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Proposed bridge over railroad will improve access to Cascade Locks Waterfront Park

During the January 2017 meeting, Cascade Locks Port Commissioners decided on the elevator & stairs design alternative since it has smallest footprint and impact on the park. The future crossing will provide an accessible entrance from downtown Cascade Locks to the Waterfront Park.

This artists rendering of the elevator & stair design alternative shows how the crossing might look in the future; design details still need to be decided.
The Port of Cascade Locks and ODOT held a public workshop on October 18, 2016 to discuss and gather input on a new connection to Marine Park for people walking, biking or using a mobility devices. Some open house attendees discussed that the ramp & stairs option would be best for bikes and pedestrians and many were concerned about the initial cost and maintenance of the elevator, as well as graffiti and limited space in the elevator for bikes that are non-standard size. Other attendees liked the elevator for weather protection, providing an alternative route for people with limited mobility and for carrying heavy items up from the river or park.

After the open house the Commission decided to further investigate two alternatives, ramp & stairs and elevator & stairs. Commissioners considered the public’s input from the open house, as well as the further information gathered after the open house to make their final decision.

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Columbia Gorge Express gets ready for year 2

Thanks to funding from the Federal Lands Access Program, the Columbia Gorge Express will be up and running from May to September of 2017!

The Columbia Gorge Express provided public transit service to Rooster Rock and Multnomah Falls from Gateway Transit Center in Portland. The 2016 pilot project was a huge success, demonstrating the need for public transit in the Gorge. Thanks to continued funding from ODOT and our partners, service will be extended to Hood River in 2018.

The project was recently recognized by the WTS Portland Chapter as the Innovation Transportation Project of the year in 2016.

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