

Diverter Removal at Delaware Avenue and Lava Road



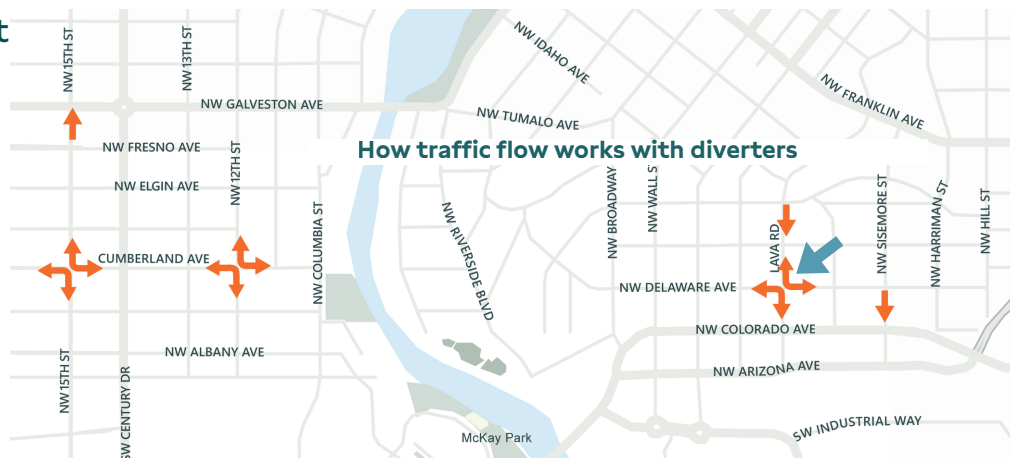
Delaware-Lava update

The City plans to remove the diverter at Delaware Avenue and Lava Road during the week of Nov. 2, 2026. Be aware of heavy equipment in the area during this time.

The City still supports the diverter pilot program and intends to address location-specific issues while meeting neighborhood traffic management goals. Following work with the community over the winter, affordable, quick-build alternatives could be installed in the spring of 2027.

Why remove diverters at this location only?

Unique concerns have emerged at the Delaware-Lava intersection that have not appeared at other diverter locations. Its proximity to Colorado Avenue and the Box Factory increases the likelihood of drivers visiting the area that are unfamiliar with the neighborhood's circulation patterns.



Delaware is the only location where vehicles have repeatedly attempted to bypass the restriction via alleys, sidewalks and yards.

Traffic data collected to date indicates the broader diverter network is generally functioning as intended in its goal to reduce vehicle traffic along and crossing the bikeway route.



Diverter Pilot Project

Background

As part of the Bend Bikeway project, in May 2026, the City installed diverters (physical barriers arranged to restrict certain vehicle movements but allow walking and biking through) in the Old Bend and River West Neighborhoods. These intended to reduce cut-through traffic and minimize conflicts with cyclists or pedestrians.



Based on public input, locations were identified and approved along existing Neighborhood Greenway routes, which are safer routes for people to walk or ride bikes on lower-speed residential streets.

The diverters are a pilot project, meaning they were installed on a temporary, trial basis to see how well they work before deciding whether they should be made permanent. They will be monitored over two years while the City collects data, feedback and makes adjustments.

Feedback

Comments? Please submit project feedback on the comment form located at bendoregon.gov/bendbikeway or scan the QR code:



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