



EIS UPDATE

BRIDGE REPLACEMENT PROJECT

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.

What's new on the project?

- The Hood River-White Salmon Bridge Replacement Project Supplemental Draft EIS will be published on November 20, 2020. Release of the Supplemental Draft EIS is a major milestone in moving the project forward in design and positioning the project for funding opportunities needed for construction. See below for a link to the website where you can view the EIS and for how to comment.
- Additional archaeological field work completed in late November.
- Continue discussions with Oregon State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO), Washington State Department of Archaeology and Historic Preservation (DAHP), and other parties and tribes to develop mitigation measures for removal of the historic Hood River Bridge.
- Permits have been finalized for geotechnical investigations planned for next year.

What are the next steps?

- Submit comments and questions on the Supplemental Draft EIS now through January 4, 2021. Your ideas and feedback are critical to this process. Comments received will be reviewed and responded to in the Final EIS anticipated by Summer 2021.

How to submit comments:

Email: newbridge@portofhoodriver.com | **Call:** (833) 215-2352

Write: Port of Hood River, Attn: Kevin Greenwood
1000 E. Port Marina Drive, Hood River, OR 97031

Attend the public hearing:

Thursday, December 3, 2020 | 5:30 - 7 p.m. (Online Meeting)
Limited in-person seating by appointment (call 541-961-9517)

Visit the project website to view the EIS, submit comments, join the public hearing, and watch a recording. <http://bit.ly/HoodRiverBridge>

DECEMBER 2020

Hood River – White Salmon Interstate Bridge Replacement Project

Supplemental Draft Environmental Impact Statement

November 2020



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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