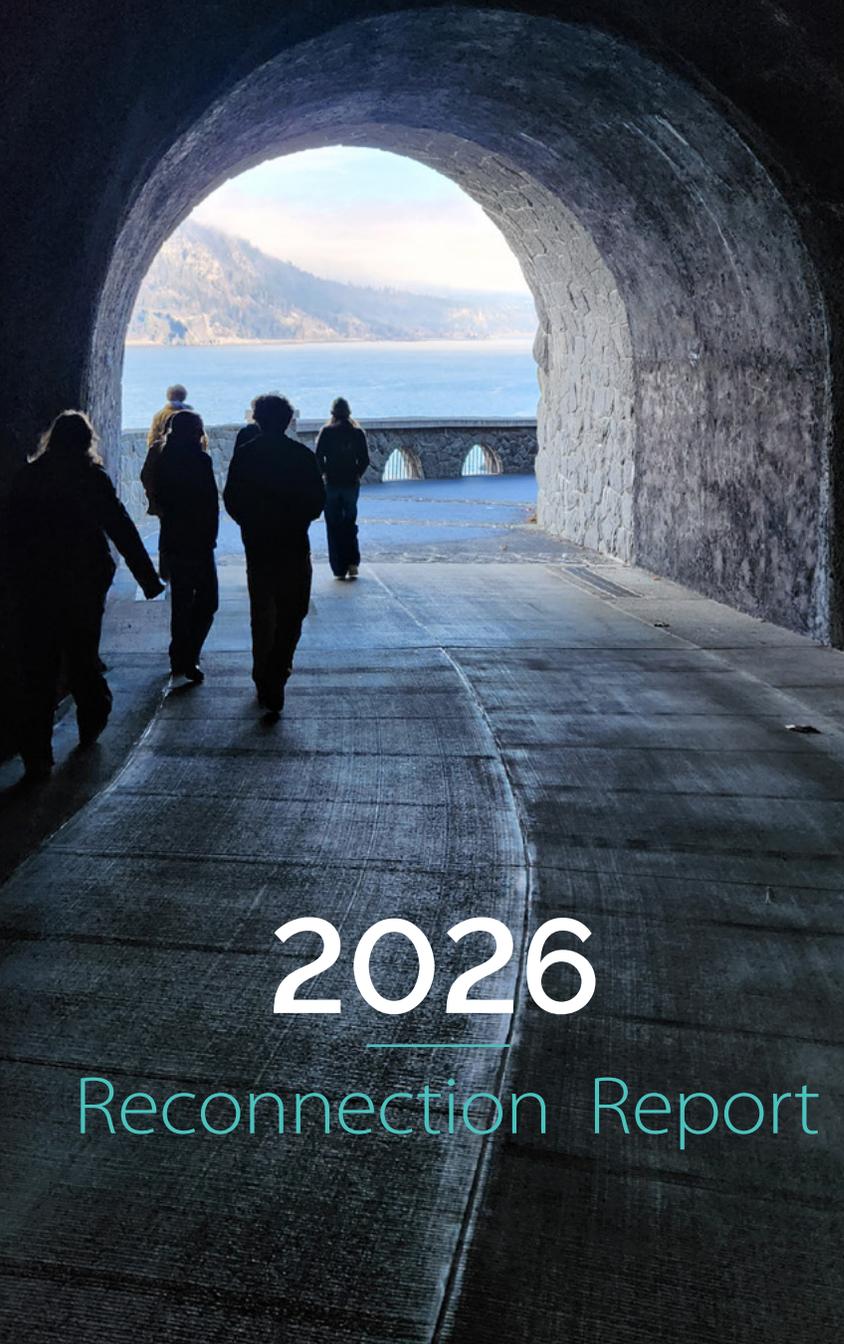


Historic Columbia River Highway *State Trail*



2026

Reconnection Report

Completing the Reconnection

Constructed between 1913 and 1922, the Historic Columbia River Highway is filled with beautiful spots and breathtaking vistas of the Columbia River Gorge. During I-84 construction in the 1950s, 22 miles of the highway were left abandoned or destroyed.

ODOT, directed by Congress and the Oregon Legislature, is reconnecting the abandoned sections of the Historic Highway between Troutdale and The Dalles into a State Trail. Once completed, it will be possible to walk or cycle between Troutdale and The Dalles on a combination of shared roadway or car-free trail.

A snapshot of all 73 miles

51 miles of shared roadway using Historic Highway and frontage roads

20 miles of car-free trail complete

1 mile of car-free trail funded and under construction

1.2 miles of car-free trail 50% designed, awaiting funding

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8 miles of trail COMPLETED!

0.75 miles Construction: completion late 2026

1.5 miles of trail COMPLETED!

0.25 miles Construction: 2026-2028

1.2 miles 50% designed. Construction unfunded: \$50m

Completed Trail!

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Future Perham Creek Bridge

Two new bridges will cross Perham and Mitchell Creeks between Viento State Park and the Mitchell Point Tunnel. The two bridges are consistent with historic design aesthetics.

Future Mitchell Creek Bridge

Mitchell Point Tunnel

The new tunnel mirrors the old highway tunnel by re-constructing arched windows with views of the Columbia River. It's a pivotal connection for the State Trail.

Future Trail Undercrossing

The Trail undercrossing will allow cyclists and hikers to cross under I-84 and continue on to Ruthton Point and Hood River.

Future Ruthton Point Trail

The Trail will continue east along the north side of I-84, overlooking orchards and the Columbia River. The historic Ruthton Point viaduct will be restored.

Future Ruthton Trailhead

This segment will connect the State Trail into Hood River with a new trailhead on Westcliff Drive with a circular bus loop, parking, restrooms and picnic area.

LEGEND

- Trail completed
- Trail under construction
- Future trail, 50% designed, construction unfunded

Mileage is approximate.



1915



2022



2024

THE HISTORIC COLUMBIA RIVER HIGHWAY was the only paved road linking Portland and Columbia Gorge communities until the 1950s when ODOT constructed a new water-level route (now I-84). That construction severed the Historic Highway and in 1986 when President Ronald Reagan signed the Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area Act, 22 miles of the old highway lay abandoned.

Over the last three decades, we have worked to reconnect these abandoned sections; building bridges, reconnecting fragments of the original highway, paving trail and restoring adjacent natural areas. These projects bring cyclists and hikers back to the spots where life once moved at the speed of a Model T, and trail users can once again savor the breathtaking experience along the Columbia River Gorge as it was meant to be experienced.

The State Trail provides access to recreation and a safe route for long-distance biking trips, making overnights spent in local communities a reality, a continued economic benefit to those communities. Bike rental businesses, bike repair shops, coffee shops, breweries and restaurants are flourishing as ODOT and its partners reconnect the State Trail.



The completion of the Mitchell Point Tunnel is a pivotal connection for the State Trail.

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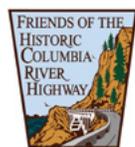
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