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MOUNT VERNON—The closure of two of the four I-5 ramps at College Way is scheduled for this weekend, from 7 a.m. Friday, March 20th, to Sunday evening on March 22nd for reconstruction of the ramps, and repaving.

Drivers are encouraged to find alternate routes in this area as the northbound on-ramp, as well as the southbound off-ramp—both on the *north* side of College Way—will be reconstructed and repaved during this continuous 48 hour shut down. The work is weather dependent, and heavy weekend rain would likely postpone the closure. The on and off ramps on the *south* side of College Way will operate as they normally do.

Two-way traffic will remain open on College Way, however lane reductions and detours are expected to add to commute times.

“This closure will have similar impacts to the work done on the south side of College Way on/off ramps, back in December,” Public Works Director Esco Bell said. “This will be one of those weekends when you’ll want to find back roads to access businesses in the area.”

The planned I-5 detour will have north and south bound drivers using the Kincaid Street exit—which is one exit to the south of the closure on College Way.

The \$8.5 million widening project of College Way has been delayed by weather, but is on track to wrap up before the end of April, and local drivers are looking forward to the immense benefit that this major infrastructure project will bring. Two additional lanes are being added to College Way, under the Interstate, to alleviate the “bottleneck” that currently prevents traffic from flowing freely on College Way. Final paving and striping will follow in the weeks ahead.

