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Vault Construction on SE Powell Blvd Completed; Street Repaving Set to Begin Night of June 19

PORTLAND, OR – The Portland Water Bureau has completed the water vault construction work on SE Powell Boulevard between the I-205 freeway and SE 100th Avenue.

Street repaving work will start at 9:00 pm on Thursday, June 19. One lane of westbound traffic on SE Powell Boulevard, between SE 97th and SE 100th Avenues, will be closed. Flaggers will direct both lanes of traffic safely around the paving work. The work is estimated to be completed by 5:00 am on Friday, June 20.

The Portland Water Bureau warns motorists and bicyclists to use caution on SE Powell Boulevard. Motorists and bicyclists should watch for construction workers, be ready for sudden stops, and obey all traffic controls and flaggers. To avoid traffic delays, use alternate routes.

In late February 2014, crews began the process to construct the large concrete vault under the westbound lane of SE Powell Boulevard, directly in front of the Central Church of the Nazarene. The 23-foot wide by 40-foot long vault now houses complex piping connected to the city's new 25-million gallon underground reservoir atop Kelly Butte.

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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