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Flashing Beacons to Be Installed at US 20 / NE Eads St. Pedestrian Crosswalk

Newport, Ore. – Installation of flashing beacons at the pedestrian crosswalk on US 20 at NE Eads St. will begin on Tuesday, Nov. 12. Work will mostly take place after 7 p.m. during the week, and US 20 will at times be reduced to two lanes of traffic without a dedicated turn lane.

Sidewalks on both sides of US 20 will be closed to pedestrians between NE Douglas St. and NE Fogarty St. throughout the installation. Signage will be placed in the work area to detour pedestrians and lead vehicle traffic through the work zone. Currently, there are no planned road closures related to this project.

“The addition of these flashing beacons will help to create a safe pathway to cross a busy intersection of US 20 for pedestrians, including students at nearby Newport High School,” stated Newport City Engineer Chris Beatty. “The city prioritizes the safety of our community members and visitors, and this is a great step forward in helping to achieve our goal of providing safer pedestrian routes throughout Newport.”

The project may take up to two months to complete. Work crews will make efforts to minimize impacts to traffic on US 20 during this time frame.

Community members and visitors are encouraged to use alternate routes whenever possible and to use caution when transiting into and around work zones. The City of Newport will provide updates on this project on its social media channels, @NewportOre on Facebook and @CityOfNewportOR on Instagram.

