



Region 1 Headquarters
123 NW Flanders St
Portland, OR 97209

St. Johns Bridge repair begins in 2022

Learn about the project and impacts to Cathedral Park.

Learn more:
bit.ly/stjohnsbridgerepair



St. Johns Bridge Repair Project

We're improving the long-term safety and lifespan of the St. Johns Bridge by repairing the concrete on the pier columns and arches under the bridge.

Minimal traffic impacts are expected. The St. Johns Bridge will remain open to all travelers during construction. Cathedral Park will also remain open, but some park and visual impacts are expected.

Construction is anticipated to begin in late spring 2022 and continue to spring 2024. Schedule is subject to change.

For ADA Title II or Civil Rights Title VI accommodations, translation/ interpretation services, or for additional information, call 503-731-4128, TTY (800) 735-2900 or use the statewide Oregon Relay Service: 7-1-1.

¿Habla usted español? Podemos proveer la información en esta publicación en español. Para recibir la información en español, por favor llámé al: 503-731-4128.

Questions or comments?

Dee Hidalgo
ODOT Community Affairs
503-731-8230
Dee.Hidalgo@odot.oregon.gov

Sign up for updates and learn more about the project:
bit.ly/stjohnsbridgerepair

24/7 traffic impacts:
TripCheck.com



St. Johns Bridge Repair Project

February 2022

About the project

We're improving the long-term safety and lifespan of the St. Johns Bridge by repairing the concrete on the pier columns and arches under the bridge.

Construction is anticipated to begin in late spring 2022 and continue to spring 2024. Intermittent work will minimize impacts to summer events in Cathedral Park. Schedule is subject to change.

Why is this project needed?

This is the first comprehensive concrete repair since the bridge was built in 1931. After 90 years, the concrete is chipping away and exposing the internal steel frame inside the pier columns.

What are the project benefits?

Repairing the concrete will protect the bridge's steel internal frame and reinforcements from corrosion, maintaining the service life of this beloved Portland Historic Landmark.

Minimal impacts to St. Johns Bridge and U.S. 30 Bypass (NW Bridge Avenue) travelers

The St. Johns Bridge will remain open and minimal impacts are anticipated for all travelers during construction. Temporary sidewalk closures are expected on one side of the bridge at a time. Detour signage will direct people to crosswalks on each end of the bridge. People on bikes can continue to ride in the vehicle travel lane or walk their bikes on the open sidewalk. No impacts to river traffic are expected.

Chipping concrete and exposed steel frame inside the pier columns of the St. Johns Bridge today.

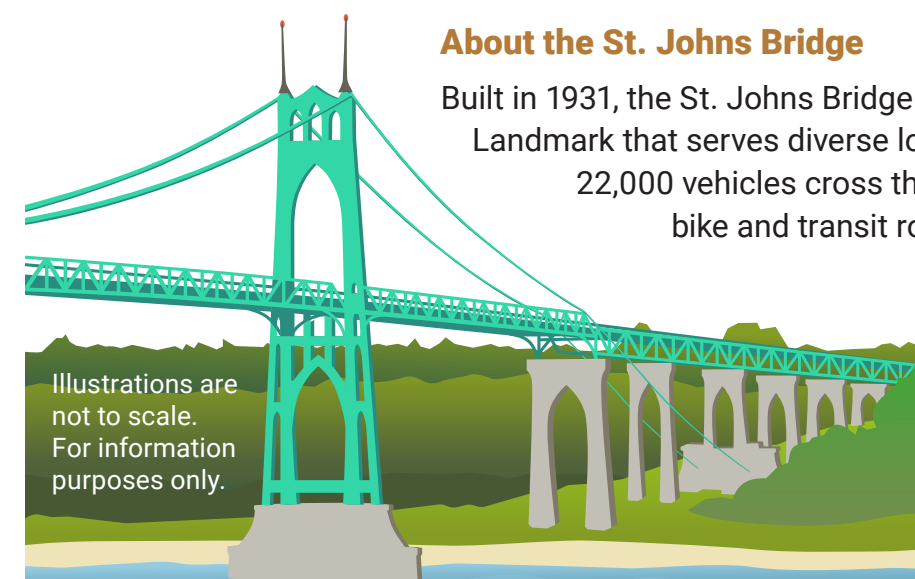


About the St. Johns Bridge

Built in 1931, the St. Johns Bridge is a registered Portland Historical Landmark that serves diverse local and regional travelers. More than 22,000 vehicles cross the bridge each day. It is also a popular bike and transit route and is a designated freight route.

This project follows maintenance work to the steel frame recently completed in 2019.

Learn more:
bit.ly/stjohnsbridgerepair



Impacts to Cathedral Park

Cathedral Park will remain open during construction. Crews will enclose the active work areas around the bridge pier columns, as well as the east and west anchor houses. Fencing will surround work areas in the park. These areas will close to park users.

The safety of our workers, park users, and travelers is our highest priority. Detours and flaggers may direct people in the park away from work areas. Pathways near pier columns in the park may temporarily close during construction. Park users may hear noise during the day or see construction equipment.

Visual impacts

Cathedral Park is a popular spot for personal and professional photography. Scaffolding and wrapping will cover the pier columns and arches impacting views during construction. Construction crews will begin work in Cathedral Park in October 2022. More details and information about visual impacts in 2023 and 2024 will be provided before construction begins.

Minimal traffic, pedestrian and bicycle impacts

Minimal impacts are expected to all travelers on the St. Johns Bridge and U.S. 30 Bypass (NW Bridge Avenue) during construction. The work will require the following impacts for two to three months each:

- **U.S. 30 Bypass (NW Bridge Avenue) at the St. Johns Bridge** nighttime lane, shoulder and one bridge sidewalk closure. Flaggers will direct vehicle, bike and foot traffic during closures. One lane of vehicle traffic in each direction will stay open on the bridge, keeping the freight route open.
- **The two N Philadelphia Avenue frontage roads** connecting N Syracuse Avenue and N Willamette Avenue will close. The southern frontage road will remain open to local access.
- **U.S. 30 (NW St. Helens Road)** westbound lanes under the bridge will shift toward the median and the median width will reduce. Lanes may temporarily close during lane shifts, staging and removal of scaffolding.
- **Temporary sidewalk closures** on one side of the bridge at a time.

Construction may cause intermittent parking closures near Cathedral Park and the project area.

We will provide more details and updates about the project throughout construction. Schedule is subject to change.

Learn more: bit.ly/stjohnsbridgerepair



Scaffolding and enclosure examples.

