WELCOME
Please sign in!

Tonight, we invite you to:

- Sign up and receive future updates
- Visit each station and learn more about the project
- Ask questions and talk with a staff member
- Complete a comment form to share your thoughts
PROJECT OVERVIEW AND GOALS

The Van Buren Bridge Project will construct a seismically-resilient eastbound bridge on OR 34 over the Willamette River. Design will be complete by September 2021. Construction is expected to start in 2022.

**Cost:** $9 million for design, $60 million for construction.

**Funding:** $69 million from Oregon’s Fix-It and HB 2017 bridge seismic funding.
PROJECT HISTORY

Bridge replacement was first proposed over 20 years ago, but no funding was available at that time.

1979-1983: Final Environmental Impact Statement. This study was conducted to consider an alternate route for traffic to bypass the central business area of Corvallis.

2004: Plans are revived.

2005: Environmental Baseline Report: This environmental study assisted with determining requirements for the new Van Buren Bridge. Bridge and Roadway Alternatives Report: This design study was to assist in locating a new Van Buren Bridge.

2006-2007: Options include a new bridge parallel to the existing bridge; and a curved bridge between the old bridge and the Harrison Street Bridge. An additional option includes a bypass north to connect with OR 99W. There is still no funding available.

2008-2009: Existing Traffic Conditions Report. This document focused on conducting additional traffic studies.

2017: The State Legislature’s passage of House Bill 2017 provides more bridge funding and project planning begins again.

This project builds on this previous work.
FUTURE VAN BUREN BRIDGE CONCEPT
**OR 34: Van Buren Bridge**

**Design Phase**

### Construction Staging

#### Stage 1
- **Construct Temporary Diversion**
  - NW 1st St.
  - NW Harrison Blvd.

#### Stage 2
- **Remove Existing Bridge**
  - NW 1st St.
  - NW Harrison Blvd.

#### Stage 3
- **Construct New Bridge**
  - NW 1st St.
  - NW Harrison Blvd.

#### Stage 4
- **Remove Work Bridge & Temporary Diversion**
  - NW 1st St.
  - NW Harrison Blvd.

### Existing Conditions

- **Bid Fall 2021**
- **Construction begins Spring 2022**
  - Install work bridge and temporary diversion Spring 2022 – Fall 2022

- **Remove existing bridge**
  - Fall 2022 – Summer 2023

- **Construct new bridge**
  - Summer 2023 – Summer 2024

- **Remove work bridge and temporary diversion. Summer 2024**

### Timeline

- **Fall 2021**
- **Winter 2021**
- **Spring 2022**
- **Summer 2022**
- **Fall 2022**
- **Winter 2022**
- **Spring 2023**
- **Summer 2023**
- **Fall 2023**
- **Winter 2023**
- **Spring 2024**
- **Summer 2024**
- **Fall 2024**

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**Construction complete Fall 2024**
POTENTIAL DESIGN ENHANCEMENTS

1. Bridge railings
2. Bridge and path lighting
3. Entry columns
4. Approach span fascia
5. River piers

WEATHERING STEEL
(USED FOR RIVER SPANS)
OR 34: Van Buren Bridge
Design Phase

POTENTIAL RAILINGS, COLUMNS AND LIGHTING CONCEPTS

Railings

- ODOT 3-TUBE TRAFFIC RAIL (REQUIRED FOR VEHICLE LANES)

Lighting

- Ferry Street Bridge
- Mary's Bridge

Columns and Inscriptions

- "LEAVING THE CITY OF CORVALLIS"
- "ENTERING THE CITY OF CORVALLIS"

Proposed column concept based on columns used on the 3rd Street Bridge over Mary's River in Corvallis.

SHARE YOUR IDEAS!

Bridge Span Section (above river)

Approach Span Section (above pathways)
FASCIA AND PIER TREATMENT CONCEPTS

FASCIA

- Security lighting on pathways.
- Textured or patterned fascia available for aesthetic treatment

BRIDGE PIERS

West Approach

East Approach

View from path below

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County Courthouse
ENVIRONMENTAL AND PERMITTING COMPONENTS

NATURAL RESOURCES

1. Willamette River. No wetlands present.
   • Permits needed from Department of State Lands and United States Army Corps of Engineers.

AQUATIC SPECIES

2. Multiple endangered species and their habitat.

OTHER ENVIRONMENTAL AND PERMITTING ISSUES

3. Riverfront Commemorative Park. Temporary disturbances are anticipated.
   • United States Coast Guard Bridge Permit required.
   • City/County permits for floodplain impacts and work within the Willamette River Greenway.

4. Orleans Natural Area. Temporary disturbances may occur.
Because this project has federal funding, it must comply with the National Historic Preservation Act, which requires consideration of the effects on historic properties within the project. These will be identified through:

- Field survey and background research.
- Assessment of potential effects to identified historic properties.

Any identified adverse effects to historic properties will be avoided or minimized and mitigated where necessary.

We will consult with the Oregon State Historic Preservation Office, federally-recognized tribes, project consulting parties and the general public in these efforts.

Investigations will also occur for the Corvallis Downtown Historic District. A Historic Resource Baseline Report was completed in June 2019 (see map). The report will inform further identification of historic properties, to be completed in spring 2020.
ARCHAEOLOGICAL CONSIDERATIONS

Four archaeological sites and the Orleans Townsite are within the project study area.

Additional fieldwork will focus on evaluating these sites and identifying new sites.

We encourage you to submit historical information to:

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  kurt.roedel@odot.state.or.us  
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#### Key Events

- **Design Concept**
  - Historic Resource Planning
  - Concept Design Complete

- **Final Design**
  - Final Plans Complete
  - Bid Opening

- **Construction**
  - Public Open Houses
  - Construction Complete

- **Approx. 2-1/2 Years After Bid Opening**

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*City Council Meetings*

*Corvallis Historic Resources Commission Meetings*