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## **Construction to Begin on Railroad Crossing at Airport Way – Road Closed With Detour Throughout the Project**

**RICHLAND, Wash.** – Port of Benton plans to begin construction on the Airport Way railroad crossing on Friday, October 4, 2024, at 6 a.m. This project includes replacing the entire railroad crossing with new concrete panels, replacing the paving on both sides of the crossing, replacing the gate mechanisms and changing the lights to LEDs.

The road will be fully closed for the project's duration, and there will be a marked detour via Terminal Drive to Van Giesen Street. Detour signage and electronic highway displays will be in place more than a week before the project starts.

The crossing will reopen for traffic on Monday, October 7 by 10 p.m.

The Port has contracted with Railworks Track Systems to replace the Airport Way and Saint Street crossings. The Saint Street rail crossing project is planned for October 18 - 21, 2024. Each project will be paid for with a \$1.03 million Freight Rail Assistance Program (FRAP) Grant via Washington State Department of Transportation and \$250,000 in port grant matching funds.

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# AIRPORT WAY RAILROAD CROSSING CLOSURE

