

SIUSLAW BRIDGE PROTECTION PROJECT



Historic Siuslaw Bridge Rail to be Repurposed

The restoration of the Siuslaw Bridge includes upgrading the bridge rail to current safety standards. ODOT is replacing the old deck railing with precast, reinforced concrete that replicates the look of the original but meets current standards for pedestrian and vehicle safety. About half of the rail has already been removed and the contractor will remove the rest over the course of the restoration project. The Siuslaw Bridge was designed by renowned State Bridge Engineer, Conde McCullough in the Art Deco style and is listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

Where is the historic bridge rail going?

The goal is for the rail to be enjoyed and re-used for decorative purposes, and for none of it to be crushed or destroyed. The rail has been offered to local and regional public agencies, non-profit organizations, and the tribes. ***Ninety percent of the rail that has been removed from the bridge has been given to the City of Florence to repurpose in civic uses, or set aside for the Siuslaw Pioneer Museum in Florence.***

For the rest of the rail, the goal is for interested area residents to be able to purchase a section so it can be saved. BRING Recycling, the Eugene based non-profit, will coordinate the sale and distribution. BRING has experience with the Conde B. McCullough-designed bridge railings, having facilitated this work on several other of the retrofitted bridges.

Specifics about the bridge rail



Each piece of rail is about 24 feet long and weighs 4 to 5 tons. That is heavy, and purchasers will be responsible for hauling it to their destination. You will need more than just a pickup! If you are interested in the rail, please contact Judy Bryant at BRING and she will communicate the details about when it is available, cost, and location for pick up: 541.746.3023 x302, judyb@bringrecycling.org



Sections look similar to the bridge rail from the Cape Creek Bridge

About BRING

BRING has worked successfully for more than four decades to change attitudes and behavior regarding waste. The organization collects and sells an extensive assortment of reusable building materials, saving hundreds of tons of resources and energy each year. Through BRING's classroom education programs and landfill tours, Lane County students learn about recycling and waste prevention. The RE:think Business program helps businesses improve their environmental performance and bottom line. For more information about BRING, visit their website at www.bringrecycling.org.

For more information on the Siuslaw Bridge Restoration project, visit the ODOT webpage at www.siuslawbridge.com

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