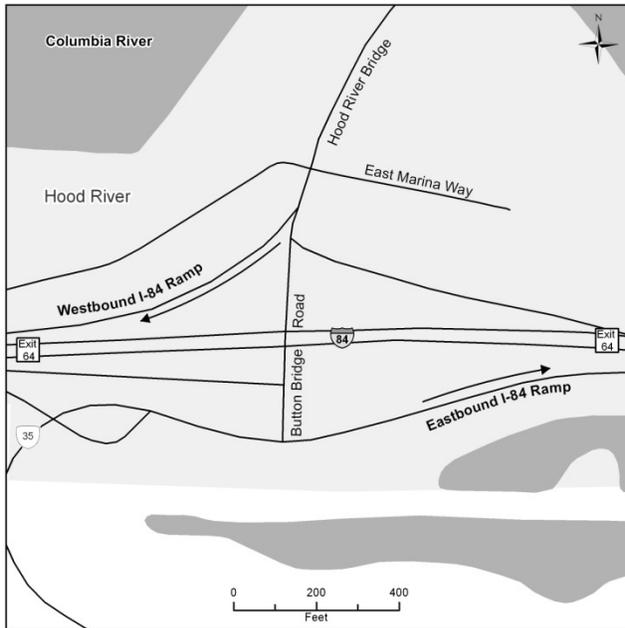


Project information: I-84 Exit 64 (Hood River)

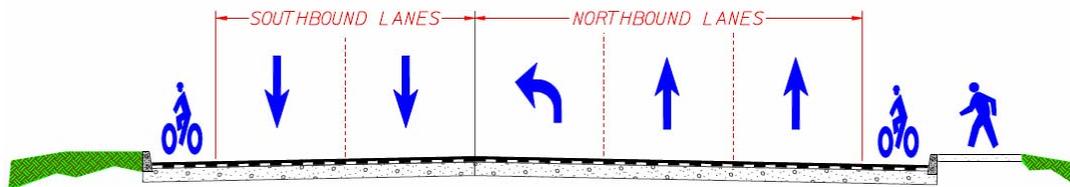
The Oregon Department of Transportation has completed design work and construction is under way to replace one bridge on Interstate 84 at exit 64 in Hood River and to improve the interchange beneath the current bridge. The bridge and interchange are located in the east end of Hood River, where the freeway passes over Button Bridge Road, the connector to Oregon 35.



Built in 1953, the Hood River interchange bridge is being replaced to safely accommodate heavy commercial trucks and keep traffic moving along the I-84 corridor.

To reduce congestion and increase safety beneath the bridge, ODOT will widen Button Bridge Road to five lanes, with bike lanes in both directions. A sidewalk will be added to the east side of the roadway. Additionally, three traffic signals will be added to Button Bridge Road at the intersections of Marina Way and at the eastbound and westbound ramps to I-84. ODOT will also widen two of the highway ramps.

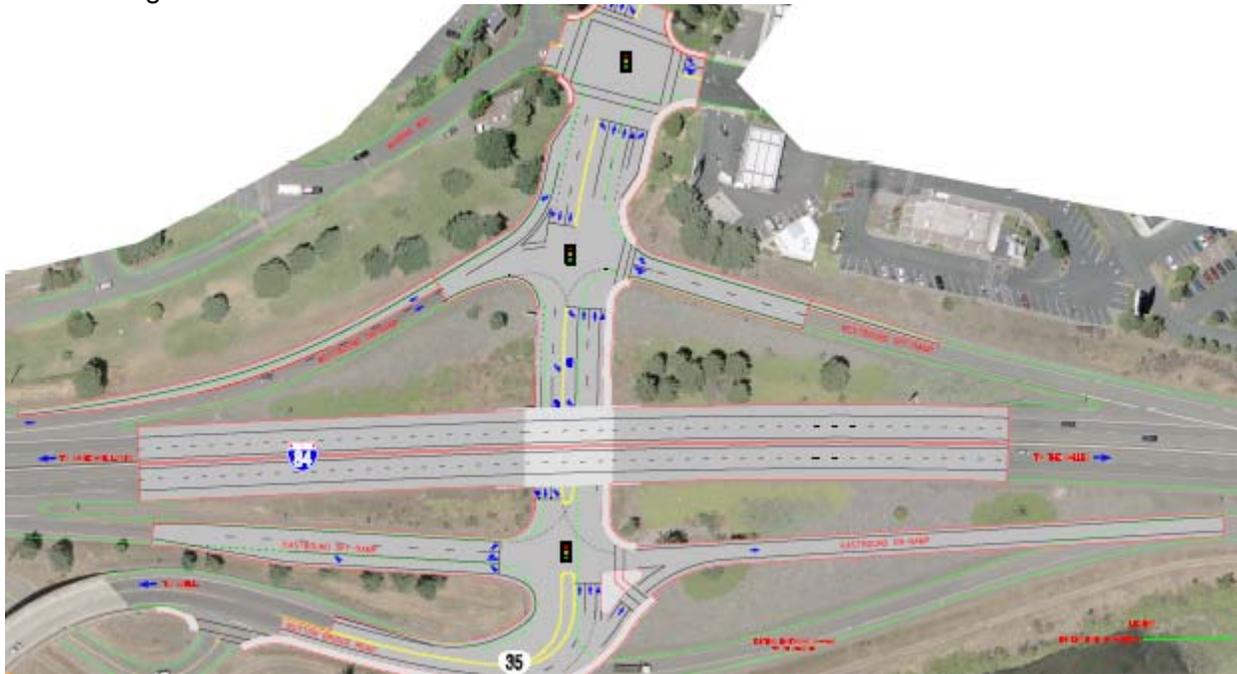
Button Bridge Road will be widened from Marina Way, near the Hood River Interstate Bridge, to the eastbound I-84 ramps south of the I-84 exit 64 bridge.



- Two of the five lanes will be directed northbound toward the Hood River Bridge.
- One of the five lanes will operate as a left turn lane for northbound traffic.
- Two of the five lanes will be directed southbound toward State Street and Oregon 35.
- Bike lanes in both directions will provide opportunities for multi-modal transportation choices.
- A sidewalk on the eastside of the roadway will increase safety for pedestrians.

To improve traffic flow through the interchange, which captures traffic from I-84, Oregon 35 and the Hood River Bridge, ODOT will add three traffic signals. Timing for the new traffic signals will be coordinated to provide for quick and safe travel. As shown below, signals will be added at the following intersections:

- Button Bridge Road and Marina Way near the Hood River Interstate Bridge.
- Button Bridge Road at the I-84 westbound ramps, north of the I-84 exit 64 bridge.
- Button Bridge Road at the I-84 eastbound ramps, south of the Interstate 84 exit 64 bridge.



The project realigns the eastbound I-84 on-ramp intersection with Button Bridge Road. The new on-ramp will be located across from the eastbound I-84 exit ramp. This improvement will allow for addition of a traffic signal.

Also to reduce congestion, the project will widen the eastbound off-ramp and provide one dedicated left turn lane, one combined left turn and through lane, and one dedicated right turn lane. The project will also widen the westbound on-ramp to two lanes.

What is the project timeline?

Design work was completed in October, 2009. Construction began in early 2010 and is scheduled to be completed in late 2011. The Oregon Department of Transportation has awarded a \$14.9 million project to replace the Interstate 84 bridge at exit 64 to Moore Excavation, Inc. of Portland.

What is ODOT doing to ensure safe travel and minimal delays during construction?

To minimize traffic impacts, ODOT is coordinating the construction schedule with other nearby maintenance and construction projects along the I-84 corridor. ODOT anticipates I-84 exits 63 and 64 will remain open during construction, except for temporary work closures. Traffic will be maintained on Button Bridge Road except during temporary work closures. Through traffic will be maintained on I-84 during construction.

Opportunities for involvement

Although the design phase for this project is complete, ODOT will continue to reach out to affected businesses and property owners. Do you know someone who may benefit from speaking with ODOT about this project? Please let us know. Contact information is listed below.

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