



# Multnomah Falls Electronic Sign System

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 variable message signs - VMS) on Interstate 84 is one piece of the puzzle.

By adding two new electronic signs at Multnomah Falls and Dalton Point, 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.

## 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 I-84 parking lot in eastbound direction (the current sign can only say "closed" or "open").
- Dalton Point (1-mile west of Multnomah Falls) in the eastbound direction.

Three existing electronic signs will be connected to the two new signs at Multnomah Falls and Dalton Point allowing for immediate and coordinated messages on I-84.

## When will it happen?

Construction should take place from **spring-summer 2017**.\* The project will require shoulder and single lane closures on eastbound 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.

In summer 2016 ODOT is operating a pilot shuttle bus system between 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.ColumbiaGorgeExpress.com](http://www.ColumbiaGorgeExpress.com)

## Other Construction Schedule\*

Travelers should be aware of potential traffic impacts and plan their trips accordingly. Visit [www.TripCheck.com](http://www.TripCheck.com) for current traffic conditions.

**Multnomah Falls Electronic Sign System:** (see above)\*

**Farley Landslide Mitigation:** early 2017\*

**Extending the Historic Columbia River State Trail:** late 2016 - early 2017\*

**Hood River Rockfall Repair:** Sep. 2016 - May 2017\*

\* Schedule is subject to change

## Questions?

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