

OR 99E Tunnel Illumination - Construction Coming Early 2019



In early 2019, The Oregon Department of Transportation will begin improvements to the Oregon 99E vehicle and pedestrian tunnels just south of downtown Oregon City. The improvements include:



- Adding new lighting and updating old fixtures and electrical systems to improve safety and visibility.



- Installing a variable message sign south of the tunnel to alert northbound drivers about traffic conditions in and near the tunnel before they make the sharp turn into downtown.

This project includes closing the left turn from OR 99E onto Tumwater Drive. This will remain closed after construction to reduce conflicts with the future McLoughlin-to-Canemah Trail, improve safety and reduce conflicts with turning vehicles. Based on traffic analysis, we anticipate no increased delay for left-turning vehicles using South Second Street once Tumwater Drive is closed to OR 99E.

What to Expect During Construction

Traffic Impacts

Construction starts in January and will continue through summer 2019. Most work will be done at night to minimize impacts to those using OR 99E, also known as McLoughlin Boulevard. Travelers can expect flaggers directing traffic for most nights during construction and should expect delays.

- **Short-Term Full Closures:** All traffic through the tunnel may be restricted for 20-minute windows at night between 10 p.m. and 4:30 a.m., if work requires.
- **Nighttime Single-Lane Closures:** Expect single-lane closures during the following times: Monday through Thursday nights from 7 p.m. to 6 a.m.; Friday nights from 7 p.m. to 9 a.m.; Saturday nights from 6 p.m. to 10 a.m.; and Sunday nights from 6 p.m. to 6 a.m. Expect flaggers directing traffic at night, starting as early as 9 p.m.
- **Daytime Single-Lane Closures:** Construction may require daytime single-lane closures weekdays from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
- **For People Walking and Biking:** Travelers can continue to use the pedestrian tunnel with minor delays, but should be aware of surroundings and use caution when entering the work zone.



Nighttime Noise

Residences and businesses adjacent to the project may experience some nighttime noise. ODOT has obtained required noise variances in order to complete the work and will minimize noise whenever possible.

For concerns related to noise, use the 24-hour noise hotline:
503-412-2322

Visit [TripCheck.com](https://www.tripcheck.com) for up-to-date traffic impacts

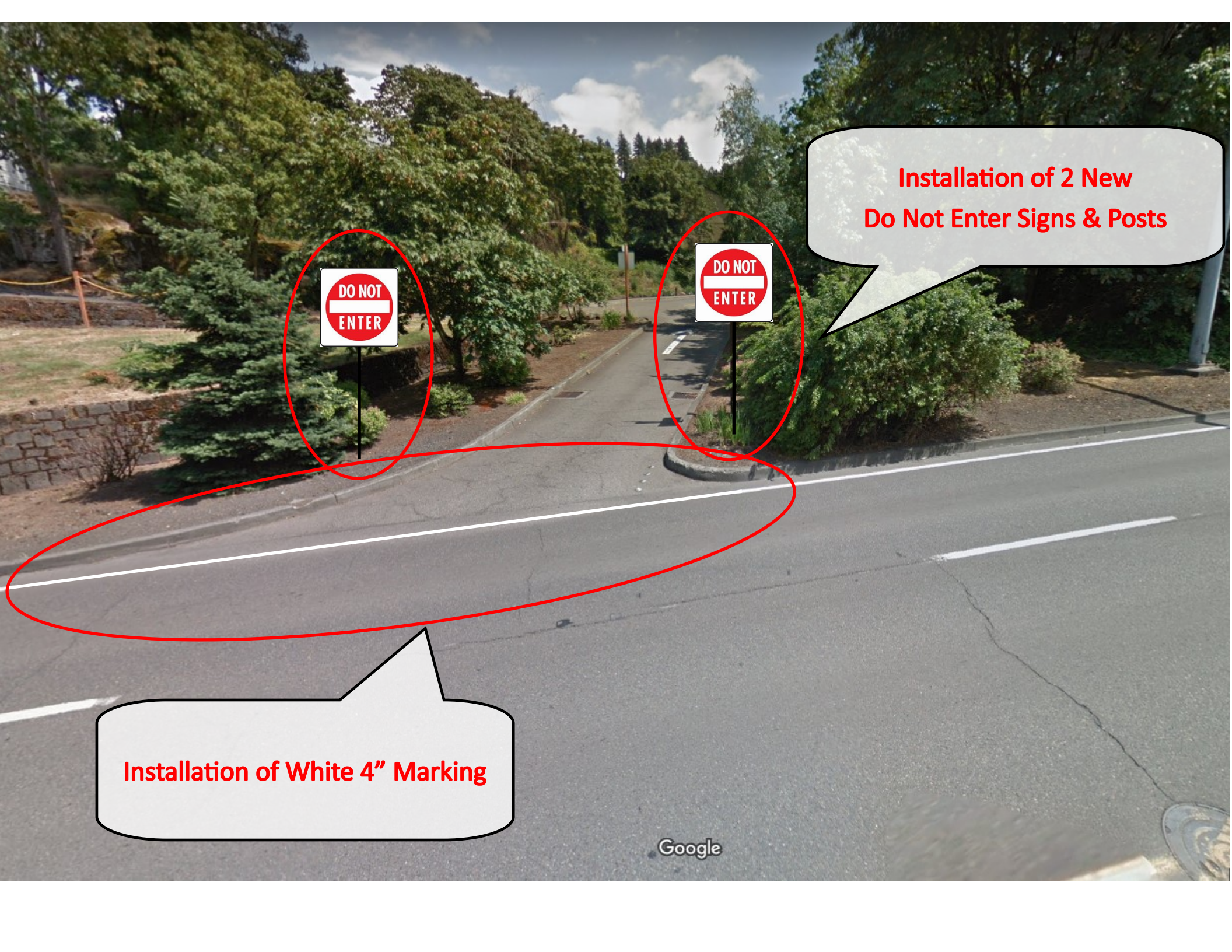




**Installation of White 4"
Marking**

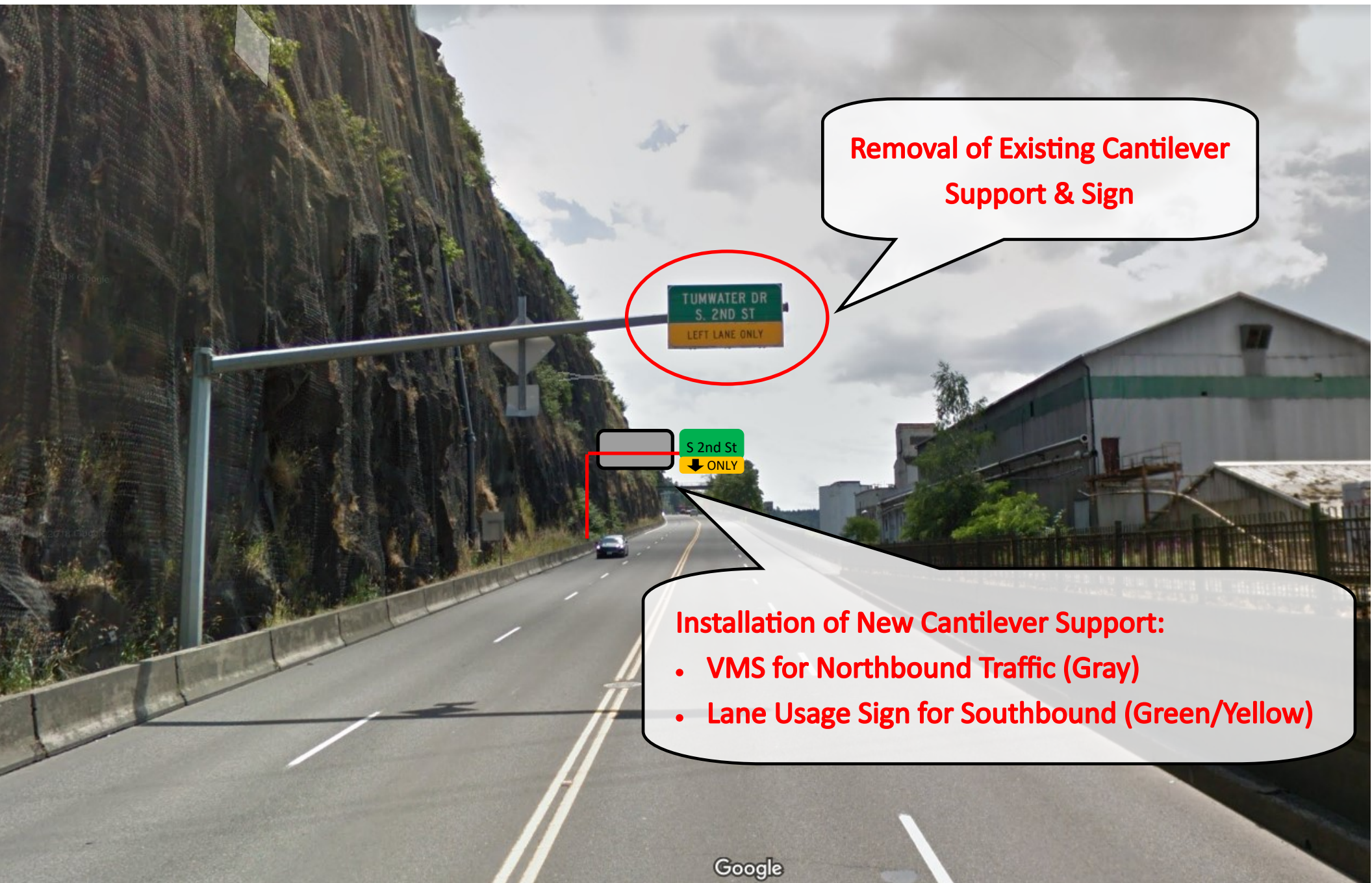
**Removal of Tumwater
Street Name Sign**

**Installation of Double Yellow
No Pass Markings**



**Installation of 2 New
Do Not Enter Signs & Posts**

Installation of White 4" Marking



Removal of Existing Cantilever Support & Sign

TUMWATER DR
S. 2ND ST
LEFT LANE ONLY

S 2nd St
↓ ONLY

Installation of New Cantilever Support:

- VMS for Northbound Traffic (Gray)
- Lane Usage Sign for Southbound (Green/Yellow)



Construction in the Oregon City OR 99E Tunnel Begins Soon

See inside for details!

For questions or comments, contact:

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For questions regarding the
Tumwater Drive access closure,
please contact the
City of Oregon City at:



503-657-0891

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