

I-84 Columbia River Gorge Bridges

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I-84 Sandy River to Jordan Road - public open house Sept. 11

Watch for an open house coming soon near your community!

Your ideas and suggestions are a key part of ODOT projects to replace and repair I-84 bridges in the Columbia River Gorge. Please watch your mailbox for more information on bridge project open houses near you.

Sandy River to Jordan Road Open House

Sept. 11, 4 p.m. to 7 p.m.
Sam Cox Building -
Glen Otto Park
1106 E. Columbia River Hwy
Troutdale

Construction work has begun between Cascade Locks and Mosier!

Please see the inside of this newsletter for more information on the construction schedule and traffic impacts.

To be added to our Columbia River Gorge Bridges mailing list, please send an e-mail message with your contact information to:
i84crgbridges@gmail.com.

A design open house is scheduled for Thursday, Sept. 11 from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the Sam Cox Building at Glen Otto Park, 1106 E. Columbia River Highway, in Troutdale, Ore.

You are invited to review the latest bridge designs for replacing the westbound and eastbound Interstate 84 bridges over the Sandy River and repairing the westbound and eastbound bridges over Jordan Road.

At the open house, you will be able to see the bridge renderings and discuss the project with the Oregon Department of Transportation. We also want your feedback on how to maintain I-84 traffic flows and interstate on-ramp and off-ramp access during construction.

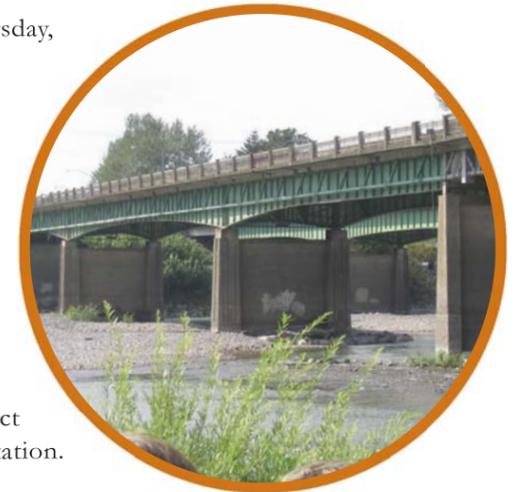
The Sandy River bridges are the gateway between the Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area and the Portland metropolitan area. The I-84 Sandy River bridges literally connect the natural environment with the built environment. Because the river is a gateway for people traveling between both places, the I-84 Sandy River bridges are being designed in a manner that complies with the I-84 Corridor Strategy guidelines while acknowledging the location as a crossing that deserves distinctive treatment. In fact, this bridge is one of only two in the entire OTIA III bridge program that is recognized as a gateway bridge. Bridge designers have considered form, color and texture for the structure, as well as distinctive features such as railing and tall pylons at the bridge ends. Participants at the Sept. 11 open house will be able to review and comment on the final designs and traffic control plans for the project.

Trail connections

Project officials have consulted with a range of stakeholder groups to ensure safe passage for cyclists and pedestrians in the area. As a result, the new eastbound I-84 bridge over the Sandy River will include a 16-foot-wide bicycle and pedestrian pathway with a traffic barrier. The bridge will also be designed to accommodate planned north-south connections to existing and future trail networks on both sides of the bridge.

After the open house, ODOT and the design team will ask federal, state and local permitting agencies to approve the project design based on the input received from stakeholders and the public.

The I-84 Sandy River to Jordan Road bridge project is necessary to ensure the prolonged safety and stability of the I-84 corridor as well as efficient traffic flow in the area. Design work is scheduled to be completed in January 2009. Construction is expected to begin in May 2009 and finish in 2012.



Existing I-84 bridges over the Sandy River.



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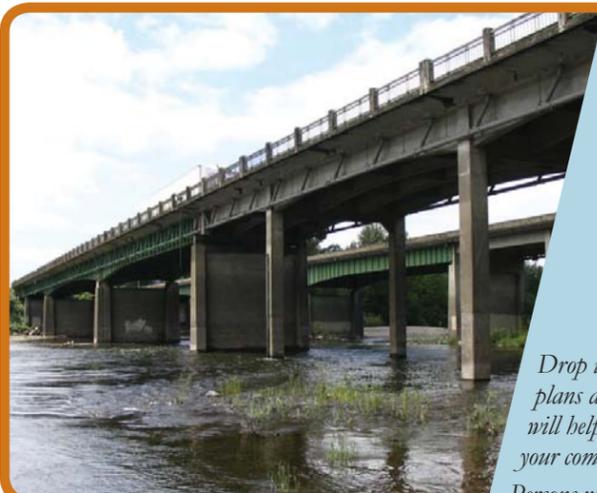
For general information, visit: www.oregon.gov/ODOT/HWY/REGION1/ColumbiaGorge

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September 11, 2008 - 4 p.m. to 7 p.m.
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Drop in any time during this informal open house. Review final bridge designs and traffic control plans and discuss them with the project team. We welcome any comments and suggestions that will help us build projects that complement the Gorge landscape and serve the unique needs of your community.

Persons with disabilities requiring accommodations, please contact Kalin Schmoldt at (503) 235-5881 or e-mail kalin@jlainvolve.com at least seven days before the open house.

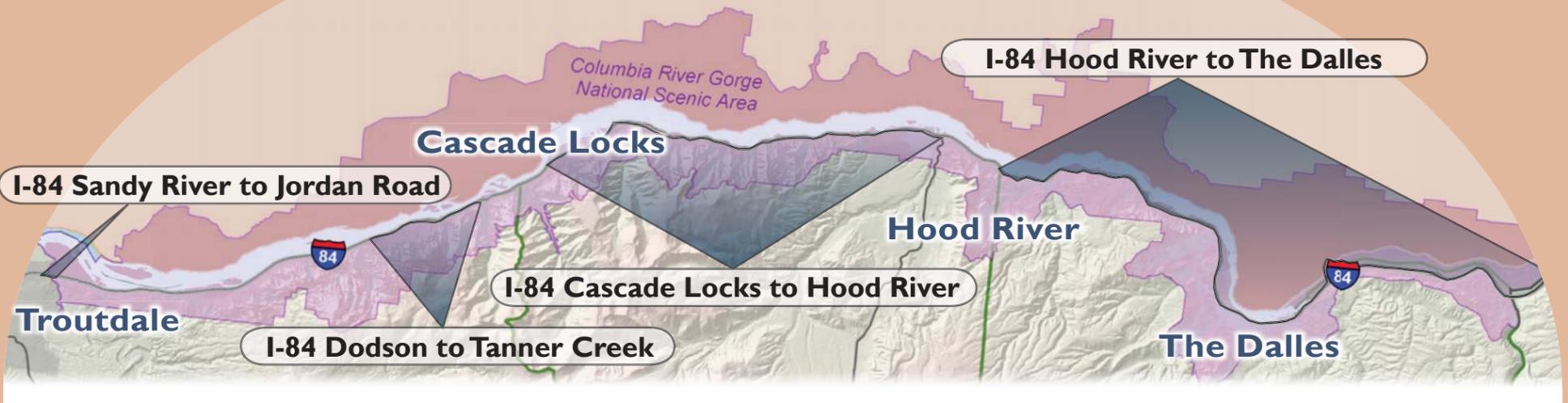


Existing I-84 bridges over the Sandy River.

The project is part of the Oregon Department of Transportation's 10-year, \$3 billion Oregon Transportation Investment Act program. OTIA funds will repair or replace hundreds of bridges, pave and maintain city and county roads, improve and expand interchanges, add new capacity to Oregon's highway system, and remove freight bottlenecks statewide. About 17 family-wage jobs are sustained for every \$1 million spent on transportation construction in Oregon. Each year during the OTIA program, construction projects will sustain about 5,000 family-wage jobs.

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Bridge construction is under way in the Gorge

I-84 Cascade Locks to Hood River

Construction has begun on a project to repair or replace seven bridges between Cascade Locks and Hood River. During construction, ODOT will keep two lanes open in each direction on I-84 between 7 a.m. and 7 p.m. Other traffic impacts include:

- **I-84 bridges over Moody Street at milepost 43.9:** Drivers can expect occasional single-lane closures on Moody Street beginning in late September. Workers will maintain four lanes on I-84.
- **I-84 bridges over the connector to U.S. 30 (Wa-Na-Pa Street) at milepost 45:** Beginning mid-August, drivers can expect single-lane closures controlled by flaggers on the connector road between U.S. 30 and Southeast Frontage Road. Workers will build a detour bridge to maintain four lanes of traffic on I-84 as they replace the bridges.
- **I-84 over the Herman Creek Connector at milepost 47.3:** Crews will begin repairing the westbound bridge in mid-September. Drivers can expect occasional single-lane closures on I-84. Westbound traffic will be shifted to the eastbound lanes during construction.
- **I-84 over Union Pacific Railroad at milepost 63.4:** Crews will maintain four lanes on I-84 as they conduct repair work under the bridges beginning in March 2009.
- **Second Street bridge over Union Pacific Railroad at milepost 63.9:** Workers will maintain four lanes on I-84. Drivers can expect occasional single-lane closures on Second Street beginning in March 2009. Trucks will be unable to use the bridge for up to one month during construction.

I-84 Hood River to Mosier Creek

Construction crews have begun building a detour structure to carry traffic while they replace the bridge on I-84 over the mouth of Mosier Creek at milepost 70.1.

Construction requires closing a public footpath under the Mosier Creek bridge. Alternate access is available using the Rock Creek bridge trail. The Mosier Creek footpath will be restored when bridge work is complete.

Workers also plan to repair the traffic barrier on I-84 between Hood River and Mosier during the spring and summer of 2009.

During construction, ODOT will keep two lanes open in each direction on I-84 between 7 a.m. and 7 p.m. Drivers can expect only minor delays throughout this project, scheduled to be complete in the fall of 2010.

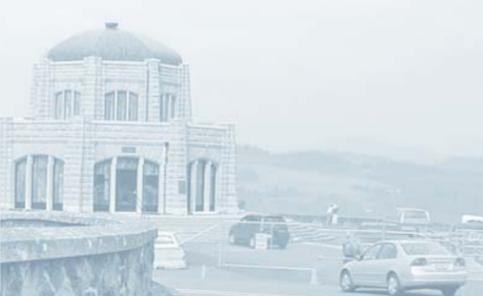


View of the I-84 bridge over the mouth of Mosier Creek.

For more information about I-84 Hood River to Mosier Creek, please contact Peter Murphy, ODOT Public Information Representative, (541) 388-6224 or peter.w.murphy@odot.state.or.us.

This project is scheduled to be complete by November 2010.

For more information about I-84 Cascade Locks to Hood River, please contact Christine Miles, Public Affairs Representative, (503) 731-8265, or e-mail Christine.L.Miles@odot.state.or.us.



Additional updates

I-84 Dodson to Tanner Creek and I-84 Cascade Locks to Hood River; joint open house a success

A joint open house for the Dodson to Tanner Creek and Cascade Locks to Hood River bridge projects was held April 29 at Cascade Locks School. Area residents were invited to meet the project teams, review final designs and to get the latest project details.

The meeting featured a variety of information for participants to review and discuss with the project design teams.



Residents discuss bridge designs with project staff at an open house in Cascade Locks.

What we learned at the Open House:

- Participants commenting on the Dodson to Tanner Creek bridges asked about trail connections during the construction of the Tanner Creek bridges and after the Moffett Creek bridge is replaced.
- In general, visitors responded favorably to the replacement and repair project. Several attendees expressed concerns about mobility impacts if traffic needs to be reduced to one lane on I-84 or adjacent roadways.

I-84 Dodson to Tanner Creek

The bridge work includes replacing the eastbound I-84 bridge over Moffett Creek and repairing eastbound I-84 at the Dodson overpass and the I-84 bridges in each direction over Tanner Creek. These bridges are located west of Cascade Locks between mileposts 35.2 and 40.1. Final design will be complete by fall with construction scheduled to begin in summer 2009. Watch your mailbox for more details about the construction.

For more information about I-84 Dodson to Tanner Creek, please contact Kalin Schmoldt at (503) 235-5881 or kalin@jlainvolve.com.

I-84 Exit 64 (Hood River)

Design work is beginning on the replacement of the I-84 bridges at exit 64 and improvements to the freeway interchange. Watch future newsletters for public open house announcements.

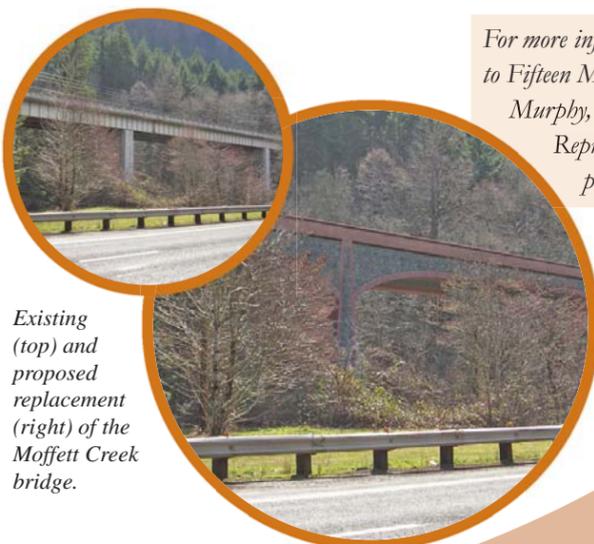
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I-84 The Dalles to Fifteen Mile Creek

This project involves replacing the Fifteen Mile Creek bridge and interstate maintenance work in The Dalles, and repairs to the Spanish Hollow bridge on Highway 97 south of Biggs.

Construction will begin next spring. Traffic will be detoured around work zones with minimal impacts through the project. Construction is expected finish in fall 2011.

For more information about I-84 The Dalles to Fifteen Mile Creek, please contact Peter Murphy, ODOT Public Information Representative, (541) 388-6224 or peter.w.murphy@odot.state.or.us.



Existing (top) and proposed replacement (right) of the Moffett Creek bridge.