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# Traffic Advisory

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## **One Lane of Westbound Traffic on SE Powell Blvd. Closed July 1 - 3 for Concrete-Island Construction**

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 starting Tuesday, July 1 to Thursday, July 3. The closure will be daily from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm in order to construct a concrete-island between the east and west bound lanes.

For the three-day 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. To accommodate space for the vault construction work zone, the previous concrete island was removed. Crews will construct a new island which will again limit left-turn access into the church on SE Powell Boulevard.

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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