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Contemporary design chosen for new I-84 Sandy River bridges

TROUTDALE –The Oregon Department of Transportation is announcing new plans for a contemporary design for the Interstate 84 replacement bridges over the Sandy River in Troutdale.

The Sandy River bridges are the gateway to the Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area going east and to the Portland metro area traveling west on I-84.

The new bridges will feature rock façade treatments on the bridge piers, abutments and decorative pylons. The bridge spans will be dark gray and the trim will be dark brown. The pylons at the gateways to the bridge will be 12 feet high, six feet wide and four feet deep at the top. The eastbound bridge will include a combined bicycle and pedestrian crossing over the Sandy River.

The Sandy River bridge work is part of a larger project in which ODOT will also repair the eastbound and westbound I-84 bridges over Jordan Road, at exit 18. Construction work is expected to start in June 2009. The total cost of this project is estimated at about \$66 million dollars.

Renderings of the selected design:

<ftp://ftp.odot.state.or.us/outgoing/Sandy%20River%20Bridge/>.

- Sandy River Bridge (abutment).
- Sandy River Bridge (Contemporary A, river view).
- Sandy River Bridge (elevation view).
- Sandy River Bridge (path connections).
- Sandy River Bridge (pedestrian walkway).

ODOT selected the design after discussing several options with the community and key stakeholders over the last 18 months. ODOT believes the modified contemporary design best suits the community's preferences and the highway design guidelines in the I-84 Corridor Strategy, which protects the treasured Columbia River Gorge. All designs of bridges throughout the Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area must conform to the aesthetic guidelines

ODOT's project team has also worked with area stakeholders to include a combined bicycle and pedestrian crossing over the Sandy River. The team decided to keep the combined path on the eastbound I-84 bridge instead of building a separate structure.

ODOT will continue working with regional agencies to develop future bicycle and pedestrian trail connections in the Sandy River Delta area, including under the Sandy River bridges in both directions.

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The OTIA III State Bridge Delivery Program is part of the Oregon Department of Transportation's 10-year, \$3 billion Oregon Transportation Investment Act. 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.