



EIS UPDATE

BRIDGE REPLACEMENT PROJECT

JANUARY 2022 UPDATE



In December 2003, a draft environmental impact statement (EIS) was published as part of a bi-state collaborative effort. This draft EIS was the first step in complying with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). Currently, the Port of Hood River (Port) is advancing the project to complete the EIS effort and position the project for future funding and construction. A Bi-State Working Group (BSWG) consisting of Mayors and County Commissioners from both Hood River and Klickitat Counties monitors the project and advises the Port on bridge replacement activities.

NEPA Activities:

- Tribal compensatory agreements (CAs) are under development for impacts to treaty fishing activities during construction. The Final EIS/Record of Decision will be delayed until completion of the CAs.
- Awaiting finalization for Endangered Species Act consultation.
- Finalizing Section 106 process including meeting with consulting parties to finalize mitigation agreement for impacts to historic bridge.

Other Activities:

- Provided update to the Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) on project progress.
- Review of the project management procurement process is being undertaken by ODOT.
- Preliminary cost estimate is being finalized based on 5% design.
- Port will give project update to Hood River Rotary on Feb. 9th.
- Washington grant agreement currently under legal review.
- New bridge authority legislation to be introduced in both state legislatures in 2022.

How would bridge replacement benefit the Columbia River Gorge communities?

The Hood River Bridge provides a critical connection for residents and visitors to the Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area. One of only three bridges spanning the Columbia in this region, the bridge is a critical rural freight network facility for agriculture, forestry, heavy industry and high-tech companies with freight originating throughout the northwest. The existing bridge is nearing the end of its serviceable life and is obsolete for modern vehicles with height, width, and weight restrictions and is also a navigational hazard for marine freight vessels. The bridge has no sidewalks or bicycle lanes for non-motorized travel and would likely not withstand a large earthquake.

If project funding is secured, the new bridge would provide a safe and reliable way for everyone to cross or navigate the Columbia River—by car, truck, bus, bicycle, on foot, or on the water. A new bridge would support a thriving economy and livable communities.

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Agency/Stakeholder Outreach	Environmental Compliance																	
	Technical Study Updates				Supplemental Draft EIS				Final EIS/ROD									
	Community Meeting				Community Meeting													
	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	
	2018		2019		2020				2021				2022					

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