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One Lane of Westbound Traffic on SE Powell Blvd Closed July 7-8 for Street Restriping

PORTLAND, OR – The Portland Water Bureau will be closing one lane of westbound traffic on SE Powell Boulevard, between SE 97th and SE 100th avenues, the evening of Monday, July 7 and the morning of Tuesday, July 8. The closure will allow crews to restripe the westbound lane.

For the overnight project, flaggers will direct both lanes of traffic safely around the work site. The Water Bureau warns motorists and bicyclists to use caution on SE Powell Boulevard in this area. Motorists and bicyclists should watch for construction workers, be ready for sudden stops and obey all traffic controls and flaggers. To avoid traffic delays, motorists should use alternate routes.

In June, crews finished the construction of a 23-foot wide by 40-foot long concrete vault under the westbound lane of SE Powell Boulevard, directly in front of the Central Church of the Nazarene. The vault houses complex piping connected to the city's new 25-million gallon underground reservoir atop Kelly Butte. The westbound lane that was previously excavated to make room for the vault has been restored; the final step in the process will be to restripe the lane.

The Kelly Butte Reservoir will serve Portland's east-side water customers, and be a stopover to supply water to the Washington Park reservoir and southwest Portland area water storage tanks.

For additional information on the Kelly Butte Reservoir project, visit <http://www.portlandoregon.gov/water/kellybutte>.

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