

I-84 Westbound

SUMMER 2026

Union Pacific Railroad Bridge Replacement

We are replacing the Interstate 84 westbound bridge over the Union Pacific Railroad (UPRR) starting in 2027 to retain this vital interstate connection while improving its ability to withstand a major earthquake. The bridge was built in 1953 and has exceeded its useful life at nearly 75 years old.

We evaluated multiple options that would repair or replace the bridge and selected an option that realigns the highway and replaces the bridge while minimizing costs and traffic impacts for interstate travelers. Our technical evaluation determined that upgrading the existing structure to current seismic standards would be more expensive than replacing it because of the bridge foundation type. The other repair and replacement options also required westbound traffic to detour off of I-84 causing long delays and detours.



We are replacing the aging bridge that carries I-84 westbound over the Union Pacific Railroad (UPRR) between Exit 62 and Exit 63 in Hood River.

Construction options evaluated:

FACTORS	REPAIR	REPLACE
Seismic improvements	▼ Worse	▲ Best
Concrete surface replacement	= Similar	= Similar
Traffic impacts	▼ Worse	▲ Best
Schedule	= Similar	= Similar
Cost	▼ Worse	▲ Best

Traffic impacts

- Expect temporary traffic delays near Exit 63 during construction.
- Westbound I-84 will be temporarily reduced to one lane for a few months in 2028 while crews connect the new bridge to I-84.
- Eastbound I-84 will be temporarily reduced to one lane while crews build a new culvert that routes stormwater from the new bridge to a treatment site.

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Limiting traffic impacts

The new westbound bridge will be constructed north of the existing bridge to minimize traffic impacts. Once the new bridge is built, I-84 westbound will be temporarily reduced to one lane for a few months while building the connection to the new bridge. Both travel lanes will reopen once this transition is complete and the old bridge will be demolished. Using the existing bridge while the new bridge is built will limit traffic impacts by keeping westbound I-84 open throughout construction.

Seismic resiliency

The new structure will be built to current seismic standards that will allow it to better withstand earth shaking and soil movement in the event of an earthquake.

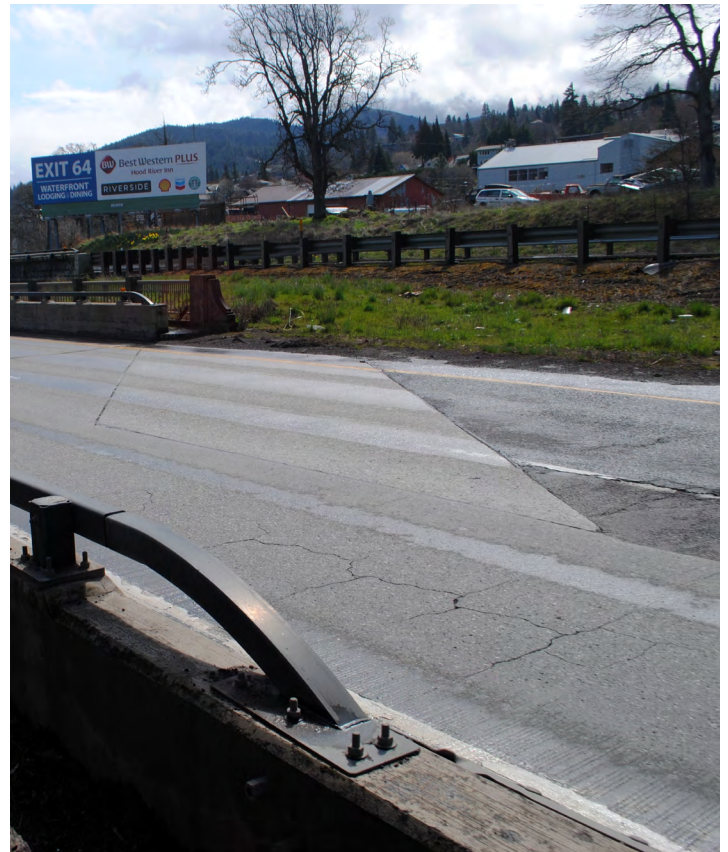
Schedule

Our engineers are designing the bridge and securing a contractor through fall 2026. Construction is anticipated to begin in early 2027 and continue until fall 2029.

Slow your roll and enjoy the view

Over the last several years we have completed many construction projects on I-84 between I-205 and Hood River, and on the Historic Columbia River Highway between Troutdale

and Hood River. We have some more planned projects over the next several years that will continue improving your travel and increasing safety. Plan ahead by visiting TripCheck.com for real-time traffic impacts. For more information, visit i84GorgeConstruction.org.



View of the ruts and cracks on the westbound bridge surface.

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