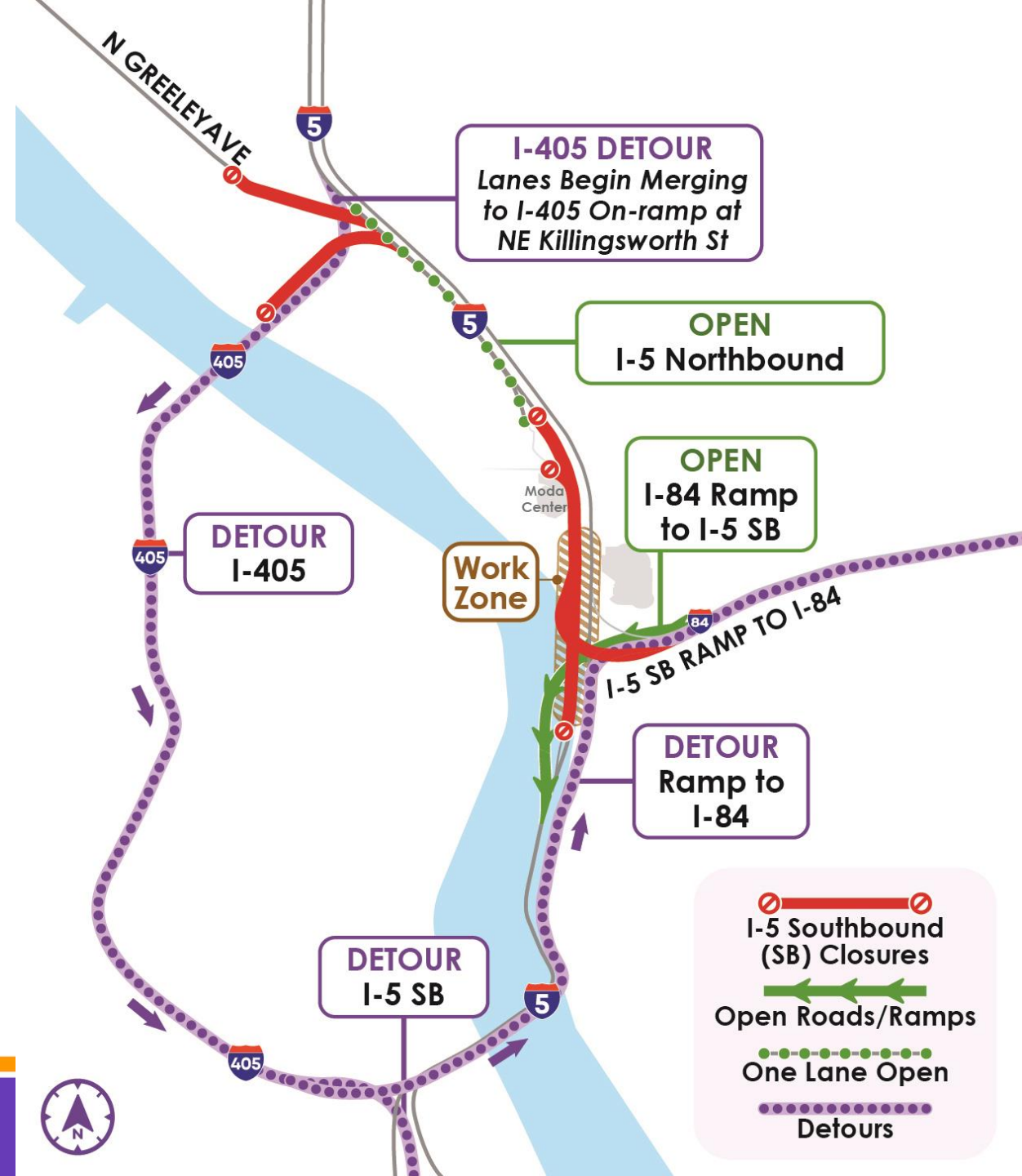
# I-5 SOUTHBOUND DETOUR

## ▶ Detour Routes:

- » I-205 for regional traffic
- » I-405 for local traffic

## ▶ Plan Ahead & Expect Delays

- » Adjust travel times
- » Find alternate routes
- » Use transit & carpool



# EXPECTED TRAFFIC IMPACTS

- ▶ Congestion expected to extend into WA
- ▶ Travel times 2-3x longer
- ▶ I-405 near capacity
- ▶ Increased traffic on parallel routes
- ▶ **The more people change their travel pattern, the better traffic will be**

# TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT

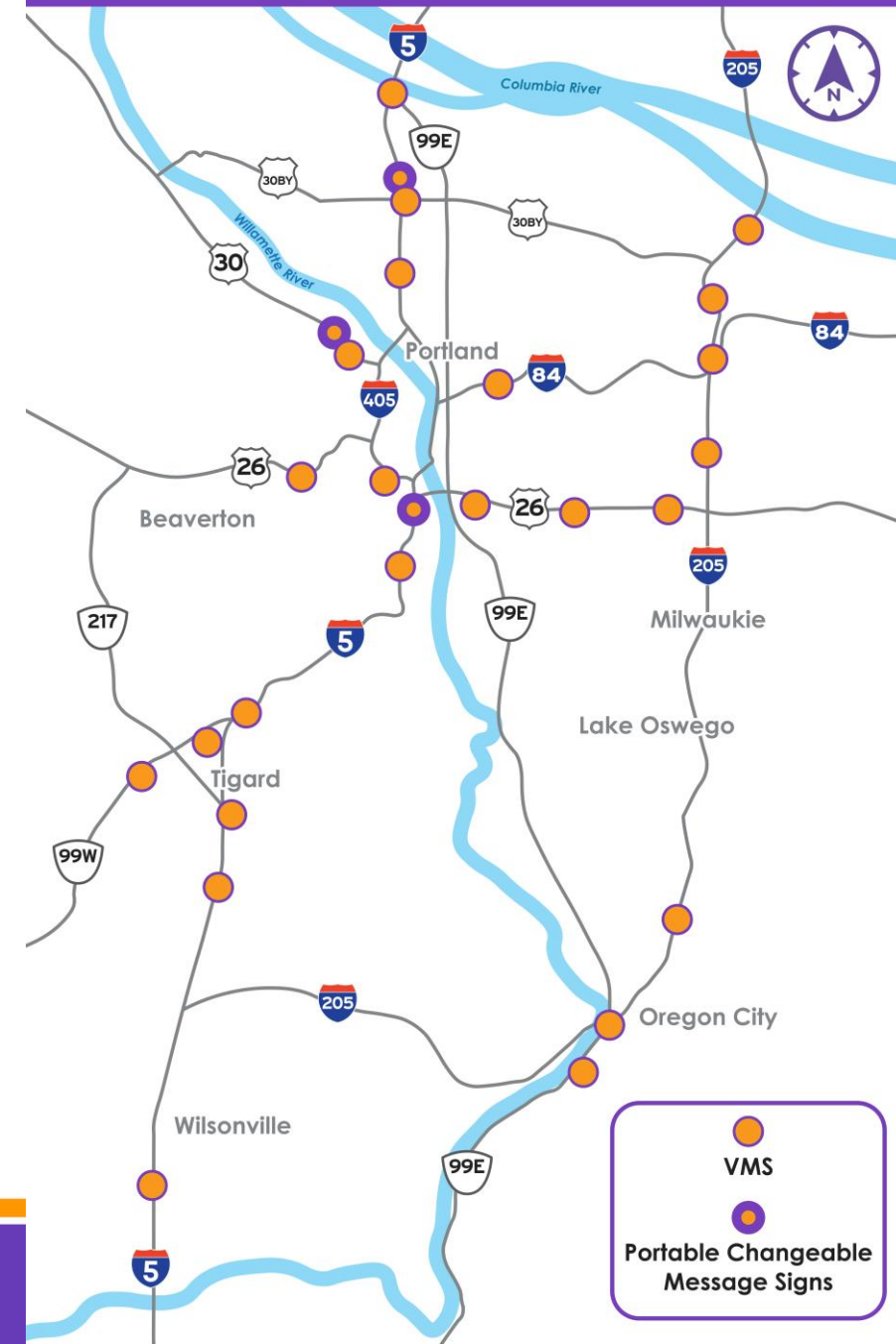
- ▶ Clearing incidents quickly
  - » Ongoing monitoring by ODOT Traffic Management Operations Center
  - » Increased Incident Response
- ▶ Smoothing traffic flow
  - » Ramp meter adjustments
  - » Signal timing adjustments
  - » Traffic operations monitoring



# REGIONAL SIGNAGE

- ▶ Permanent & temporary electronic signs will provide closure and detour information
- ▶ WSDOT electronic signs will also be utilized

## VARIABLE MESSAGE SIGNS (VMS)



# MANAGE DEMAND BY PREPARING COMMUNITY



# MANY TOUCHES - AVOID SURPRISES

- ▶ **Interested party outreach + messaging toolkit:** businesses, facilities, and industries
- ▶ **Briefings** of elected officials and staff
- ▶ **Proactive media strategy**
- ▶ **ODOT distribution channels:** social, email, text message, website, e-newsletter, mailer
- ▶ **Paid advertising campaign:** print, radio, digital, social

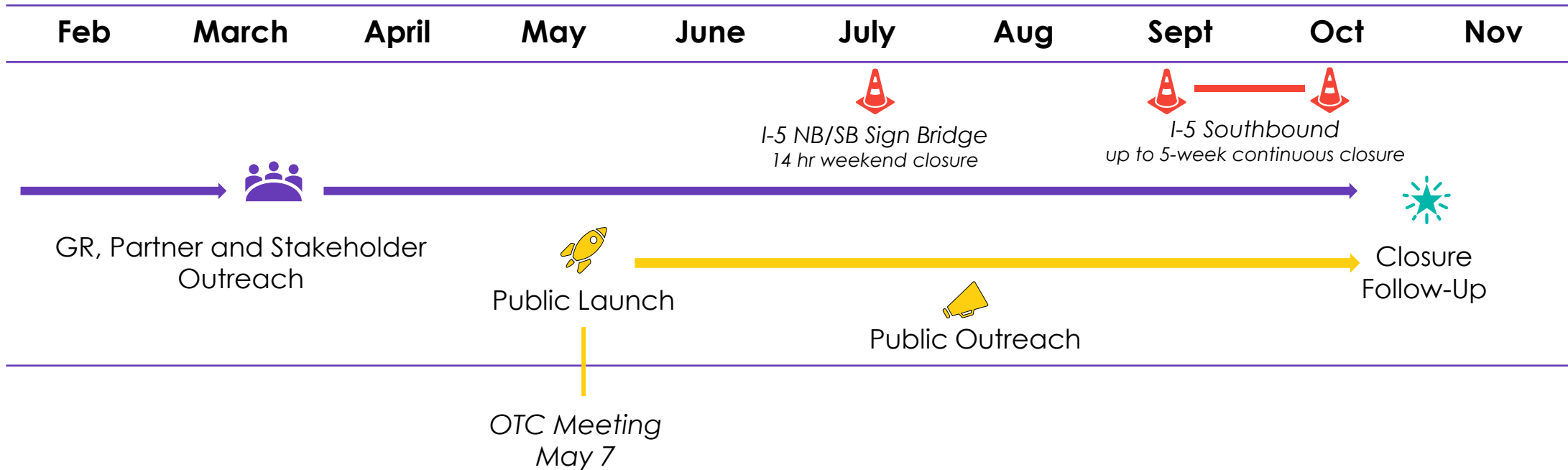
# OUTREACH TO DATE



# IN PROGRESS & PLANNED OUTREACH

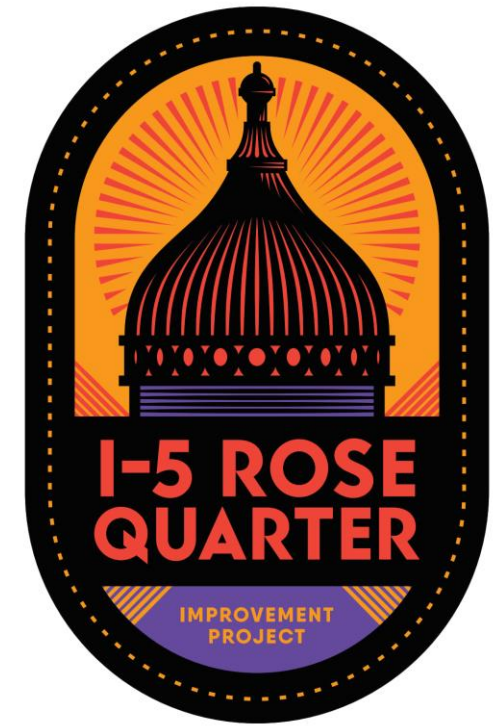
- ▶ Regional Commissions:
  - » Joint Transportation
  - » Clackamas County
  - » Washington County
- ▶ Relevant committees, including:
  - » Portland Bike Advisory Committee
  - » Portland Pedestrian Advisory Committee
  - » Metropolitan Mayor's Forum
  - » ODOT Mobility Advisory Committee
  - » ODOT Bike and Pedestrian Advisory Committee
- ▶ Clark County
- ▶ Metro
- ▶ Providence Park (Thorns, Timbers)
- ▶ Lloyd Center
- ▶ OMSI
- ▶ AAA
- ▶ Community Benefit Organizations
- ▶ Neighborhood Associations
- ▶ Faith Groups
- ▶ Business associations, including:
  - » Portland Metro Chamber
  - » Westside Economic Alliance
  - » Washington County Chamber
  - » North Clackamas Chamber
- ▶ Freight and major distribution and delivery operators

# OUTREACH SCHEDULE



# HOW YOU CAN HELP

- ▶ **Share information about the closures** with your colleagues and constituents in May
- ▶ Communications toolkit available soon:
  - » Fact sheets
  - » Talking points
  - » Sample newsletter / social media posts
  - » Graphics
- ▶ Reach out to Rose Gerber with any questions -  
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