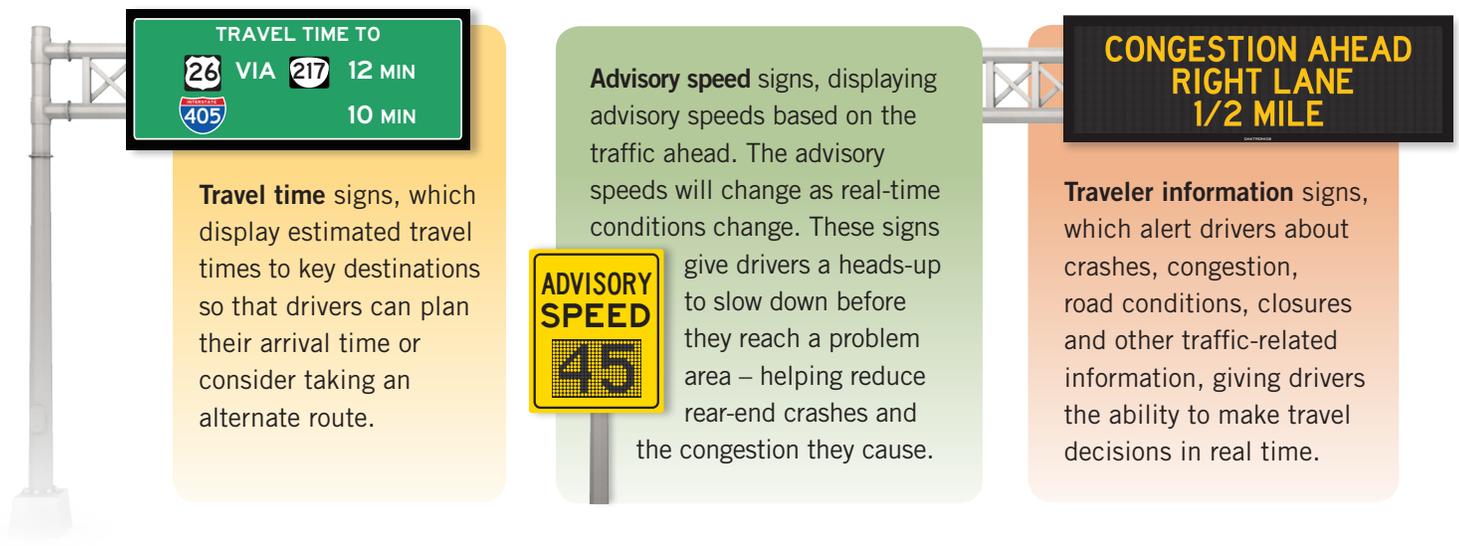


ODOT RealTime is a new system that will help make roads safer and help Oregonians get where they're going more efficiently by providing real-time traffic information to drivers. ODOT RealTime is being phased in on Portland-area highways starting in July 2014.

### ODOT RealTime includes:



### How does RealTime work?

Hundreds of sensors embedded in the roadway and overhead detect traffic volume and speeds. This information is relayed to ODOT's Traffic Operations Center on a real-time basis. Sophisticated computer technology translates data from the sensors into the information drivers see on the signs.

### Is the information truly provided in real time?

Yes, the information is updated every 20 seconds.

### What is the purpose of this system?

The new signs give motorists the ability to make informed travel decisions by providing them with real-time information about traffic flow and roadway conditions – to help everyone get where they're going safely and efficiently.

### Where will the signs be located?

In the initial phase, the advisory speed signs will be located along the southbound lanes of the I-5/I-405 interchange, as well as along the entire route of Hwy 217. Travel time and information signs will be located on all Portland-metro area highways, as well as several major arterials that connect to Hwy 217.

***What is an “advisory speed”?***

The advisory speed is a recommended speed based on real-time conditions and is determined by safety considerations.

***Will the signs help with congestion?***

ODOT RealTime is not intended to manage congestion. However, a collision on a busy highway can bring traffic to a halt. By reducing the number of crashes, ODOT RealTime will help lessen the delays they cause.

***What are drivers supposed to do when they see speeds change?***

Drivers should slow to the advisory speed displayed on the sign. If the sign changes to a lower speed, drivers should be prepared for stopped or slower-moving traffic ahead.

***Will I get a ticket for driving faster than the advisory speed?***

The purpose of advisory speeds is to provide motorists with important and helpful information. In keeping with this purpose, drivers cannot and will not be ticketed simply for exceeding the advisory speed. However, Oregon’s Basic Speed Rule still applies. The Basic Speed Rule provides that any driver who is driving recklessly or too fast for conditions can be ticketed, regardless of the speed limit.