

I-84 Corridor Strategy

DRAFT Vision Statement

Interstate 84 in the Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area is a critically important corridor that serves as a primary regional transportation artery, a key interstate freight route and a scenic highway. Interstate 84 is envisioned as:

- providing safe and efficient movement of people and goods while respecting and highlighting the magnificent landscape through which it passes;
- a model of design and management for interstate highways in protected areas;
- a route with a distinct and cohesive identity that reflects the character of the Gorge and the values of the Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area;
- a vital connector serving social and economic needs by providing access to and between communities, services, recreation areas and tourism destinations;
- a corridor where the traveling through is as important as the traveling to.

DRAFT Goals

Goal A: Improve safety along Interstate 84 in a manner that is consistent with the strategy for the corridor.

Goal B: Maintain the ongoing functionality of Interstate 84 as the most important east-west highway moving people and freight through Oregon.

Goal C: Establish a distinct visual character for Interstate 84 through design continuity for the common elements of highway features.

Goal D: The design and management activities of Interstate 84 should blend with the natural landscape setting and historic context and be consistent with scenic resource provisions of the CRGNSA Management Plan.

Goal E: Protect and enhance scenic, cultural, natural and recreational resources through careful planning, design, and development of projects and long-term maintenance practices.

Goal F: Improve access between Interstate 84, local communities, and other destinations to support local and regional economic development.

Goal G: Ensure that individual projects are developed through an interagency, interdisciplinary process from initial planning stages through implementation.