

SW Sam Jackson Road Closure for Emergency Repair

Beginning Monday, July 11, 2011, SW Sam Jackson Park Rd., the primary route to OHSU, will be closed for two months due to needed repairs being conducted by the City of Portland. This closure will affect access and increase traffic congestion on SW Terwilliger Blvd. as the main detour to access OHSU will be SW Campus Dr. However, we expect increased traffic not only on SW Terwilliger but also on surrounding roads including our main road (U.S. Veterans Hospital Rd.).

Employees are expected to be at their respective worksites on time and for the full duration of their tour. Employees are encouraged to allow for additional commuting times as significant increased congestion is anticipated in our immediate area. However, we understand that there may be times when extreme congestion happens and an employee may be late, just as during inclement weather. Supervisors will be authorized to excuse minor lateness to work and to take into consideration the circumstances. We are reviewing other options and will relay these to supervisors to determine if these options are applicable to their respective employee's situation.

We will continue to work with OHSU, Shriners Hospital for Children, Marquam Hill Associations and the Portland Bureau of Transportation throughout this situation. We will relay any urgent notices to you as we are made aware. You are encouraged to listen to local radio, read local newspapers, and monitor www.samjacksonroad.com .

You are encouraged to utilize the OSHU Tram during this time. If you have a Tri-Met pass there is no cost to ride the Tram. OSHU has agreed to increase the speed and schedule of the tram to accommodate increased users.