

## I-84 Construction Projects



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The Oregon Department of Transportation is working to increase safety and reduce congestion in the Gorge with a variety of projects. This electronic signage system (made up of five variable message signs - VMS) on Interstate 84 is one piece of the puzzle.

The electronic sign system will increase driver awareness of highway conditions, provide alternatives when the Multnomah Falls parking lot is closed, and offer flexible messaging in an emergency by adding two new electronic signs at Multnomah Falls and Dalton Point.

### Why is it needed?

The Gorge is a hugely popular place, with over 2 million visitors coming to Multnomah Falls each year. With limited parking and transit options, the parking lots on I-84 and the Historic Highway are often full.

The electronic sign system is one piece of the puzzle in addressing congestion. It will help educate drivers of the current parking lot status (full/open), as well as providing information about alternative parking locations.

### What are the details?

The project will install two new electronic signs:

- At Multnomah Falls parking lot on I-84 will allow for more flexible messaging (currently the sign can only say "closed" or "open").
- At Dalton Point (mile west of Multnomah Falls) in the eastbound direction.
- Three existing electronic signs will be connected to the two new signs (described above), allowing for immediate and coordinated messages on I-84.

### When will it happen?

Construction should take place from **Winter/Spring 2017**. The project will require shoulder and single lane closures on I-84.

### What about congestion?

ODOT and other partner agencies (including the US Forest Service and Oregon Parks and Recreation Department) are working hard to find short- and long-term solutions to congestion in the Gorge.

ODOT is developing a pilot shuttle bus system that would connect transit riders in 2016 from the Gateway Transit Center in Portland to Rooster Rock and Multnomah Falls (also serving as a shuttle for over-flow parking between Rooster Rock and Multnomah Falls). Learn more at [www.GorgeTransitStudy.org](http://www.GorgeTransitStudy.org)

### 2016 Construction Schedule\*

**Paving Sandy River to Multnomah Falls:** June - Oct. 2016\*

**Tanner Creek Bridge Repair at Bonneville Dam:** Feb. - July 2016\*

**Paving Cascade Locks to Hood River:** May - Sep. 2016\*

**Extending the Historic Columbia River Highway State Trail:** Feb. - June 2016\*; expected Sep. 2016 trail opening\*

**Hood River Rockfall Repair:** (see above)

**Mosier to The Dalles Paving & Median Barrier Replacement:** June - Sep. 2016\*

**Paving and Bridge Construction in The Dalles:** Feb. 2015 - June 2016\*

\* Schedule is subject to change

### Questions?

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