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### **OSWEGO CANAL BRIDGE CLOSURE PROMPTS DETOURS THROUGH END OF YEAR**

LAKE OSWEGO- Plans are moving ahead with the demolition and replacement of the Oswego Canal Bridge on South Shore Boulevard. On the morning of September 6, the bridge will close for demolition. A new bridge is expected to be ready for traffic by the end of December.

The project will have a variety of temporary impacts on traffic routes, boat access, and nearby neighborhoods, and every effort will be made to complete the project as quickly as possible. Detour signs will be posted prominently in the area, and detour route maps are available on the City website and at City Hall.

The ailing, 71-year old bridge partially collapsed in December 2002, prompting City officials to close it to traffic until a temporary system of supports could be put in place. State transportation funds were allocated to fund the replacement in late 2003.

Updates are available at <http://www.ci.oswego.or.us/engineer/construction/cnstnews.htm>, or by calling 503-635-0270. After September 9, the boating access hotline will provide information about canal access at 503-675-0416.

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