

NOTIFICATION OF SPECIAL EVENT: CLOSURE OF ASTORIA-MEGLER BRIDGE

WHAT: Great Columbia Crossing 10K Run/Walk
WHERE: Event starts at Dismal Nitch Rest Area and finishes at the Port of Astoria
DATE: Sunday, October 14, 2018
TIME: Astoria-Megler Bridge Closure during event from 8:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.
WHO: Astoria-Warrenton Area Chamber of Commerce, event organizer
In cooperation with multiple agencies including ODOT, WSDOT, & OSP
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On Sunday, October 14, 2018, the Astoria-Warrenton Area Chamber of Commerce will be producing the 35th annual Great Columbia Crossing 10k Run/Walk. The event is the only time annually that pedestrians are allowed to cross the Astoria-Megler Bridge. To improve security and enhance the experience, this year, the entire bridge will be closed to vehicles during the event, from 8:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. In the past, we have kept one lane open for vehicles with a pilot car.

We are doing our best to spread the word so locals can avoid surprises or confusion the morning of the closure. Please help us by sharing this information with your guests, members, congregation, friends, coworkers, etc. We encourage residents of the area to plan for this and schedule trips over the bridge before or after the event, or on another day. Be creative and make this a positive experience. For example, a church with members coming in advance of the bridge closure might want to plan a breakfast before the service. Offer 'stranded travelers' something extra to do that morning by opening early, granting a late checkout time, or offering a special deal to invite them in your doors while the bridge is closed.

CLOSURE DESCRIPTION:

- Event starting area set up at Dismal Nitch Rest Area begins at 5:00 a.m. and participants begin arriving by shuttle at 6:45 a.m. The Rest Area is closed to non-event vehicles from 5:00 a.m. until 10:00 a.m.
- The Astoria-Megler Bridge will be closed at 8:30 a.m. Participants begin the event at Dismal Nitch Rest Area and follow Hwy 401 for 1 mile. This section of Hwy 401 will be closed to traffic briefly while participants are on this portion of the course, approximately 8:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m.
- Participants still on the Astoria-Megler Bridge at 10:50 a.m. will be picked up by shuttle bus to clear the bridge so that it can reopen at 11:00 a.m. to vehicles. The event route loops through the Port of Astoria district and participants may continue in that section after 11:00 a.m.
- Oregon Department of Transportation will not allow vehicles to line up to wait to cross the bridge on neither the Oregon nor Washington side. Travelers will be dispersed and directed away from the bridge during the event.

We are working closely with our multi-agency logistics team to minimize the impacts of the event. Our goal is to create an enjoyable and positive experience for all involved. If you or any of the surrounding residents and businesses have questions or comments about impacts of this event, please call or email us at:

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