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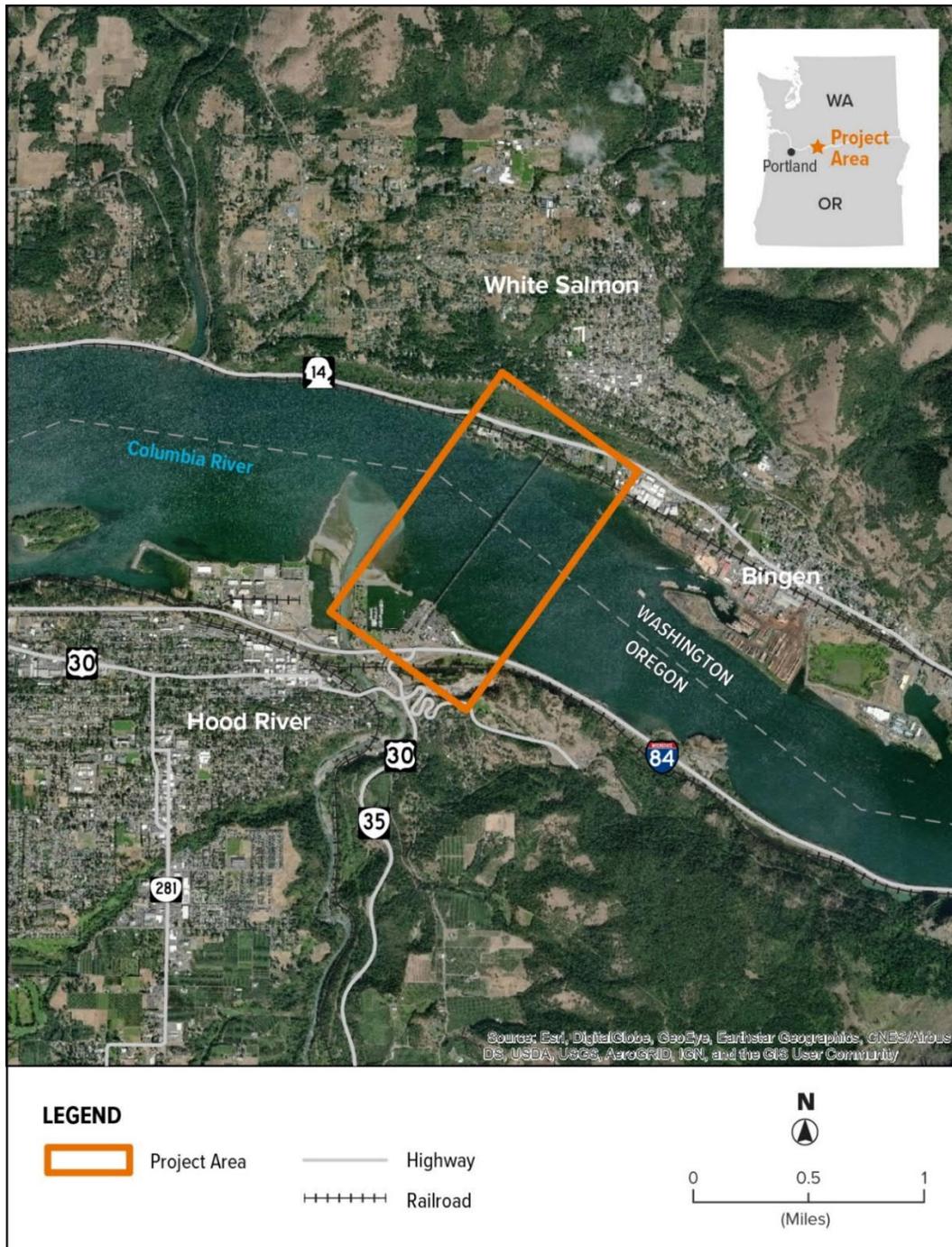
ACRONYMS AND ABBREVIATIONS

$\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$	microgram per cubic meter
ADT	annual daily traffic
API	area of potential impact
CAA	Clean Air Act
CFR	Code of Federal Regulations
CH ₄	methane
CO	carbon monoxide
CO ₂	carbon dioxide
CO ₂ e	carbon dioxide equivalent
Ecology	Washington Department of Ecology
EIS	environmental impact statement
EPA	Environmental Protection Agency
FHWA	Federal Highway Administration
GHG	greenhouse gas
I-	Interstate
ICE	Infrastructure Carbon Estimator
lbs.	pounds
MATS	Mt. Adams Transportation Service
MMT	million metric tons
mph	miles per hour
MSAT	mobile source air toxic
MT	metric tons
N ₂ O	nitrous oxide
NAAQS	National Ambient Air Quality Standards
NEPA	National Environmental Policy Act
O ₃	ozone
OAR	Oregon Administrative Rules
ODOT	Oregon Department of Transportation
OHWM	ordinary high water mark
PAH	polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons
PM ₁₀	particulate matter less than 10 microns in diameter
PM _{2.5}	particulate matter less than 2.5 microns in diameter
ppb	parts per billion
ppm	parts per million
SIP	State Implementation Plan
SO ₂	sulfur dioxide
SR	State Route
the Port	Port of Hood River
the Project	Hood River-White Salmon Bridge Replacement Project
TS&L	type, size, and location
SEPA	State Environmental Policy Act
U.S.	United States
WSDOT	Washington State Department of Transportation

1. INTRODUCTION

The Hood River-White Salmon Bridge Replacement Project (the "Project," formerly named the SR-35 Columbia River Crossing Project) would construct a replacement bridge and then remove the existing Hood River Bridge between White Salmon, Washington, and Hood River, Oregon (Exhibit 1). The bridge is owned by the Port of Hood River (the Port), serving an average of over 4 million trips annually.

Exhibit 1. Project Area



The purpose of this Project is to improve multi-modal transportation of people and goods across the Columbia River between the communities of White Salmon and Bingen, Washington and Hood River, Oregon. The Project is intended to: a) improve traffic operations for current and future cross-river traffic and at connections to I-84 and SR 14; b) provide a cross-river connection for bicyclists and pedestrians; c) improve vehicle and freight travel safety by reducing real and perceived hazards; d) maintain and improve a transportation linkage between the White Salmon, Bingen, and Hood River communities, businesses, and services; e) fulfill the legislative directives tied to the Project funding; f) improve river navigation for vessels passing under the bridge; and g) improve the river crossing's seismic resiliency.

The overall need for the Project is to rectify current and future transportation inadequacies and deficiencies associated with the existing bridge. Specifically, these needs are to:

- Present Capacity: substandard width and operational issues are causing traffic congestion on the bridge and at both approaches
- Future Transportation Demand: the existing bridge is not designed to meet future travel demand for vehicles
- Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities: lack of bicycle and pedestrian facilities limits multi-modal mobility
- Safety: narrow lanes and lack of shoulder create real and perceived safety hazards
- Social Demands/Economic Development: the existing bridge restricts the current and projected flow of goods, labor and consumers across the river
- Legislation: comply with federal funding obligation Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century (TEA-21), the Washington State Legislature designation of the SR-35 corridor, and Oregon HB 2017
- River Navigation: the substandard horizontal clearance creates difficulties for safe vessel navigation
- Seismic Deficiencies: the existing bridge does not meet current seismic standards and is vulnerable to a seismic event

The Project began in 1999 with a feasibility study that ultimately resulted in the publication of the State Route (SR) 35 Columbia River Crossing Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) in 2003, which identified the "EC-2 West Alignment" as the preliminary preferred alternative. In 2011, the Type, Size, and Location (TS&L) Study recommended a fixed-span concrete segmental box girder bridge as the recommended bridge type. In 2017, the Project was relaunched to complete the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) process. This report provides an update to the 2003 Air Quality Memorandum describing the existing conditions and anticipated construction, direct, and indirect impacts on air quality. Measures to avoid, minimize, and/or mitigate these impacts are also identified in this report.

2. PROJECT ALTERNATIVES

Four alternatives are being evaluated to address the Project's purpose and need:

- No Action Alternative
- Preferred Alternative EC-2
- Alternative EC-1
- Alternative EC-3

Exhibit 2 shows the alignment of the existing bridge, which represents the No Action Alternative, and the three build alternatives. The build alternatives connect to SR 14 in White Salmon, Washington, and Button Bridge Road in Hood River, Oregon, just north of the Interstate 84 (I-84)/United States Highway 30 (US 30) interchange (Exit 64).

Each alternative is summarized in Exhibit 3 and described in more detail in the following sections. Exhibit 4 illustrates the navigational clearance for the existing bridge and the replacement bridge (same for each build alternative).

Exhibit 2. Location of the Preferred Alternative EC-2, Alternative EC-1, and Alternative EC-3

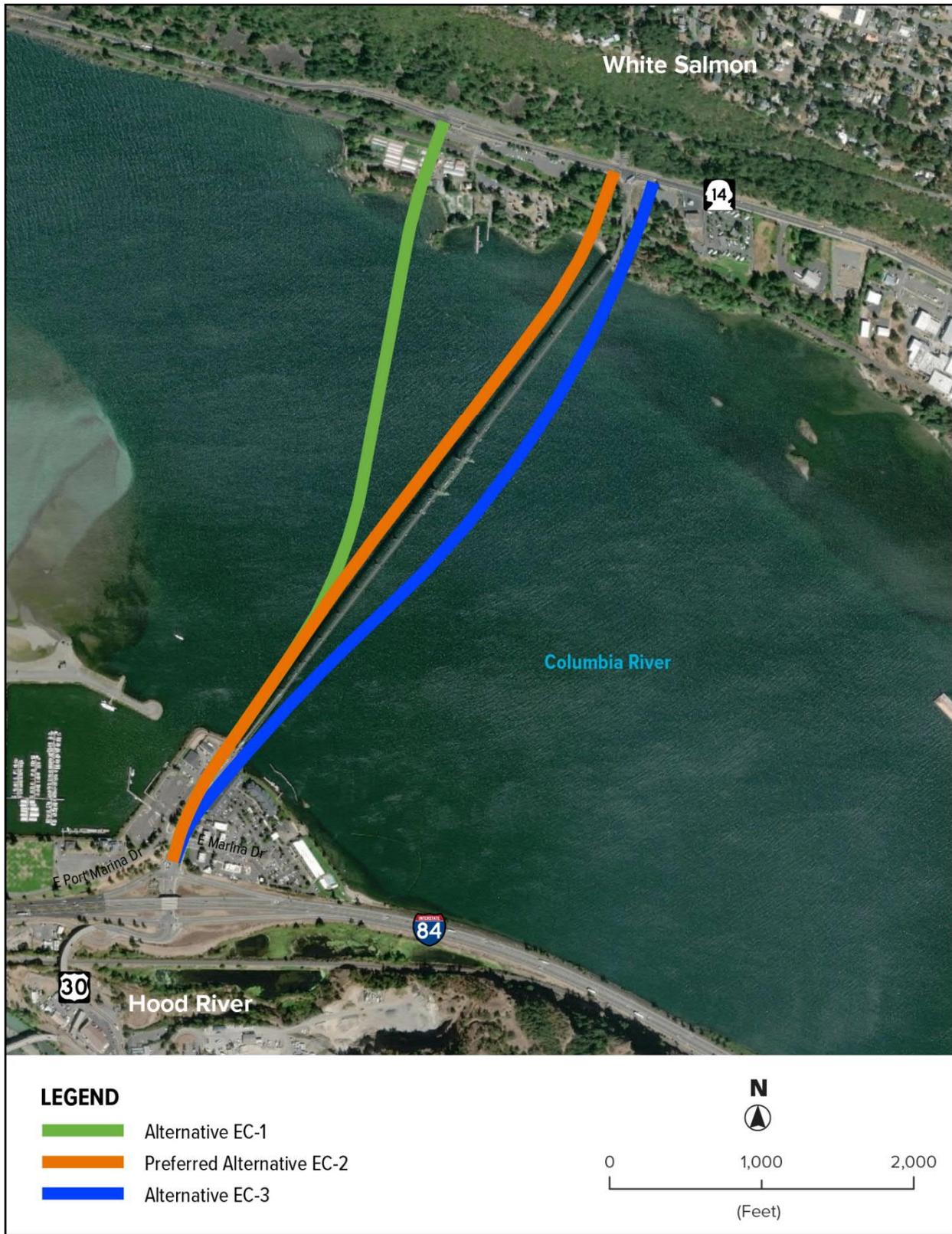
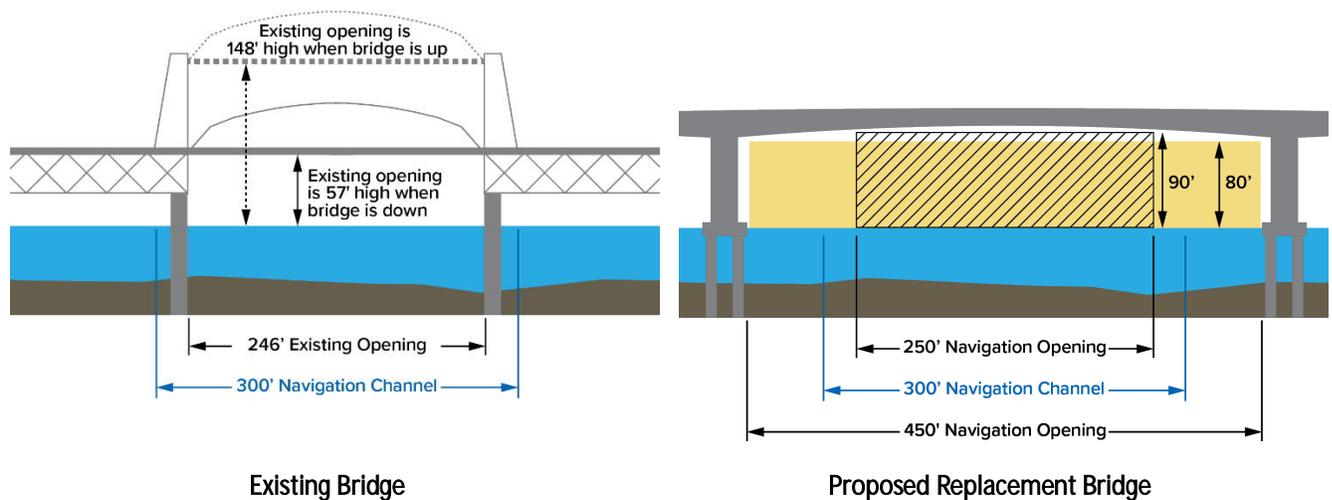


Exhibit 3. Summary Comparison of Key Elements of Alternatives

	No Action Alternative	Preferred Alternative EC-2	Alternative EC-1	Alternative EC-3
Bridge alignment	No change	Slightly west of existing	WA: West of existing OR: Slightly west of existing	Slightly east of existing
Bridge structure				
Bridge type	Steel deck truss bridge with vertical lift span	Segmental concrete box girder bridge (fixed span)		
Total number of piers (in water / on land)	28 (20 / 8)	13 (12 / 1)	13 (11 / 2)	13 (12 / 1)
Structure length	4,418 feet	4,412 feet	4,375 feet	4,553 feet
Travel lanes	9-foot 4.75-inch lanes	12-foot lanes		
Roadway shoulders	No shoulders	8-foot shoulders		
Vehicle height limit	14 feet-7 inches	None		
Shared Use Path	None	12-foot wide, only on west side with overlooks		
Bridge deck	Steel-grated	Concrete		
Vehicle Gross Weight Limit	80,000 pounds (lbs.); no trip permit allowance for overweight vehicles	> 80,000 lbs., with approved trip permit		
Design speed	Unknown	50 miles per hour (mph)		
Posted speed	25 mph	35 mph		
Toll collection	Toll booth on Oregon side	Electronic tolling/No toll booth		
Stormwater treatment	None	Detention and water quality treatment		
Navigation clearance	246 feet horizontal by 57 feet vertical when bridge is down and up to 148 feet vertical when lifted	450 feet horizontal x 80 feet vertical (maximum horizontal opening) 250 feet horizontal x 90 feet vertical (centered within maximum vertical opening)		
SR 14/Hood River Bridge intersection	Signalized intersection	Roundabout slightly west of existing intersection; SR 14 raised approximately 2 feet above existing road level	Roundabout with connection to N. Dock Grade Road west of existing intersection; SR 14 raised approximately 17 feet above existing road level	Roundabout slightly east of existing intersection; SR 14 remains at existing road level
Button Bridge Road/E. Marina Way intersection	Signalized intersection	Signalized intersection		
Anticipated construction duration	None	6 years (3 years to construct the replacement bridge and 3 years to remove the existing bridge)		

Exhibit 4. Navigation Clearance of Existing Bridge and Proposed Replacement Bridge



2.1. No Action Alternative

The No Action Alternative would retain the existing bridge in its existing condition and configuration. Routine operations would continue and maintenance would be implemented to continue operations. Under the No Action Alternative, elements of the existing bridge include:

- **Alignment:** The bridge would continue to span the Columbia River between its northern terminus at the SR 14/Hood River Bridge intersection in White Salmon, Washington, and its southern terminus at the Button Bridge Road/E. Marina Way intersection in Hood River, Oregon, as shown in the aerial photograph in Exhibit 2.
- **Type:** The bridge would continue to be a 4,418-foot steel deck truss bridge with a vertical lift span. The bridge would continue to have 20 piers in the Columbia River.
- **Ownership:** The bridge will continue to be owned and operated by the Port.
- **Vehicle lanes:** The bridge will continue to have one narrow (9 feet, 4.75 inches) travel lane in each direction and no shoulders.
- **Bicycle and pedestrian facilities:** The bridge would continue to have no pedestrian or bicycle facilities, and signage would continue to prohibit pedestrians and bicycles on the bridge.
- **Speed:** The posted speed limit on the bridge would continue to be 25 mph.
- **Vehicle restrictions:** Vehicles would continue to be weight-restricted to 80,000 lbs.; vehicles with approved trip permits would still not be allowed to use the bridge. Wide loads would continue to be prohibited without special arrangements, and large vehicles would be encouraged to turn their mirrors in. The height limit for vehicles would continue to be 14 feet, 7 inches where the lift span occurs.
- **Tolling:** The bridge would continue to be tolled for all vehicles with a toll booth on the south end of the bridge and electronic tolls collected through the Port's Breezeby system. Plans to shift to all ETC are being considered, but there is no certainty they will be implemented.

- Navigational clearance: The horizontal clearance for marine vessels would continue to be 246 feet, narrower than the navigation channel width of 300 feet, as shown Exhibit 4. The vertical clearance would continue to be 57 feet when the lift span is down and 148 feet when it is raised; vessels would continue to be required to request bridge lifts in advance. The lift span section would continue to use gate and signals to stop traffic for bridge lifts.
- Seismic resilience: The bridge would continue to be seismically vulnerable and would not be cost effective to be seismically retrofitted.
- Stormwater: No stormwater detention or water quality treatment would be provided for the bridge. Stormwater on the bridge would continue to drain directly into the Columbia River through the steel-grated deck.
- Roadway connections: The bridge would continue to connect to SR 14 on the Washington side at the existing signalized SR 14/Hood River Bridge intersection. On the Oregon side, the southern end of the bridge would continue to transition to Button Bridge Road, connecting to the local road network at the existing signalized Button Bridge Road/E. Marina Way intersection north of I-84. The bridge would continue to cross over the BNSF Railway tracks on the Washington side and over the Waterfront Trail along the Oregon shoreline.
- Bicycle and pedestrian connections: The bridge would continue not to provide bicycle or pedestrian connections across the Columbia River. Bicyclists and pedestrians wanting to cross the river would continue to need to use an alternate means of transportation, such as the Mt. Adams Transportation Service (MATS) White Salmon/Bingen to Hood River bus (buses provide bicycle racks), or a private vehicle.

The Supplemental Draft EIS considers two scenarios for the No Action Alternative:

- End of bridge lifespan: assumes that the existing Hood River Bridge would remain in operation through 2045¹ and would be closed sometime after 2045 when maintenance costs would become unaffordable. At such a time, the bridge would be closed to vehicles and cross-river travel would have to use a detour route approximately 21 miles east on SR 14 or 23 miles east on I-84 to cross the Columbia River using The Dalles Bridge (US 197). Alternatively, vehicles could travel 25 miles west on SR 14 or 21 miles west on I-84 to cross the Columbia River via the Bridge of the Gods. When the bridge would be closed, the lift span would be kept in a raised position to support large vessel passage that previously required a bridge lift or the existing bridge would be removed.
- Catastrophic event: addresses the possibility that an extreme event that damages or otherwise renders the bridge inoperable would occur prior to 2045. Such events could include an earthquake, landslide, vessel strike, or other unbearable loads that the bridge structure cannot support.

¹ The year 2045 is the design horizon for the Project. The design horizon is the year for which the Project was designed to meet anticipated needs.

2.2. Preferred Alternative EC-2

Alternative EC-2 would construct a replacement bridge west of the existing bridge. The existing bridge would be removed following construction of the replacement bridge. Under Alternative EC-2, elements of the replacement bridge would include:

- **Alignment:** The main span of the bridge would be approximately 200 feet west of the existing lift span. The bridge terminus in White Salmon, Washington, would be located approximately 123 feet west of the existing SR 14/Hood River Bridge intersection, while the southern terminus would be in roughly the same location at the Button Bridge Road/E. Marina Way intersection in Hood River, Oregon, as shown in Exhibit 5 and Exhibit 6.
- **Type:** The bridge would be a 4,412-foot fixed-span segmental concrete box girder bridge with a concrete deck and no lift span. The bridge would have 12 piers in the Columbia River and one land-based pier on the Washington side of the river.
- **Ownership:** While the Port may own and operate the replacement bridge, other options for the ownership and operation of the replacement bridge that may be considered include other governmental entities, a new bi-state bridge authority, and a public-private partnership, depending on the funding sources used to construct the replacement bridge.
- **Vehicle lanes:** The bridge would include one 12-foot travel lane in each direction, an 8-foot shoulder on each side, as shown in Exhibit 7.
- **Bicycle and pedestrian facilities:** The bridge would include a 12-foot wide shared use path separated from traffic with a barrier on the west side, as shown in Exhibit 7. In the middle of the bridge the shared use path would widen an additional 10 feet in two locations to provide two 40-foot long overlooks over the Columbia River and west into the CRGNSA with benches; the overlook locations are shown in Exhibit 5 and Exhibit 6. The cross-section of the overlooks is shown in Exhibit 7.
- **Speed:** The design speed for the bridge would be 50 mph with a posted speed limit of 35 mph.
- **Vehicle restrictions:** Vehicles would no longer be limited by height, width, or weight. Vehicles exceeding 80,000 lbs. that have approved trip permits could use the bridge.
- **Tolling:** Tolls for vehicles would be collected electronically so there would be no toll booth on either side of the bridge. No tolls would be collected from non-motorized users (e.g., pedestrians, bicyclists) who travel on the shared use path.
- **Navigational clearance:** Vertical clearance for marine vessels would be a minimum of 80 feet. The horizontal bridge opening for the navigation channel would be 450 feet, greater than the existing 300-foot wide federally recognized navigation channel, as shown in Exhibit 4. Centered within this 450-foot opening, there would be a 250-foot wide opening with a vertical clearance of 90 feet. Similar to the existing bridge, the replacement bridge would cross the navigation channel at roughly a perpendicular angle as shown in Exhibit 5 and Exhibit 6.
- **Seismic resilience:** The bridge would be designed to be seismically sound under a 1,000-year event and operational under a Cascadia Subduction Zone earthquake.

- Stormwater: Stormwater from the entire Project area (bridge and improved roadways) would be collected and piped to detention and treatment facilities on both sides of the bridge as shown in Exhibit 6. On the Washington side, separate stormwater facilities would be used for the roadways and the bridge.
- Roadway connections: The bridge would connect to SR 14 on the Washington side at a new two-lane roundabout slightly west of the existing SR 14/Hood River Bridge intersection, as shown in Exhibit 6. On the Oregon side, the southern end of the bridge would transition to Button Bridge Road, connecting to the local road network at the existing signalized Button Bridge Road/E. Marina Way intersection north of I-84. The private driveway on Button Bridge Road north of E. Marina Way may be closed under this alternative. Like the existing bridge, the replacement bridge would cross over the BNSF Railway tracks on the Washington side and over the Waterfront Trail along the Oregon shoreline.
- Bicycle and pedestrian connections: The new shared use path would connect to existing sidewalks along the south side of SR 14 in Washington and to roadway shoulders (for bicyclists) on both sides of SR 14 at the new roundabout with marked crosswalks, as shown in Exhibit 6. On the Oregon side, the shared use path would connect to existing sidewalks, bicycle lanes, and local roadways at the signalized Button Bridge Road/E. Marina Way intersection.
- Cost: Total Project construction cost is estimated to be \$300 million in 2019 dollars.

Exhibit 5. Preferred Alternative EC-2 Alignment

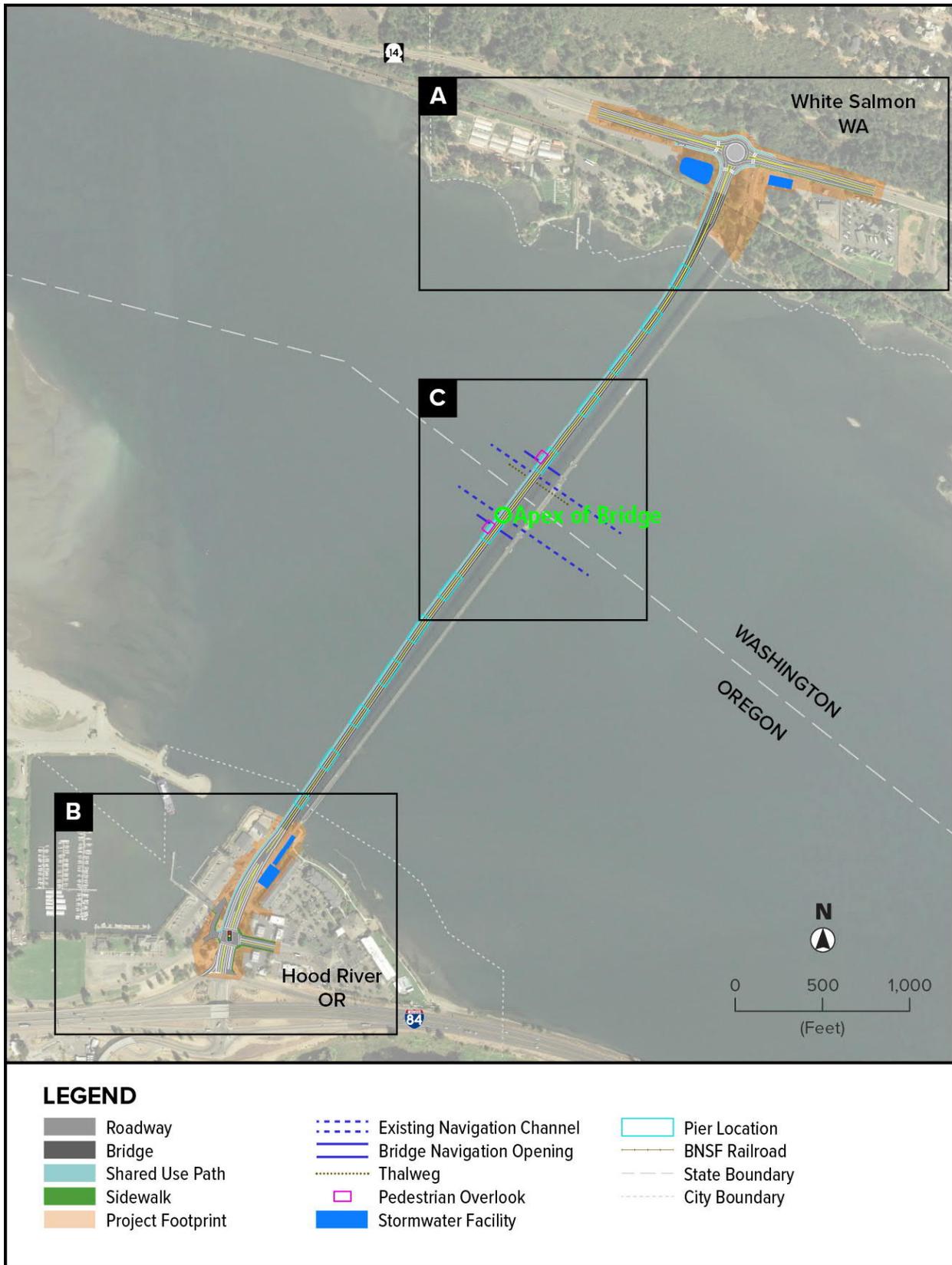
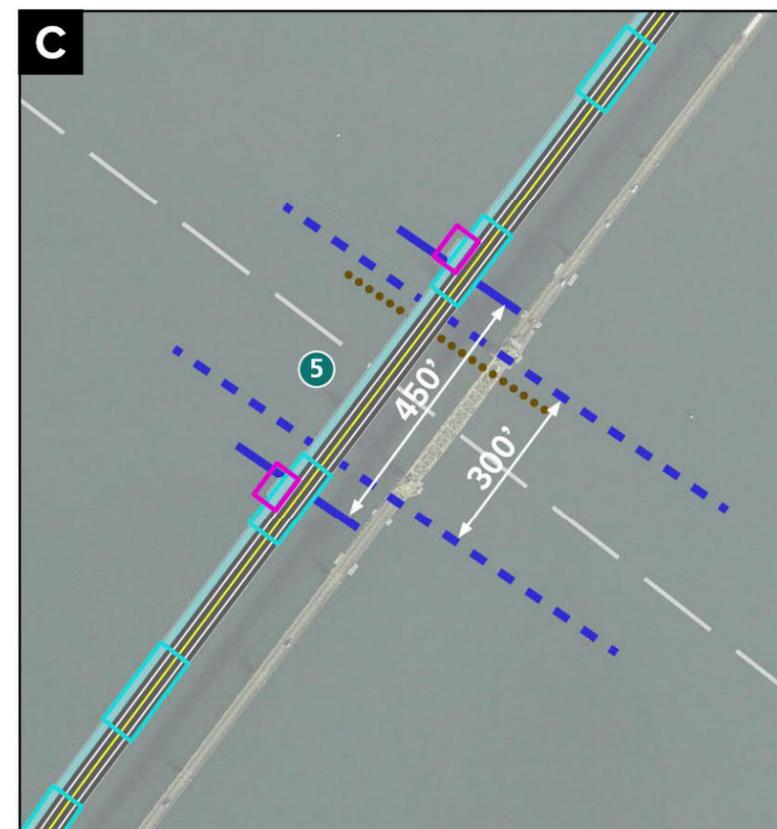


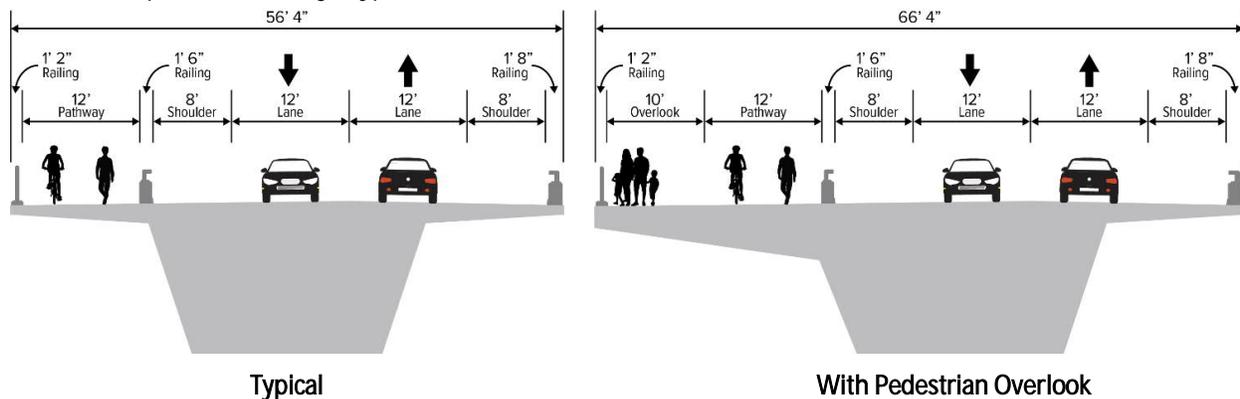
Exhibit 6. Preferred Alternative EC-2 Enlargements



- 1 New two-lane roundabout with marked crosswalks
- 2 New shared use path across bridge
- 3 New stormwater detention and water quality treatment facilities
- 4 Elimination of toll booth
- 5 New wider bridge opening crosses navigation channel at a perpendicular angle

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Exhibit 7. Replacement Bridge Typical Cross-Section



2.3. Alternative EC-1

Alternative EC-1 would construct a replacement bridge west of the existing bridge. Like Alternative EC-2, the existing bridge would be removed following construction of the replacement bridge. Exhibit 8 shows alignment of Alternative EC-1 and Exhibit 9 provides enlargements of the improvements that would be constructed under Alternative EC-1.

Under Alternative EC-1, elements of the replacement bridge would be the same as the elements described for Alternative EC-2 except:

- **Alignment:** The main span of the bridge would be approximately 700 feet west of the existing lift span. The bridge terminus in White Salmon, Washington, would be located approximately 2,309 feet west of the existing SR 14/Hood River Bridge intersection, while the southern terminus would be in roughly the same location as the existing terminus at the Button Bridge Road/E. Marina Way intersection in Hood River, Oregon.
- **Type:** The bridge would be a 4,375-foot fixed-span segmental concrete box girder bridge with a concrete deck and no lift span. The bridge would have 11 piers in the Columbia River.
- **Navigational clearance:** The navigational opening would be the same as Alternative EC-2, but the bridge would cross the navigation channel at a more skewed angle than under Alternative EC-2.
- **Roadway connections:** Connections to roadways would generally be the same as Alternative EC-2, but the bridge would connect to SR 14 on the Washington side at a new two-lane roundabout at the SR 14/Hood River Bridge/N. Dock Grade Road intersection west of the existing bridge. Access to S. Dock Grade Road would be provided via the driveway east of the Mt. Adams Chamber of Commerce and Heritage Plaza Park and Ride.
- **Bicycle and pedestrian connections:** Connections to bicycle and pedestrian facilities would generally be the same as Alternative EC-2, but the roundabout intersection with SR 14 on the Washington side would be located further west at N. Dock Grade Road.

Exhibit 8. Alternative EC-1 Alignment

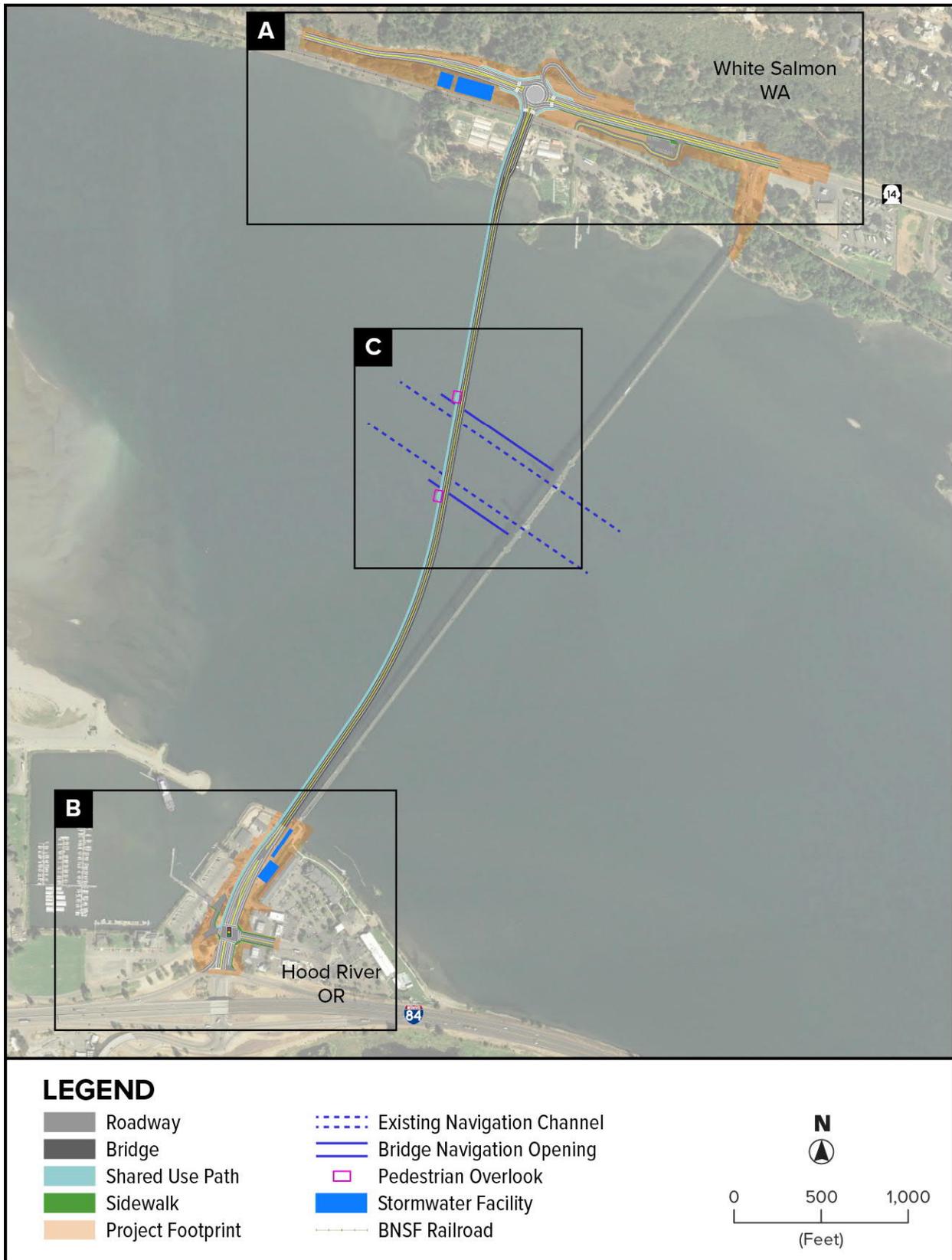
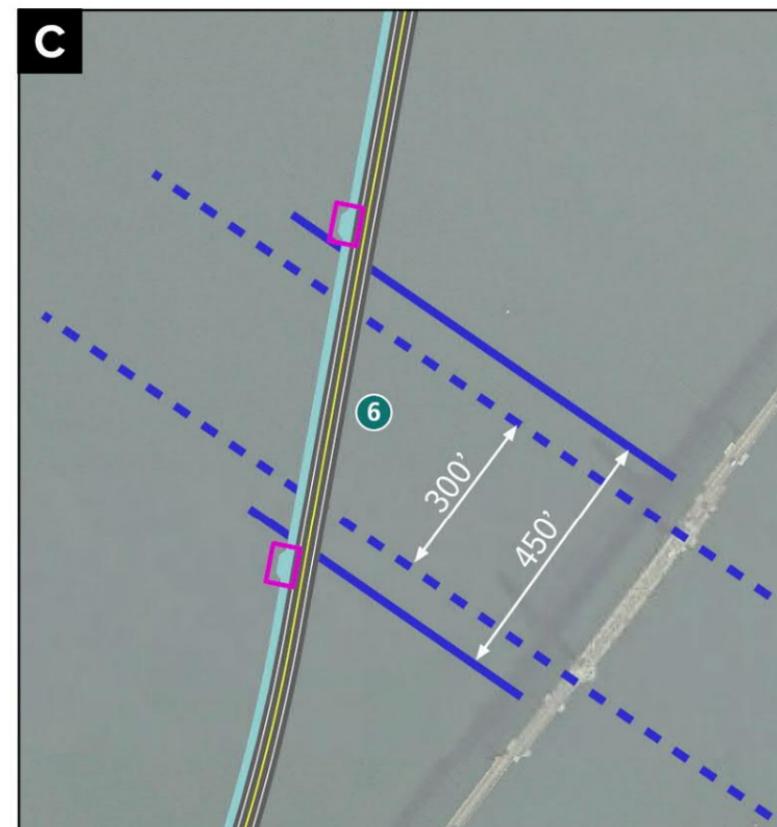


Exhibit 9. Alternative EC-1 Enlargements



- 1** New two-lane roundabout with marked crosswalks
- 2** New shared use path across bridge
- 3** New stormwater detention and water quality treatment facilities
- 4** Access to S. Dock Grade Road provided from eastern end of Heritage Plaza Park and Ride
- 5** Elimination of toll booth
- 6** New wider bridge navigation opening crosses navigation channel at a skewed angle

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2.4. Alternative EC-3

Alternative EC-3 would construct a replacement bridge east of the existing bridge. Like Alternative EC-2, the existing bridge would be removed following construction of the replacement bridge. Exhibit 10 shows alignment of Alternative EC-3 and Exhibit 11 provides enlargements of the improvements that would be constructed under Alternative EC-3.

Like Preferred Alternative EC-2, the total Project construction cost for Alternative EC-3 is estimated to be \$300 million in 2019 dollars. Under Alternative EC-3, elements of the replacement bridge would be the same as the elements described for Alternative EC-2 except:

- **Alignment:** The main span of the bridge would be approximately 400 feet east of the existing lift span. The bridge terminus in White Salmon, Washington, would be located approximately 140 feet east of the existing SR 14/Hood River Bridge intersection, while the southern terminus would be roughly the same as the existing terminus at the Button Bridge Road/E. Marina Way intersection in Hood River, Oregon.
- **Type:** The bridge would be a 4,553-foot fixed-span segmental concrete box girder bridge with a concrete deck and no lift span. Like Alternative EC-2, the bridge would have 12 piers in the Columbia River and one land-based pier on the Washington side of the river.
- **Roadway connections:** Connections to roadways would generally be the same as Alternative EC-2, but the bridge would connect to SR 14 on the Washington side at a new two-lane roundabout slightly east of the existing SR 14/Hood River Bridge intersection. On the Oregon side, improvements extend slightly further south to the Button Bridge Road/I-84 on and off ramps. The private driveway on Button Bridge Road north of E. Marina Way would be closed under this alternative.
- **Bicycle and pedestrian connections:** Connections to bicycle and pedestrian facilities would generally be the same as Alternative EC-2, but the roundabout intersection with SR 14 on the Washington side would be located approximately 264 feet further east than under Alternative EC-2.

Exhibit 10. Alternative EC-3 Alignment

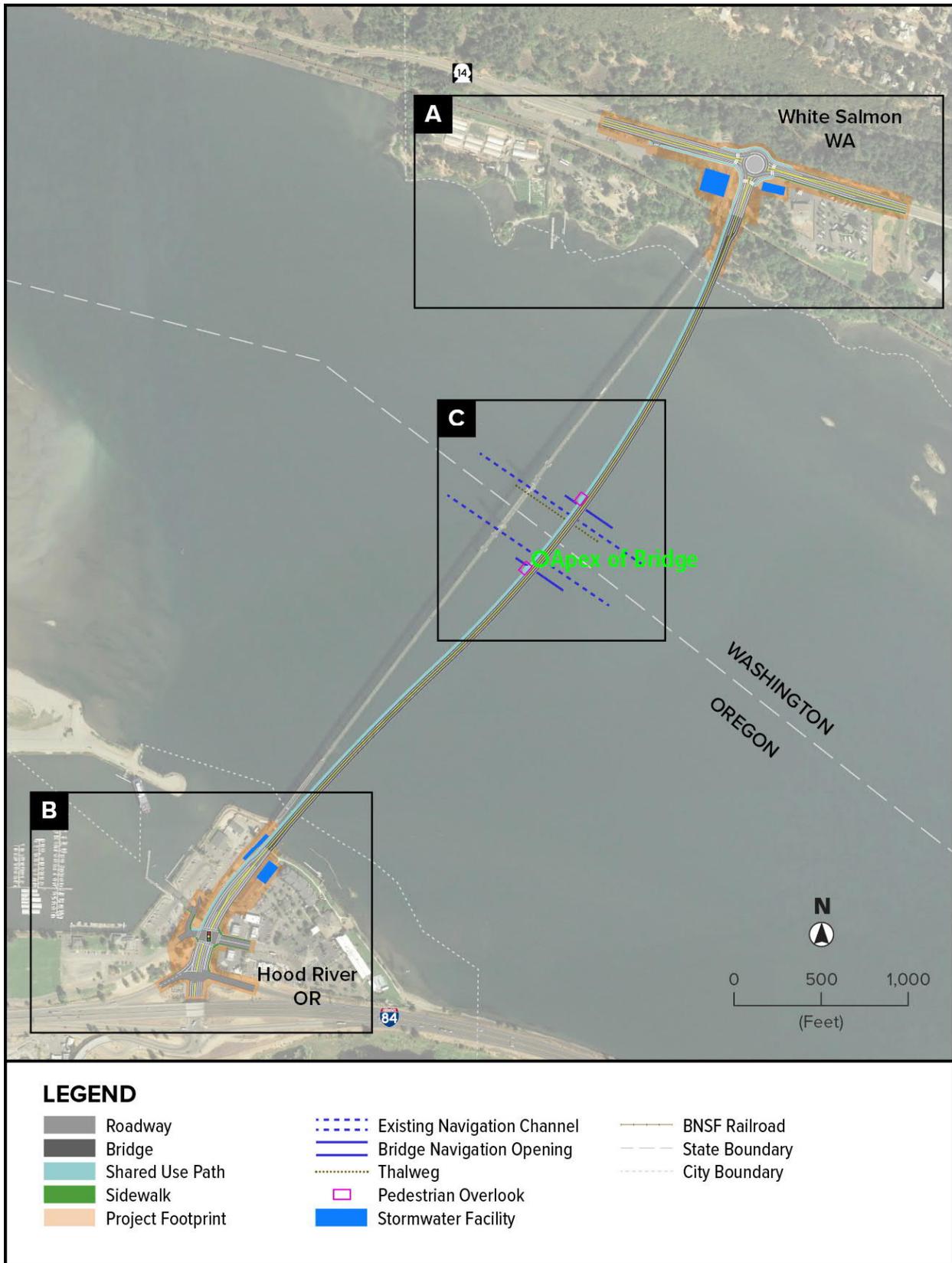
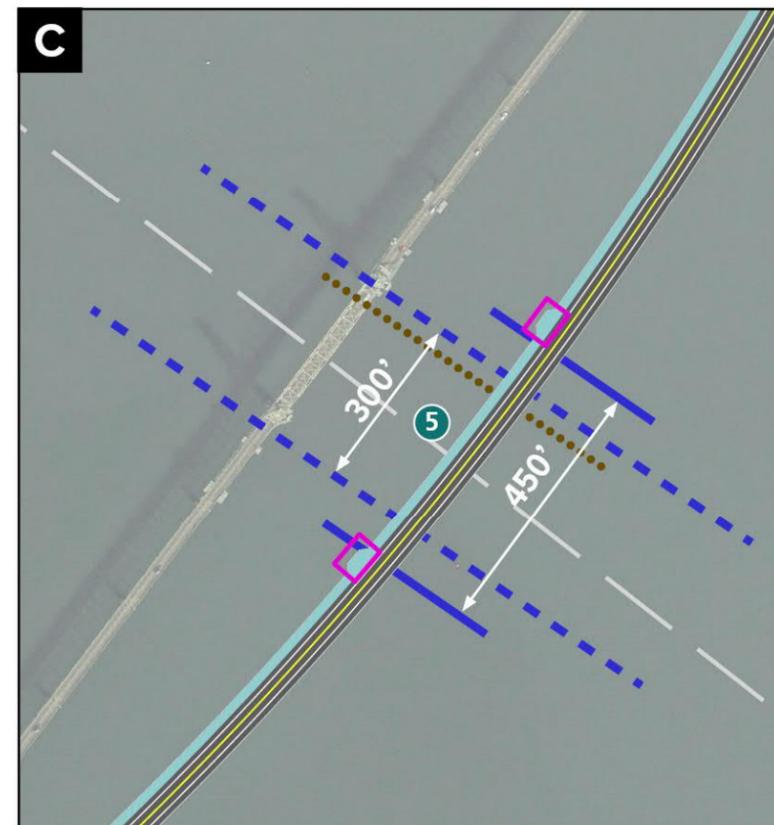


Exhibit 11. Alternative EC-3 Enlargements



- 1 New two-lane roundabout with marked crosswalks
- 2 New shared use path across bridge
- 3 New stormwater detention and water quality treatment facilities
- 4 Elimination of toll booth
- 5 New wider bridge opening crosses navigation channel at a perpendicular angle

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2.5. Construction of the Build Alternatives

Construction of the build alternatives would be similar in duration and approach.

- **Timeline and sequencing:** The NEPA process is anticipated to be complete in 2021; subsequent phases of the Project would be dependent on funding availability. Construction would take approximately 6 years and would require work during approximately six IWWWs. Approximately three IWWWs would be necessary to construct the replacement bridge, and approximately three additional IWWWs would be necessary to complete the removal of the existing bridge.
- **In-water work window:** Certain construction and removal activities conducted below the OHWM of the Columbia River would be restricted to an IWWW established for the Project. The IWWW would be established in permits for the Project through inter-agency coordination including Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW), Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW), NOAA Fisheries, and USFWS. Preliminary discussions with these agencies indicate that the authorized IWWW would likely be October 1-March 15 of each year. In-water work activities that would be restricted to this IWWW would include vibratory and impact pile installation, installation of drilled shaft casings, installation of cofferdams, and unconfined wiresaw removal of the existing pier foundations. Vibratory pile removal would not be restricted to the IWWW.
- **Mobilization and site preparation:** The contractor would likely mobilize equipment to the construction site via barges and trucks. Erosion control measures (e.g., silt fences, etc.) and debris containment devices (i.e., floating debris booms) would be installed and clearing and grubbing limits would be established prior to vegetation removal. Barges would require anchoring, tethering, and spudding.
- **Construction staging:** At least two staging areas would be necessary for staging and storage of materials and equipment; the location of these areas would be determined later in the design process, including obtaining all relevant environmental permits and land use approvals. It is estimated that a minimum of 2 acres would be necessary for staging and storage of materials and equipment. Materials arriving by barge may be offloaded to upland staging areas or may be temporarily stored on barges. All staging areas and equipment fueling areas would be located above the OHWM and outside of environmentally sensitive areas. Staging and temporary access areas will occur in upland locations, on areas that are either already disturbed or that will be restored post-Project.
- **Temporary work structures:** The Project would likely require the installation of several temporary in-water structures during construction and removal of the existing bridge. These structures would include temporary work bridges, cofferdams, drilled shaft casings, and temporary piles. These temporary features would be designed by the contractor after a contract is awarded, but prior to construction.

Three temporary work bridges would likely be installed to support construction activities. One temporary work bridge would be installed at each end of the replacement bridge alignment. A third temporary work bridge would be constructed on the Washington side of the river to support the removal of the existing bridge. These temporary structures would likely be supported by 24-inch steel pipe piles.

Additional temporary piles would be necessary throughout construction and removal of the existing bridge for a variety of purposes, including supporting falsework and formwork, pile

templates, reaction piles, and for barge mooring. These temporary piles would also likely be 24-inch steel pipe piles.

Barges would be used as platforms to conduct work activities and to haul materials and equipment to and from the work site. Three barges would typically be needed at each pier during drilled shaft construction, and at least one barge would remain at each pier after shaft construction to support column and superstructure construction.

Temporary cofferdams would likely be installed to create isolated in-water work areas for certain activities. A temporary cofferdam would likely be installed to create an isolated in-water work area for construction of a spread footing foundation on the Washington shoreline. Sheet pile cofferdams may also be installed at one or more piers on the existing bridge to create an isolated work area for removal of the existing bridge foundations.

Drilled shaft shoring casings would also be installed as temporary work structures to create isolated work areas for drilled shaft construction. An outer steel casing, with a diameter approximately 12-inches larger than that of the finished drilled shaft, would be installed to act as an isolation structure. The outer cases will be 84 inches in diameter for the 72-inch shafts, and 108 inches in diameter for the 96-inch shafts.

- Work area isolation and fish salvage: To minimize impacts to fish, fish salvage measures would be employed to remove fish from temporarily isolated in-water work areas during and after the installation of drilled shaft shoring casings and cofferdams. Fish salvage would follow the BMPs established in the biological opinion for FHWA and ODOT's Federal Aid Highway Program programmatic consultation and would be supervised by a fish biologist. A fish biologist with the experience and competence to ensure the safe capture, handling, and release of all fish would supervise all fish capture and release. To minimize take, efforts would be made to capture ESA-listed fish known or likely to be present in an in-water isolated work area using methods that are effective, minimize fish handling, and minimize the potential for injury. Attempts to seine and/or net fish, or the use of minnow traps shall precede the use of electrofishing equipment. Isolation structures would be installed such that they would not be overtopped by high water. A reasonable effort would be made to re-locate threatened or endangered fish using methods that minimize the risk of injury.
- Bridge foundation installation: The foundations for the replacement bridge would consist of three different foundation types: 1) pile-supported foundations; 2) drilled-shaft-supported foundations; and 3) spread footings. In general, pile-supported foundations would be used at locations where the depths to bedrock are relatively deep (greater than 50 feet below ground surface) while drilled shaft-supported foundations would be more economical in locations where depths to bedrock are nearer to the surface (less than 50 feet below ground surface). Spread footings would be used where bedrock is located at or near the surface and deep foundations are not required.

Pile-supported foundations would be supported by 48-inch diameter steel pipe piles. The typical in-water foundation would require 25 piles, where-as smaller terrestrial pile-supported foundations would require fewer piles. Piles would be installed with a vibratory hammer to the extent practicable, as a means of minimizing impacts associated with underwater noise. An impact hammer would be used to drive the piles to the final tip elevation, and/or to proof the piles to verify load-bearing capacity.

Drilled shaft-supported foundations would be supported by either 72-inch-diameter drilled shafts or 96-inch-diameter drilled shafts. The larger-diameter drilled shafts would be used on

the bents that flank the navigation channel. Installation of drilled shafts would be conducted by first oscillating an outer steel casing to a specified design depth. As the casing is being advanced to the design depth, soil would be removed from inside the casing using an auger and clamshell. Excavated soils would be temporarily placed onto a barge with appropriate containment and ultimately placed at an approved upland site. Once the interior of the casing has been excavated to the design depth, an interior steel casing of the finished diameter of the shaft would be installed. This casing would be installed either with an oscillator or vibratory hammer. Once the interior casing has been installed to final depth, a steel reinforcement cage would be installed within the casing, and the shaft would be filled with concrete.

Construction of spread footing foundations below the OHWM of the river would be conducted within a temporarily dewatered work area within a cofferdam. Once the cofferdam is installed and the work area established, formwork would be installed for the spread footing, steel reinforcing would be installed within the forms, and the concrete for the footing would be poured. The cofferdam would remain in place until the concrete is fully cured to allow the concrete to cure in a dewatered environment. Once the concrete for the footing is fully cured, the formwork would be removed followed by the temporary cofferdam.

- Bridge superstructure construction: Once the foundation piles and drilled shafts are installed, a concrete pile cap would be installed atop the shafts at the waterline, and the concrete pier and superstructure would be installed atop the pile cap. Pile caps may be either precast or cast-in-place.

The superstructure would consist of both precast and cast-in-place concrete segments. Additional finish work would also be conducted, including surfacing, paving, and installation of other finish features, such as striping and signage.

Work on the superstructure would be conducted either from the bridge deck, from the deck of temporary work bridges, or from barges. It is anticipated that the superstructure would be constructed using a balanced cantilever method that uses paired sets of form travelers to build outwards from each pier. It is assumed that a contractor may operate up to four pairs of form travelers at a given time to expedite the construction of the superstructure.

Many of the bridge superstructure components would be composed of precast concrete. Precast elements would likely include bridge columns, beams, girders, and deck panels. Precast bridge elements would be constructed in upland controlled environments and would be transported to the Project site by either barge or truck.

- Dismantling and removal of the existing bridge: The existing bridge would remain open until the replacement bridge is constructed and operational, at which point it would be dismantled and removed. This work would be conducted via barges and/or temporary work platforms and may require in-water isolation.

Removal of the superstructure would most likely be conducted by barge-mounted cranes. Removal of the superstructure would likely begin with removal of the counterweights, followed by the lift towers and the individual truss sections. The lift towers and truss sections would be cut into manageable pieces and loaded onto barges or trucks by a crane. Each section would then be either transported to an upland site for further dismantling or disposed of directly at an appropriately permitted upland facility.

Removal of the existing foundations would be conducted by one of the following two methods:

- Wiresaw removal to mudline, without a cofferdam. A diamond wire/wire saw would be used to cut the foundation into manageable pieces that would be transported to a barge and disposed of in a permitted off site upland location. The foundations would be removed to the mudline and the substrate would be naturally restored with surrounding sediments.
- Wiresaw or conventional pier removal techniques within a cofferdam. Conventional removal techniques consist of using a hydraulic ram to break the piers into rubble, and torches or other cutting methods to cut reinforcement. Materials would then be transported to a barge and disposed of in a permitted off site upland location. The foundations would be removed to the mudline and the substrate would be naturally restored with surrounding sediments.

It is assumed that the cofferdam removal option would be used at both piers that flank the navigation channel, but may also be used in other pier locations. At the two navigation channel piers, once cofferdams are installed and fish salvage has occurred, approximately 7,800 cubic yards of existing riprap would be removed. Riprap would be removed via a barge mounted clamshell, and loaded onto barges, and disposed of at an off-site permitted upland location. Once riprap has been removed, the existing piers would either be removed using one of the methods described above.

- Post-Project site restoration: Construction of the Project would result in temporary impacts to native and non-native vegetation on both the Oregon and Washington sides of the river. Areas temporarily disturbed during construction would be restored upon completion of the Project consistent with state and local regulations.

On the Oregon side of the river, most temporary disturbance would occur within areas that are either impervious or already developed. Temporary disturbance would occur within areas that consist of landscaping, lawns, or similar heavily managed vegetation. Post-Project site restoration in these areas would likely consist of replacement landscaping with similar ornamental species. No native plant communities would be disturbed on the Oregon side of the river.

On the Washington side of the river, vegetation would be cleared within temporary work zones to allow construction equipment to access the site, to construct the replacement bridge abutments and stormwater treatment facilities, and to remove the existing bridge. A portion of the area to be cleared would be within a forested riparian area that is within the 200-foot shoreline jurisdiction of the Columbia River, and is regulated by the City of White Salmon under its Shoreline Master Program (City of White Salmon 2016). A large oak tree that is present east of the existing bridge would be preserved and would not be affected.

Temporarily disturbed areas within ODOT and WSDOT rights-of-way would be replanted consistent with applicable ODOT and WSDOT requirements and design standards. Temporarily disturbed vegetation within the riparian shoreline buffer on the Washington side of the river would be conducted consistent with requirements in the City of White Salmon Critical Areas Ordinance (White Salmon Municipal Code (WSMC) Chapter 18.10) and Shoreline Master Program (City of White Salmon 2016).

- Compensatory Mitigation: The Project would result in permanent impacts to wetland and aquatic habitats, and a compensatory mitigation plan would likely be required by federal, state and local regulations to offset these permanent impacts. The compensatory mitigation plan would be developed during the permitting phase of the Project. The mitigation plan would

identify the amount, type, and specific locations of any proposed compensatory mitigation actions, specific impact avoidance and minimization measures to be implemented, as well as the goals, objectives, and performance standards for measuring success. Full implementation of the compensatory mitigation plan would be a condition of the applicable permits of the agencies with jurisdiction (i.e., USACE Section 404 permit, the Oregon Department of Environmental Quality [DEQ] and the Washington State Department of Ecology [Ecology] Section 401 permits, the Oregon Department of State Lands [DSL] Removal-Fill permit, WDFW Hydraulic Project Approval, and City of White Salmon Shorelines and Critical Areas permits), and the mitigation would comply fully with all applicable permit terms and conditions.

The method of delivery for Project final design and construction has not been determined at this time. Traditional delivery methods, such as design-bid-build, and alternative delivery methods, such as design-build and public-private-partnerships to name a few, will continue to be considered by the Port. As part of Oregon's HB 2017, the Port was provided legal authority by the state to enter into a public-private-partnership.

3. METHODOLOGY

Air quality was previously analyzed in the Project's Draft EIS and Air Quality Memorandum (Parsons Brinckerhoff 2003). The evaluation was updated to include analysis of mobile source air toxic (MSAT) emissions and greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions.

3.1. Area of Potential Impact

The area of potential impact (API) for the air quality analysis is shown Exhibit 12. The API encompasses the area anticipated for direct impacts to air quality resulting from the generation of air pollutant emissions from the Project. The API, which extends 100-feet outside of the construction limits for the Project's build alternatives, lies between SR 14 to the north and I-84 to the south. This area encompasses the location of construction activity, changes in vehicle traffic, and road maintenance activities that could influence direct impacts to air quality. Pollutants would then disperse into the atmosphere where no boundary can be defined. The API for indirect impacts to air quality is much larger, encompassing upstream material and energy processes, as well as global GHG emissions in the atmosphere.

Exhibit 12. Air Quality API



3.2. Regulations, Standards, and Guidelines

Applicable federal and state regulations, standards, and guidelines are listed below.

- Clean Air Act (CAA) 42 United States Code 7401-7431 et seq.
- CAA Amendments of 1990
- Transportation Conformity Rule 40 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR)
- Updated Interim Guidance on MSAT Analysis in NEPA Documents
- Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) Air Quality Manual
- Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) Project-Level GHG Evaluations under NEPA and Washington State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA)

Since the publication of the Draft EIS the National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS) have been revised to include particulate matter less than 2.5 micrometers in size (PM_{2.5}) as a pollutant, strengthen the ozone (O₃) standard, and add a new regulated averaging period for NO_x. The project area remains in compliance with all NAAQS and is designated as attaining the NAAQS.

Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) released guidance to address MSATs, which was most recently updated in October 2016. The guidance includes an approach to determining the appropriate level of detail to evaluate potential MSAT effects for NEPA documents, and it includes standard language to address incomplete or unavailable information related to project-specific MSAT health effects.

The current ODOT Air Quality Manual requires a discussion of GHG emissions. The manual recommends the use of FHWA's Infrastructure Carbon Estimator (ICE) to estimate GHG emissions from construction and maintenance activities. This method is consistent with WSDOT's Project-Level GHG Evaluations under NEPA and SEPA. The ODOT and WSDOT guidance both require a quantitative analysis of operational emissions for EIS documents; however, discussions with ODOT and WSDOT have indicated that a qualitative discussion of the effects of project operation will be sufficient for the scope of this project.

3.2.1. Criteria Pollutants

Under the CAA, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has established the NAAQS, which specify maximum concentrations for carbon monoxide (CO), particulate matter less than 10 micrometers in size (PM₁₀), PM_{2.5}, O₃, sulfur dioxide (SO₂), lead, and nitrogen dioxide. These pollutants are referred to as criteria pollutants. The CAA requires periodic review of the science upon which the standards are based and the standards themselves. The standards were most recently revised in 2015, and the Project area is in attainment for all current NAAQS in both the Washington and Oregon locations. The current NAAQS table is provided in Exhibit 13.

Under the CAA Amendments of 1990, the U.S. Department of Transportation cannot fund, authorize, or approve federal actions to support programs or projects that are not first found to conform to the SIP. Highway projects in attainment areas are considered to be in conformity with the CAA and are not required to perform detailed micro-scale air quality modeling or regional air quality analysis.

Exhibit 13. NAAQS

Pollutant		Primary/ Secondary	Averaging Time	Level	Form
CO		Primary	8-hour	9 ppm	Not to be exceeded more than once per year
			1-hour	35 ppm	
Lead		Primary and secondary	Rolling 3-month average	0.15 µg/m ³ (1)	Not to be exceeded
Nitrogen dioxide		Primary	1-hour	100 ppb	98 th percentile of 1-hour daily maximum concentrations, averaged over 3 years
		Primary and secondary	Annual	53 ppb (2)	Annual mean
O ₃		Primary and secondary	8-hour	0.070 ppm (3)	Annual fourth-highest daily maximum 8-hour concentration, averaged over 3 years
Particulate matter	PM _{2.5}	Primary	Annual	12 µg/m ³	Annual mean, averaged over 3 years
		Secondary	Annual	15 µg/m ³	Annual mean, averaged over 3 years
		Primary and secondary	24-hour	35 µg/m ³	98 th percentile, averaged over 3 years
	PM ₁₀	Primary and secondary	24-hour	150 µg/m ³	Not to be exceeded more than once per year on average over 3 years
SO ₂		Primary	1-hour	75 ppb (4)	99 th percentile of 1-hour daily maximum concentrations, averaged over 3 years
		Secondary	3-hour	0.5 ppm	Not to be exceeded more than once per year

Source: U.S. EPA Office of Air and Radiation, <https://www.epa.gov/criteria-air-pollutants/naaqs-table> (accessed 5/22/2019)

Notes:

ppm = parts per million; µg/m³ = microgram per cubic meter; ppb = parts per billion

- 1) Final rule signed October 15, 2008. The 1978 lead standard (1.5 µg/m³ as a quarterly average) remains in effect until 1 year after an area is designated for the 2008 standard, except that in areas designated nonattainment for the 1978 year, the 1978 standard remains in effect until implementation plans to attain or maintain the 2008 standard are approved.
- 2) The official level of the annual NO₂ standard is 0.053 ppm, equal to 53 ppb, which is shown here for the purpose of clearer comparison to the 1-hour standard.
- 3) Final rule signed October 1, 2015, and effective December 28, 2015. The previous (2008) O₃ standards additionally remain in effect in some areas. Revocation of the previous (2008) O₃ standards and transitioning to the current (2015) standards will be addressed in the implementation rule for the current standards.
- 4) The previous SO₂ standards (0.14 ppm 24-hour and 0.03 ppm annual) will additionally remain in effect in certain areas: 1) any area for which it is not yet 1 year since the effective date of designation under the current (2010) standards, and 2) any area for which implementation plans providing for attainment of the current (2010) standard have not been submitted and approved and which is designated nonattainment under the previous SO₂ standards or is not meeting the requirements of a State Implementation Plan (SIP) call under the previous SO₂ standards (40 CFR 50.4(3)). A SIP call is a U.S. EPA action requiring a state to resubmit all or part of its SIP to demonstrate attainment of the required NAAQS.

3.2.2. MSAT

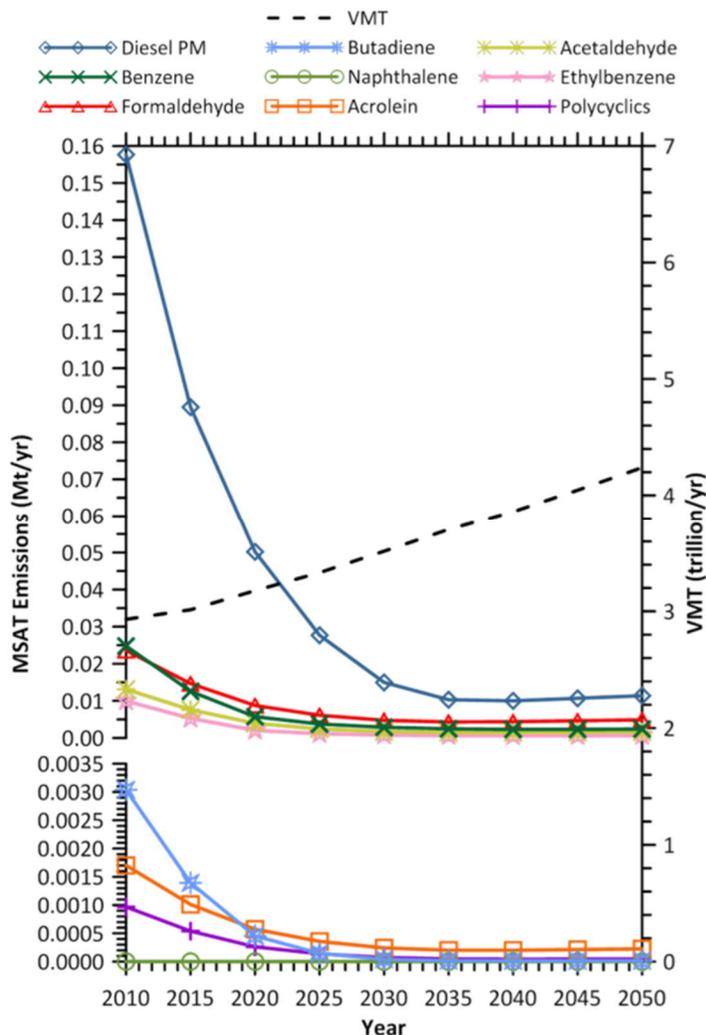
In addition to the criteria pollutants for which there are NAAQS, the EPA also regulates air toxics. Toxic air pollutants are those pollutants known or suspected to cause cancer or other serious health effects. Most air toxics originate from human-made sources, including on-road mobile sources, non-road mobile sources (e.g., airplanes), area sources (e.g., dry cleaners), and stationary sources (e.g., factories or refineries).

Controlling air toxic emissions became a national priority with the passage of the CAA Amendments of 1990, whereby Congress mandated that the EPA regulate 188 air toxics, also known as hazardous air pollutants. The EPA has assessed this expansive list in their latest rule—Control of Hazardous Air Pollutants from Mobile Sources (72 Federal Register 8427, February 26, 2007)—and identified a group of

93 compounds emitted from mobile sources that are listed in their Integrated Risk Information System (<http://www.epa.gov/iris/>). In addition, EPA identified nine compounds with significant contributions from mobile sources that are among the national and regional-scale cancer risk drivers from their 2011 National Air Toxics Assessment (<https://www.epa.gov/national-air-toxics-assessment>). These are 1,3-butadiene, acetaldehyde, acrolein, benzene, diesel particulate matter (diesel PM), ethylbenzene, formaldehyde, naphthalene, and polycyclic organic matter. While the FHWA considers these the priority MSAT, the list is subject to change and may be adjusted in consideration of future EPA rules.

The 2007 EPA rule mentioned above requires controls that will dramatically decrease MSAT emissions through cleaner fuels and cleaner engines. Using EPA's MOVES2014a model, as shown in Exhibit 14, FHWA estimates that even if vehicle-miles traveled increases by 45 percent from 2010 to 2050 as forecast, a combined reduction of 91 percent in the total annual emissions for the priority MSAT is projected for the same time period.

Exhibit 14. National MSAT Emission Trends 2010 – 2050 for Vehicles Operating on Roadways Using EPA's MOVES2014a Model



Source: EPA MOVES2014a model runs conducted by FHWA in September 2016.

Note: Trends for specific locations may be different, depending on locally derived information representing vehicle-miles travelled, vehicle speeds, vehicle mix, fuels, emission control programs, meteorology, and other factors.

3.2.3. GHG

Climate change is an important national and global concern. While the earth has gone through many natural changes in climate in its history, there is general agreement that the earth's climate is currently changing at an accelerated rate and will continue to do so for the foreseeable future. Anthropogenic (human-caused) GHG emissions contribute to this rapid change. Carbon dioxide (CO₂) makes up the largest component of these GHG emissions. Other prominent transportation GHG include methane (CH₄) and nitrous oxide (N₂O). GHG emissions are often reported as carbon dioxide equivalent (CO₂e), derived from the global warming potential of CO₂, CH₄, and N₂O.

Many GHGs occur naturally. Water vapor is the most abundant GHG and makes up approximately two thirds of the natural greenhouse effect. However, the burning of fossil fuels and other human activities are adding to the concentration of GHGs in the atmosphere. Many GHGs remain in the atmosphere for time periods ranging from decades to centuries. GHGs trap heat in the earth's atmosphere. Because atmospheric concentration of GHGs continues to climb, our planet will continue to experience climate-related phenomena. For example, warmer global temperatures can cause changes in precipitation and sea levels.

To date, no national standards have been established regarding GHGs, nor has EPA established criteria or thresholds for ambient GHG emissions pursuant to its authority to establish motor vehicle emission standards for CO₂ under the CAA. However, a considerable body of scientific literature exists addressing the sources of GHG emissions and their adverse effects on climate, including reports from the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change, the U.S. National Academy of Sciences, and EPA and other federal agencies. The Oregon Climate Change Research Institute periodically assesses the state of knowledge of climate science as it pertains to Oregon (OCCRI 2019). GHGs differ from other air pollutants evaluated in federal environmental reviews because their impacts are not localized or regional due to the rapid dispersion into the global atmosphere that is characteristic of these gases. The affected environment for CO₂ and other GHG emissions is the entire planet. In addition, from a quantitative perspective, global climate change is the cumulative result of numerous and varied emissions sources (in terms of both absolute numbers and types), each of which makes a relatively small addition to global atmospheric GHG concentrations. In contrast to broad-scale actions such as those involving an entire industry sector or very large geographic areas, it is difficult to isolate and understand the GHG emissions impacts of a particular transportation project.

3.3. Sources of Existing Data

Data used for the air quality impacts analysis was obtained from the Project description, design drawings, and the traffic study. Sources used to characterize existing conditions include air pollutant concentration data from nearby monitors and trends published by FHWA that describe the trends in MSAT emissions. GHG emissions are discussed using data available from the Washington Department of Ecology (Ecology), Washington Department of Commerce, and the Oregon Department of Energy.

3.4. Data Collection or Development

Data used for the air quality analysis was obtained from the Project description, design drawings, and the traffic study.

3.5. Impact Analysis Techniques

3.5.1. Construction Impacts

As described in the Draft EIS, construction impacts to air quality would be short-term in duration and, therefore, would not result in adverse or long-term impacts. A discussion of typical pollutant emissions from construction activities and association mitigation is included in the report.

GHG emissions during construction were calculated based on the construction energy consumption estimates from the Energy Technical Report (WSP 2019). The energy consumption was converted to gallons of diesel consumed and then to emissions of CO₂ using factors from California Department of Transportation and the U.S. Energy Information Administration.

GHG emissions from vehicle delays during construction were calculated using FHWA’s ICE spreadsheet tool (FHWA 2019). ICE provides GHG emissions estimates based on details about the Project type and size. The tool includes assumptions based on a nationwide database of construction bid documents, data collected from state department of transportations, and consultation with transportation engineers and lifecycle analysis experts.

Inputs to the ICE tool are summarized in Exhibit 15. Copies of the spreadsheet tool are included in Attachment A. The same inputs and assumptions were used for all build alternatives. The actual length of the replacement bridge and roadway would vary slightly by alternative, but the tool is not meant to be used to that level of detail. ICE was not used to determine impacts from construction because the tool calculations do not apply to bridge projects greater than 1,000 feet in length (FHWA 2014).

Exhibit 15. ICE Inputs

Inputs	No Action Alternative	Build Alternatives
Infrastructure location	Oregon	Oregon
Analysis timeframe (years)	20	20
Average daily traffic per lane mile – for facilities that will be reconstructed or resurfaced	25,410 ^a	25,410 ^a
Total existing centerline miles	1	1
Total existing lane miles	2	2
Facility type of reconstructed or resurfaced roadway	Rural principal arterial	Rural principal arterial
Miles of new off-street bicycle or pedestrian path	0	1
Total project days of lane closure	0	2
Average daily traffic per directional segment for facilities requiring lane closure	0	8,250 ^b
Percentage of facility lanes closed during construction	0	50%

Notes:

^a 25,410 ADT in 2045 was calculated by adding 54 percent growth factor to 16,500 ADT in 2018

^b 8,250 ADT per directional segment is equal to half of 16,500 ADT in 2018

The existing (2018) annual daily traffic (ADT) for the Hood River Bridge is approximately 16,500 (WSP 2019). Future ADT for 2045 was estimated by an annual linear growth rate of 2 percent, equating to a 54 percent increase in volume from 2018 to 2045, consistent with the traffic analysis (WSP 2019). The existing structure would remain in place during construction, and there would be minimal disruption to traffic during the construction phase. Two days of closure were assumed in the model, as the exact number of days of closure has not yet been determined.

3.5.2. Direct Impacts

The API is in attainment of the NAAQS and does not require a detailed project-level analysis to demonstrate that there would be no exceedance of the NAAQS.

On February 3, 2006, FHWA released Interim Guidance on Air Toxic Analysis in NEPA Documents (FHWA 2006a). This guidance was superseded on October 18, 2016, by FHWA's Updated Interim Guidance Update on Air Toxic Analysis in NEPA Documents (FHWA 2016). The purpose of FHWA's guidance is to advise on when and how to analyze MSATs in the NEPA environmental review process for highways. This guidance is considered interim since MSAT science is still evolving. As the science progresses, FHWA will update the guidance.

A quantitative analysis provides a basis for identifying and comparing the potential differences among MSAT emissions, if any, from the various alternatives. FHWA's Interim Guidance groups projects into the following tier categories:

1. No analysis for projects without potential for meaningful MSAT effects.
2. Qualitative analysis for projects with low potential MSAT effects.
3. Quantitative analysis to differentiate alternatives for projects with higher potential MSAT effects.

Based on FHWA's recommended tiering approach, the Project falls within Tier 1. For projects that are exempt from conformity requirements under the CAA pursuant to 40 CFR 93.126, no analysis or discussion of MSAT is necessary. The project type is listed in 40 CFR 93.126 as "Widening narrow pavements or reconstructing bridges (no additional travel lanes)." The Project is exempt and no further analysis is required.

Impacts to GHG emissions from vehicles using the roadway are discussed qualitatively, based on the changes in traffic volumes and speeds presented in the traffic study between the no action and build scenarios. ICE provides direct GHG emissions from equipment performing routine maintenance on the facility, which were considered direct impacts.

3.5.3. Indirect Impacts

As described in the Draft EIS, the direct air quality impact analysis reflects future land use, employment, and growth and, therefore, includes forecast indirect impacts.

Indirect impacts to GHG emissions also include upstream activities related to the materials used to construct the Project. Indirect impacts from construction activities are included in the direct impacts because the energy consumption estimates do not differentiate between direct and indirect sources.

3.6. Agency Coordination

The Project team coordinated with ODOT and WSDOT to confirm that the level of air quality analysis is appropriate for this Project.

4. AFFECTED ENVIRONMENT

Since the publication of the Draft EIS there have been updates to air quality regulations and recommended analysis methodologies.

4.1. Regulations

4.2. Existing Conditions

4.2.1. General Climatic Conditions

The Project location lies between White Salmon, Washington, and Hood River, Oregon, across the Columbia River. Cutting through both the Cascade Range and the Coast Range, the Columbia River Gorge offers ready passage of marine air from the Pacific Ocean. Temperatures are moderated to the east in both summer and winter. Continental air occasionally passes in reverse and produces the more extreme low temperatures in the western valleys. Average annual rainfall in the Columbia River Basin is about 15 inches to 20 inches. In the summer, high temperatures in Hood River range from 74°F to 81°F and the winter lows are in the range of 30°F to 31°F. The average annual temperature is about 50.6°F (WRCC 2019).

4.2.2. Monitored Air Quality

Multiple governmental agencies operate air quality monitors throughout the states of Washington and Oregon. Ecology operates a PM_{2.5} monitor in White Salmon, Washington. Oregon Department of Environmental Quality (ODEQ) monitors PM_{2.5}, O₃, and hazardous air pollutants in The Dalles, Oregon, about 17 miles east of the Project area. These monitor locations are shown in Exhibit 16. The closest monitors to the Project for other criteria pollutants are located near Portland, Oregon, approximately 50 miles to the west, which is also in attainment of all criteria pollutants.

Exhibit 16. Air Quality Monitor Locations near Project



Ecology established two temporary PM_{2.5} monitoring sites in order to evaluate the need for ongoing monitoring in previously unmonitored areas. In June 2018 one of the temporary monitors was relocated to White Salmon, Washington (Ecology 2018). The monitor will operate indefinitely, and it may be relocated in the future if Ecology identifies monitoring needs in other areas (Ecology 2019a). The maximum 24-hour PM_{2.5} concentrations at the White Salmon monitor are summarized in Exhibit 17. The values in the table cannot be directly compared to the NAAQS because the monitor has not yet collected three full years of data.

Exhibit 17. Monitored PM_{2.5} Concentrations in White Salmon, WA

Pollutant	Averaging Time	2018	2019
PM _{2.5}	24-hour maximum	67.2 µg/m ³	18.5 µg/m ³
PM _{2.5}	24-hour 98 th percentile	42.5 µg/m ³	15.7 µg/m ³

Source: Ecology 2019b

Notes:

No complete year of data for comparison to annual NAAQS for PM_{2.5}

3 years of data needed for comparison to 24-hour NAAQS for PM_{2.5} of 35 µg/m³

98th percentile for 2018 based on 5th highest value out of 205 days

98th percentile for 2019 based on 3rd highest value out of 140 days

Exhibit 18 presents pollutant concentrations and the associated standards or benchmarks from The Dalles, Oregon. Information about the purpose of these monitors is provided below.

Exhibit 18. Air Pollutant Concentrations in The Dalles, OR

Monitor Location	Monitored Concentration	Pollutant (Averaging Period)	NAAQS	ODEQ Benchmark
Cherry Heights	59 pbb (0.059 ppm)	O ₃ (8-hour)	0.070 ppm	NA
Cherry Heights	21 µg/m ³	PM _{2.5} (24-hour)	35 µg/m ³	NA
Cherry Heights	6.9 µg/m ³	PM _{2.5} (annual)	12 µg/m ³	NA
Wasco County Library	2.373 µg/m ³	Naphthalene (24-hour)	NA	0.03 µg/m ³
Wasco County Library	0.0048 µg/m ³	PAH (24-hour)	NA	0.0009 µg/m ³

Source: ODEQ 2019, ODEQ 2018

Notes: NA = not applicable, pbb = parts per billion, ppm = parts per million, µg/m³ = microgram per cubic meter

ODEQ operated an O₃ monitor in The Dalles through 2018. The O₃ monitor has been discontinued because it has collected 3 years of consecutive data (ODEQ 2019). ODEQ operates a PM_{2.5} monitor in The Dalles, which is part of a network of PM_{2.5} real time monitors that are used for hourly reporting of air quality for the Air Quality Index.

Starting in June 2016, ODEQ deployed three monitors to collect air samples in the vicinity of AmeriTies West, LLC in The Dalles. Samples were analyzed for polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons (PAH) likely associated with tie treatment processes. ODEQ reported PAH and naphthalene concentrations of concern were likely due activities at the AmeriTies facility (ODEQ 2017). PAH and naphthalene are not criteria pollutants and do not have NAAQS, but Oregon has established lifetime annual benchmarks for air toxics. The benchmarks are used by ODEQ to provide consistent health-based goals, as the agency develops strategies to reduce air toxics.

4.2.3. Attainment Status

Section 107 of the 1977 CAA Amendments requires that the EPA publish a list of all geographic areas in compliance with the NAAQS, plus those not attaining the NAAQS. Areas not in NAAQS compliance are deemed nonattainment areas. Areas that have insufficient data to make a determination are deemed unclassified, and are treated as being attainment areas until proven otherwise. Maintenance areas are areas that were previously designated as nonattainment for a particular pollutant, but have since demonstrated compliance with the NAAQS for that pollutant. An area's designation is based on the data collected by the state monitoring network on a pollutant-by-pollutant basis.

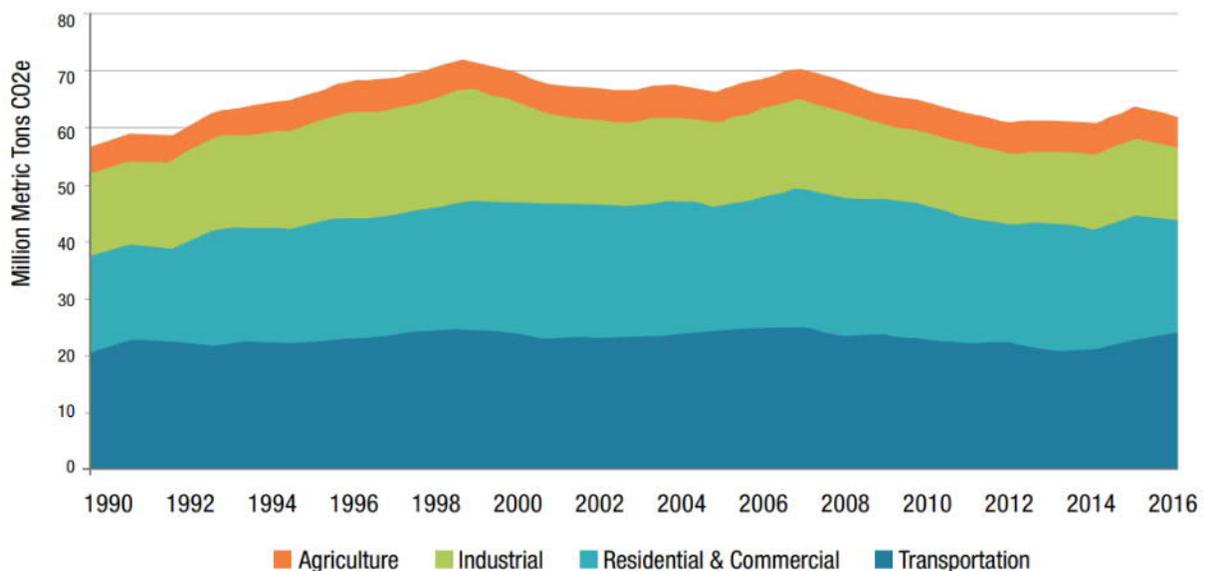
The Project is located within Klickitat County, Washington, and Hood River County, Oregon. These counties are classified as attainment areas for all pollutants and averaging periods.

4.2.4. GHG Emissions

GHG concentrations are not measured at the same level as criteria pollutants. However, agencies, companies, and individuals can calculate their emissions of GHG as a way to monitor the contribution to global GHG levels. GHG emissions are usually estimated based on indicators with readily available data, such as fuel and energy consumption. The following information shows the trends in Washington and Oregon based on fuel consumption data, energy use, and reporting from industrial and agricultural sectors.

Oregon Law requires that the Oregon Global Warming Commission deliver a report to the Legislature every 2 years. Generally, the Commission uses the reports as a platform to educate and inform legislators and the public about current critical climate facts, policies, and strategies. Exhibit 19 shows that transportation (including highway, rail, and air transport) is the greatest contributor to GHG emissions in Oregon, followed by the residential and commercial sectors.

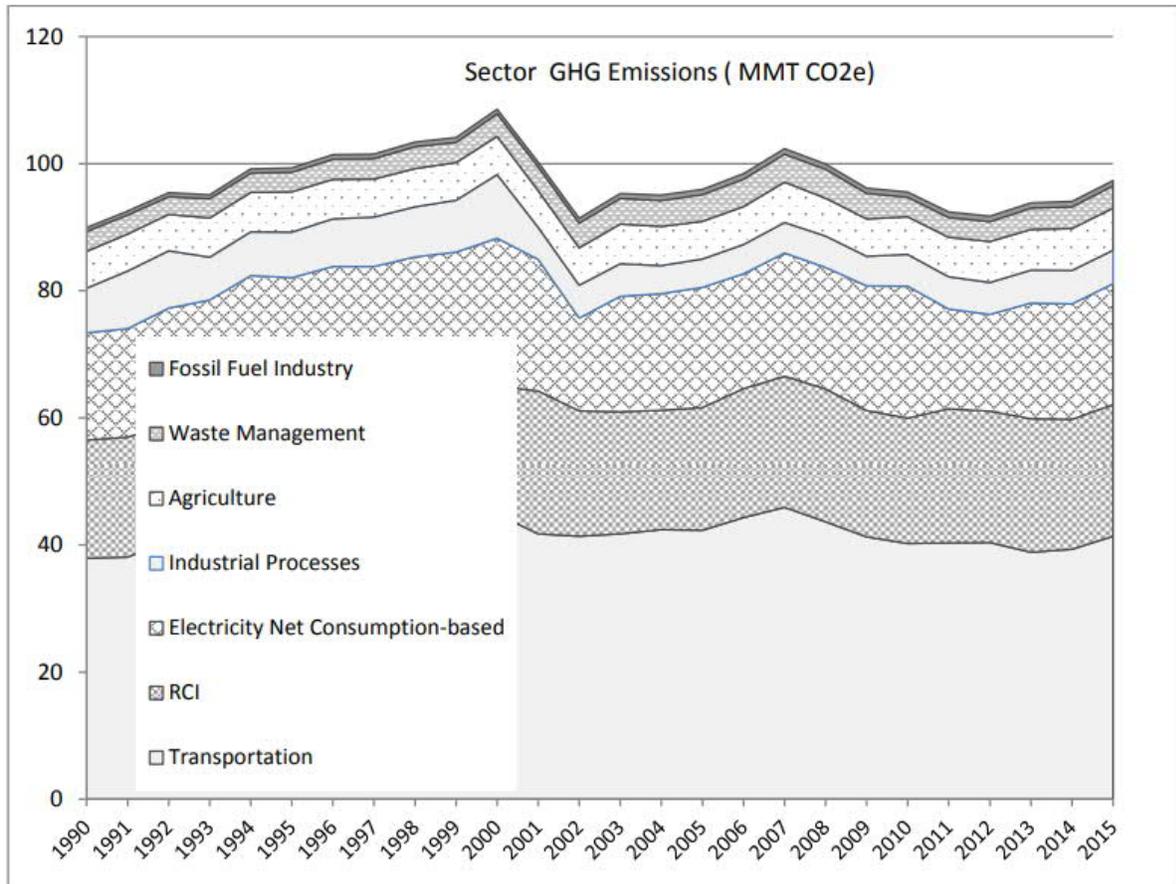
Exhibit 19. Oregon Sector-Based GHG Emissions: 1990-2016



Source: Oregon Global Warming Commission 2018

Ecology publishes an inventory of Washington's GHG every 2 years, measuring the state's progress in reducing GHGs compared to a 1990 baseline. This inventory helps Ecology design policies to reduce GHG emissions and track progress toward meeting the state's reduction limits. The inventory is based on data from a variety of sources, such as the U.S. EPA and the U.S. Energy Information Administration. Exhibit 20 shows that transportation is the greatest contributor to GHG emissions in Washington.

Exhibit 20. Total Annual GHG Emissions (Million Metric Tons (MMT) CO₂e) by Sector from 1990-2015



Source: Ecology

Note: RCI (residential, commercial, and industrial) GHG emissions from fuels combusted to primarily produce space heating and/or process heating

5. ENVIRONMENTAL CONSEQUENCES

5.1. No Action Alternative

5.1.1. Direct Impacts

Direct impacts to air quality were evaluated assuming the No Action Alternative retains the existing bridge in its existing condition and configuration. If the bridge were to close in the future when it surpasses its operational life, or if a catastrophic event such as an earthquake or barge strike occurs prior to the end of its operational life, vehicles would have to travel 21 to 25 miles to an alternative

route, which would cause an increase in vehicle emissions, as compared to continued operation of the bridge.

NAAQS

Under the No Action Alternative, there would be no direct impacts to air quality. Emissions of CO, PM_{2.5}, and NO_x are expected to be lower than present levels as a result of EPA's national control programs, and criteria pollutant concentrations would be anticipated to remain below the NAAQS.

MSAT

EPA regulations for vehicle engines and fuels will cause overall MSAT emissions to decline substantially over the next several decades. Based on regulations now in effect, an analysis of national trends with EPA's MOVES2014 model forecasts a combined reduction of over 90 percent in the total annual emissions rate for the priority MSAT from 2010 to 2050, while vehicle-miles of travel are projected to increase by over 45 percent (FHWA 2016). This will both reduce the background level of MSAT as well as the possibility of even minor MSAT emissions from the Project.

Moreover, EPA regulations for vehicle engines and fuels will cause overall MSAT emissions to decline significantly over the next several decades. Based on regulations now in effect, an analysis of national trends with EPA's MOVES2014 model forecasts a combined reduction of over 90 percent in the total annual emissions rate for the priority MSAT from 2010 to 2050, while vehicle-miles of travel are projected to increase by over 45 percent (FHWA 2016). This will both reduce the background level of MSAT as well as the possibility of even minor MSAT emissions from this project.

GHG Emissions

GHG emissions from vehicle exhaust due to routine maintenance of the roadway was calculated using FHWA's ICE spreadsheet tool. This analysis was based on the inputs outlined in Exhibit 15. The complete results summary is included in Attachment A. The direct impacts from routine maintenances are presented in Exhibit 21.

Exhibit 21. No Action Alternative Annual GHG Emissions

Emissions Source	MT CO ₂ e
Direct Emissions <ul style="list-style-type: none">Routine Maintenance	4

Source: ICE Tool Output, See Attachment A

Notes: MT CO₂e = metric tons carbon dioxide equivalent

5.1.2. Indirect Impacts

Under the No Action Alternative, indirect impacts to GHG emissions include upstream activities related to energy production needed for facility signals and lighting, which would be minor and is not estimated by ICE. Upstream GHG emissions would result from energy production needed for bridge lifts, but this activity is not estimated by ICE.

5.2. Preferred Alternative EC-2

5.2.1. Construction Impacts

Construction-related activities result in direct, short-term impacts that include increases in particulate matter in the form of fugitive dust (from ground clearing and preparation, grading, stockpiling of materials, on-site movement of equipment, and transportation of construction materials), as well as

exhaust emissions from material delivery trucks, construction equipment, and workers' private vehicles. Dust emissions typically occur during dry weather, periods of maximum demolition, construction activities, or high wind conditions. Project construction is expected to last 2.5 years.

The GHG emissions from construction of the Project were estimated based on the energy consumption values presented in the Energy Technical Report (WSP 2019). These values were derived from the latest estimates on total Project cost, as presented in Exhibit 22.

Exhibit 22. GHG Emissions from Construction

Emissions Source	Construction Energy Consumption (mmBtu)	Gallons of Diesel	MT CO ₂ e
Direct Emissions			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Construction activities 	959,823 ¹	6,910,135 ²	70,309 ³
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Construction impacts to vehicle delay 	N/A	N/A	2
Total			70,311

Source:

¹ Energy Technical Report (WSP 2019)

² Conversion factor 138,700 Btu per gallon of diesel (Caltrans 1983)

³ Conversion factor 10.16 kg CO₂ per gallon of diesel (EIA 2019)

ICE Tool Output, See Attachment B

Notes: mmBtu = million British thermal units, MT CO₂e = metric tons carbon dioxide equivalent, N/A = not applicable

FHWA's ICE tool estimates annual GHG emissions from the vehicle delay caused by construction activities, which included the assumption of 2 days of lane closures. The results are summarized in Exhibit 22, and the complete model output is included in Attachment B. The tool did not account for the potential emissions from vehicles detoured to a different bridge. GHG emissions could increase from detoured vehicles that traveled a longer distance than they would have without the detour, but these elevated emissions would only last for the duration of lane closures (assumed to be 2 days).

5.2.2. Direct Impacts

NAAQS

The proposed bridge would not substantially increase motor vehicle capacity, and it is not expected to substantially impact inter-city vehicle demand or routing of longer distance trips crossing the Columbia River at other bridges (WSP 2019). The Project, therefore, would not substantially impact air quality during operation of the Project.

MSAT

The purpose of the Project is to reconstruct an existing bridge with no additional vehicle travel lanes. The Project has been determined to generate minimal air quality impacts for CAA criteria pollutants and has not been linked with any special MSAT concerns. As such, the Project would not result in changes in traffic volumes, vehicle mix, basic project location, or any other factor that would cause a meaningful increase in MSAT impacts of the Project from that of the No Action Alternative.

Moreover, EPA regulations for vehicle engines and fuels will cause overall MSAT emissions to decline significantly over the next several decades. Based on regulations now in effect, an analysis of national trends with EPA's MOVES2014 model forecasts a combined reduction of over 90 percent in the total

annual emissions rate for the priority MSAT from 2010 to 2050 while vehicle-miles of travel are projected to increase by over 45 percent (FHWA 2016). This will both reduce the background level of MSAT as well as the possibility of even minor MSAT emissions from this project.

GHG Emissions

The proposed bridge would not substantially increase motor vehicle capacity, and it is not expected to substantially impact inter-city vehicle demand or routing of longer distance trips crossing the Columbia River at other bridges (WSP 2019). The proposed bridge is expected to have a 35 mph posted speed compared to the 25 mph speed on the existing bridge (WSP 2019). The Project is expected to increase traffic flow, which should reduce operational GHG emissions. The Project, therefore, would not substantially impact GHG emissions during operation of the Project.

GHG emissions from routine maintenance of the roadway were calculated with the ICE tool. As shown in Exhibit 23, 5 metric tons per year of CO₂e would be emitted from the exhaust of vehicles used in maintenance activities such as street sweeping, snow removal, and landscaping.

Exhibit 23. Alternative EC-2 Annual GHG Emissions from Operations

Emissions Source	MT CO ₂ e
Direct Emissions	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Routine maintenance 	5

Source: ICE Tool Output, See Attachment B

Notes: MT CO₂e = metric tons carbon dioxide equivalent

5.2.3. Indirect Impacts

Indirect impacts to GHG emissions include upstream activities related to the materials used to construct the Project. Indirect impacts from construction are included in the value in Exhibit 22.

5.3. Alternative EC-1

5.3.1. Construction Impacts

Construction impacts would be the same as those described for Alternative EC-2.

5.3.2. Direct Impacts

Direct impacts would be the same as those described for Alternative EC-2.

5.3.3. Indirect Impacts

Indirect impacts would be the same as those described for Alternative EC-2.

5.4. Alternative EC-3

5.4.1. Construction Impacts

Construction impacts would be the same as those described for Alternative EC-2.

5.4.2. Direct Impacts

Direct impacts would be the same as those described for Alternative EC-2.

5.4.3. Indirect Impacts

Indirect impacts would be the same as those described for Alternative EC-2.

5.5. Summary of Impacts by Alternative

Exhibit 24 provides a comparison of anticipated air quality impacts by alternative. The forecast traffic volumes used to analyze the air quality impacts of the Project alternatives include traffic from all sources. Background concentrations representing the cumulative emissions of other sources in the area have been considered. Because of these inclusive analysis methodologies, the impacts shown throughout this report represent cumulative air quality impacts.

Exhibit 24. Summary of Air Quality Impacts by Alternative

Impacts	No Action Alternative	Preferred Alternative EC-2	Alternative EC-1	Alternative EC-3
Construction Impacts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No criteria pollutant impacts • No GHG impacts 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Temporary criteria pollutant emissions from construction equipment, dust, and vehicle delays during construction • 70,311 MT CO₂e from construction equipment and delayed vehicles 		
Direct Impacts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Decreased criteria pollutant emissions in design year 2045 from vehicle exhaust • Decreased MSAT emissions in design year 2045 from vehicle exhaust • 4.0 MT CO₂e per year from routine maintenance • Potential increase in vehicle emissions from vehicles finding alternative routes if the bridge closed or failed 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Decreased criteria pollutant emissions in design year 2045 from vehicle exhaust • Decreased MSAT emissions in design year 2045 from vehicle exhaust • 5.0 MT CO₂e per year from routine maintenance • Operational criteria pollutant and GHG emissions reduced from shared use path and improved traffic flow due to the roundabout on SR 14 and speed limit changes on the bridge 		
Indirect Impacts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No criteria pollutant impacts • No MSAT impacts • No GHG impacts 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No criteria pollutant impacts • No MSAT impacts • CO₂e emitted from upstream bridge materials production (amount included in construction impacts) 		

6. AVOIDANCE, MINIMIZATION, AND/OR MITIGATION MEASURES

6.1. Construction Impacts

Construction contractors are required to comply with Division 208 of Oregon Administrative Rules (OAR) 340, which addresses visible emissions and nuisance requirements. Subsection of OAR 340-208 places limits on fugitive dust that causes a nuisance or violates other regulations. Violations of the regulations can result in enforcement action and fines. The regulation provides that the following reasonable precautions be taken to avoid dust emissions (OAR 340-208, Subsection 210):

- Use of water or chemicals, where possible, for the control of dust in the removal of existing buildings or structures, construction operations, the grading of roads or the clearing of land
- Application of water or other suitable chemicals on unpaved roads, materials stockpiles, and other surfaces which can create airborne dusts
- Full or partial enclosure of materials stockpiles in cases where application of water or other suitable chemicals are not sufficient to prevent particulate matter from becoming airborne
- Installation and use of hoods, fans, and fabric filters to enclose and vent the handling of dusty materials
- Adequate containment during sandblasting or other similar operations
- When in motion, always cover open-bodied trucks transporting materials likely to become airborne
- The prompt removal from paved streets of earth or other material that does or could become airborne

In addition, contractors are required to comply with ODOT standard specifications Section 290 that has requirements for environmental protection, which include air-pollution control measures. These control measures, which include vehicle and equipment idling limitations, are designed to minimize vehicle track-out and fugitive dust. These measures would be documented in the erosion and sediment control plan that the contractor is required to submit prior to the preconstruction conference. To reduce the impact of construction delays on traffic flow and resultant emissions, road or lane closures should be restricted to non-peak traffic periods when possible.

6.2. Long-Term Impacts

No mitigation to long-term impacts is proposed.

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ATTACHMENT A

ICE Inputs and Results – No Action Alternative

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Project Inputs

Mitigation Inputs

Results Summary

Impacts on Vehicle Operation

Instructions:

- Using information from the project or plan you want to analyze, complete the inputs on this page and on the Mitigation Inputs page by entering information in the cells that are shaded orange. Gray cells display results; do not change the information in these cells. (The tool uses the term "project" not just to refer to individual projects, but also to long-range transportation plans or other plans that consist of a suite of projects.)
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- For further instructions, refer to the accompanying user guide for detailed descriptions of factors and assumptions used in this tool.

Key to Cell Colors

User Input

Results Automatically Calculated

General Information

Infrastructure location (state)	OR
Analysis timeframe (years)	20

Average daily traffic per lane mile - for facilities that will be reconstructed or resurfaced	25,410
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Roadway System

Total existing centerline miles	1
Total existing lane miles	2
Total newly-constructed centerline miles	0
Total newly-constructed lane miles	0

Rail, Bus, and Bicycle Infrastructure

Total existing track miles of light rail	0
Total existing track miles of heavy rail	0
Total newly-constructed track miles of rail	0
Total existing lane miles of bus rapid transit	0
Total newly-constructed lane miles of bus rapid transit	0
Total existing lane miles of bicycle lanes	0
Total newly-constructed lane miles of bicycle lanes	0

Roadways

Roadway Projects

Roadway Construction

Roadway Rehabilitation

Accounting for the Full Roadway Lifespan

The estimator tool accounts for construction, rehabilitation, routine maintenance, and preventive maintenance in different ways:

Facility type	New Roadway (lane miles)	Construct Additional Lane (lane miles)	Re-Alignment (lane miles)	Lane Widening (lane miles)	Shoulder Improvement (centerline miles)	Re-construct Pavement (lane miles)	Resurface Pavement (lane miles)
Rural Interstates	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Rural Principal Arterials	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Rural Minor Arterials	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Rural Collectors	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Urban Interstates / Expressways	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Urban Principal Arterials	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Urban Minor Arterials / Collectors	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Parking	
Surface Parking (spaces)	0
Structured Parking (spaces)	0

Options	
% roadway construction on rocky / mountainous terrain	0%

Bridge Structures

Bridge Structure	Construct New Bridge				Reconstruct Bridge				Add Lane to Bridge			
	Number of bridges	Average number of spans per bridge	Average number of lanes per bridge	Total number of lane-spans	Number of bridges	Average number of spans per bridge	Average number of lanes per bridge	Total number of lane-spans	Number of bridges	Average number of spans per bridge	Average number of new lanes per bridge	Total number of lane-spans
Single-Span	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0
Two-Span	0	2	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	2	0	0
Multi-Span (over land)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Multi-Span (over water)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

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Rail, bus, bicycle, and pedestrian facilities

Rail construction		
Project Type	Light rail	Heavy rail
New construction (underground - hard rock) - track miles	0	0
New construction (underground - soft soil) - track miles	0	0
New construction (elevated) - track miles	0	0
New construction (at grade) - track miles	0	0
Converted or upgraded existing facility - track miles	0	N/A
New rail station (underground) - stations	0	0
New rail station (elevated) - stations	0	0
New rail station (at grade) - stations	0	0

and preventive maintenance in different ways.

- **New Construction (user provided):** The user enters lane miles of construction projects.
- **Rehabilitation (user provided):** The user enters expected reconstruction and resurfacing projects on all existing and new roadways for the length of the analysis period. As a general rule of thumb, new roadways require resurfacing after 15 years and reconstruction after 30 years.
- **Routine Maintenance (automatically estimated):** The tool automatically estimates routine maintenance activity, such as sweeping, striping, bridge deck repair, litter pickup, and maintenance of appurtenances, per lane mile of existing and new roadway.
- **Preventive Maintenance (user provided):** The user has the option to specify a preventive maintenance program as a mitigation strategy (in the Mitigation Inputs tab). Preventive maintenance techniques include crack sealing, patching, chip seals, and micro-surfacing.

Example: The user enters new construction of 10 lane miles of new freeway, with an analysis period of 40 years. Assuming that all construction takes place in year 1, the user enters 10 lane miles of freeway resurfacing (assumed to take place in year 15) and 10 lane miles of freeway reconstruction (assumed to take place in year 30). The tool automatically includes routine maintenance of the 10 newly constructed lane miles. The user has the option of specifying a preventive maintenance strategy, which will increase the longevity of the pavement surface and therefore reduce the amount of energy and emissions associated with resurfacing and rehabilitation.

Bus rapid transit construction	
New lane or right-of-way - lane miles	0
Converted or upgraded lane/facility - lane miles	0
New BRT Stations	0

Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities			
Project Type	New Construction	Resurfacing	Restriping
Off-Street Bicycle or Pedestrian Path - miles	0	0	N/A
On-Street Bicycle Lane - lane miles	0	0	0
On-Street Sidewalk - miles	0	N/A	N/A

Construction - Delay

Total project-days of lane closure	
Average daily traffic per directional segment for facilities requiring lane closure	
Percentage of facility lanes closed during construction	

Impacts on Vehicle Operation

Estimating Project-Days of Lane Closure

Estimates of project-days of lane closure may be available from project documents. The tool assumes that lane closures occur in one-mile increments. Average values for construction schedules (e.g., daytime versus overnight) are incorporated in the calculations. Estimates of emissions from construction delay are meant to provide a rough sense of the scale of emissions relative to the construction processes themselves, and are not meant to replace estimates derived from traffic modeling software. Planned construction projects that will result in significant lane closures on high volume roads should be evaluated using traffic modeling software.

Results Summary

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	Annualized energy use (mmBTUs), per year over 20 years											
	Unmitigated						Mitigated					
	Roadway - new construction	Roadway-rehabilitation	Roadway - total	Bridges	Rail, bus, bicycle, ped.	Total	Roadway - new construction	Roadway-rehabilitation	Roadway - total	Bridges	Rail, bus, bicycle, ped.	Total
Upstream Energy Materials	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Direct Energy Construction Equipment	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Routine Maintenance						50						50
Total	-	-	-	-	-	50	-	-	-	-	-	50

Note: To convert mmBTU to the equivalent gallons of US conventional diesel, use the conversion factor of 7.785 gallons of diesel / mmBTU. Please keep in mind that this conversion represents the equivalent amount of energy required, which can be useful for informational purposes, but it does not necessarily represent actual gallons of diesel required.

	Annual GHG emissions (MT CO2e), per year over 20 years											
	Unmitigated						Mitigated					
	Roadway - new construction	Roadway-rehabilitation	Roadway - total	Bridges	Rail, bus, bicycle, ped.	Total	Roadway - new construction	Roadway-rehabilitation	Roadway - total	Bridges	Rail, bus, bicycle, ped.	Total
Upstream Emissions Materials	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
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Routine Maintenance						4						4
Total	-	-	-	-	-	4	-	-	-	-	-	4

Impacts on Vehicle Operation

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Note: In addition to increasing energy use and GHG emissions associated with constructions and maintenance, construction and maintenance activities also affect the energy use and emissions associated with vehicles using the roadway. This module estimates delay associated with construction projects and increased pavement smoothness following resurfacing. These impacts are not comparable with those shown in the other modules of the tool because they come from a different set of materials and construction and maintenance vehicles that are the focus of the other modules in the tool. This module is used in the context of a comprehensive evaluation of a plan or project's impact on roadway vehicles, including traffic patterns and demand.

Construction delay	Result	Energy use (mmBTUs)	GHG emissions (MT CO ₂ e)
Total project-days of construction/lane closure	0		
Project lifetime (years)	20		
Additional energy use / emissions due to delay (per project-day)		#N/A	#N/A
Total energy use / GHG emissions due to construction delay		#N/A	#N/A
Annual energy use / GHG emissions due to construction delay, per year		#N/A	#N/A

Pavement smoothness	Result	Energy use (mmBTUs)	GHG emissions (MT CO ₂ e)
Total lane miles of roadway reconstruction / resurfacing	0		
Project lifetime (years)	20		
Reduced Energy use / GHG emissions due to smooth pavement		0	0
Annual energy / emissions savings due to pavement smoothness		0.0	0.0

Note: Energy and emissions savings from pavement smoothness are automatically calculated for all resurfacing and reconstruction projects. Savings accrue after project completion.

Total	Energy use (mmBTUs)	GHG emissions (MT CO ₂ e)
Total Annualized Delay and Pavement Smoothness Impacts	#N/A	#N/A

ATTACHMENT B

ICE Inputs and Results – Build Alternatives

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Rail, bus, bicycle, and pedestrian facilities

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New construction (underground - soft soil) - track miles	0	0
New construction (elevated) - track miles	0	0
New construction (at grade) - track miles	0	0
Converted or upgraded existing facility - track miles	0	N/A
New rail station (underground) - stations	0	0
New rail station (elevated) - stations	0	0
New rail station (at grade) - stations	0	0

and preventive maintenance in different ways.

- **New Construction (user provided):** The user enters lane miles of construction projects.
- **Rehabilitation (user provided):** The user enters expected reconstruction and resurfacing projects on all existing and new roadways for the length of the analysis period. As a general rule of thumb, new roadways require resurfacing after 15 years and reconstruction after 30 years.
- **Routine Maintenance (automatically estimated):** The tool automatically estimates routine maintenance activity, such as sweeping, striping, bridge deck repair, litter pickup, and maintenance of appurtenances, per lane mile of existing and new roadway.
- **Preventive Maintenance (user provided):** The user has the option to specify a preventive maintenance program as a mitigation strategy (in the Mitigation Inputs tab). Preventive maintenance techniques include crack sealing, patching, chip seals, and micro-surfacing.

Example: The user enters new construction of 10 lane miles of new freeway, with an analysis period of 40 years. Assuming that all construction takes place in year 1, the user enters 10 lane miles of freeway resurfacing (assumed to take place in year 15) and 10 lane miles of freeway reconstruction (assumed to take place in year 30). The tool automatically includes routine maintenance of the 10 newly constructed lane miles. The user has the option of specifying a preventive maintenance strategy, which will increase the longevity of the pavement surface and therefore reduce the amount of energy and emissions associated with resurfacing and rehabilitation.

Bus rapid transit construction	
New lane or right-of-way - lane miles	0
Converted or upgraded lane/facility - lane miles	0
New BRT Stations	0

Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities			
Project Type	New Construction	Resurfacing	Restriping
Off-Street Bicycle or Pedestrian Path - miles	0	0	N/A
On-Street Bicycle Lane - lane miles	0	0	0
On-Street Sidewalk - miles	0	N/A	N/A

Construction - Delay

Total project-days of lane closure	2
Average daily traffic per directional segment for facilities requiring lane closure	8,250
Percentage of facility lanes closed during construction	50%

Impacts on Vehicle Operation

Estimating Project-Days of Lane Closure

Estimates of project-days of lane closure may be available from project documents. The tool assumes that lane closures occur in one-mile increments. Average values for construction schedules (e.g., daytime versus overnight) are incorporated in the calculations. Estimates of emissions from construction delay are meant to provide a rough sense of the scale of emissions relative to the construction processes themselves, and are not meant to replace estimates derived from traffic modeling software. Planned construction projects that will result in significant lane closures on high volume roads should be evaluated using traffic modeling software.

Results Summary

Project Inputs

Mitigation Inputs

Impacts on Vehicle Operation

	Annualized energy use (mmBTUs), per year over 20 years											
	Unmitigated						Mitigated					
	Roadway - new construction	Roadway-rehabilitation	Roadway - total	Bridges	Rail, bus, bicycle, ped.	Total	Roadway - new construction	Roadway-rehabilitation	Roadway - total	Bridges	Rail, bus, bicycle, ped.	Total
Upstream Energy Materials	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Direct Energy Construction Equipment Routine Maintenance	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	-	-	-	-	-	63	-	-	-	-	-	63

Note: To convert mmBTU to the equivalent gallons of US conventional diesel, use the conversion factor of 7.785 gallons of diesel / mmBTU. Please keep in mind that this conversion represents the equivalent amount of energy required, which can be useful for informational purposes, but it does not necessarily represent actual gallons of diesel required.

	Annual GHG emissions (MT CO2e), per year over 20 years											
	Unmitigated						Mitigated					
	Roadway - new construction	Roadway-rehabilitation	Roadway - total	Bridges	Rail, bus, bicycle, ped.	Total	Roadway - new construction	Roadway-rehabilitation	Roadway - total	Bridges	Rail, bus, bicycle, ped.	Total
Upstream Emissions Materials	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Direct Emissions Construction Equipment Routine Maintenance	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	-	-	-	-	-	5	-	-	-	-	-	5

Impacts on Vehicle Operation

Project Inputs

Note: In addition to increasing energy use and GHG emissions associated with constructions and maintenance, these activities also affect the energy use and emissions associated with vehicles using the roadway. This module estimates delay associated with construction projects and increased pavement smoothness following resurfacing. These impacts are not comparable with those shown in the other modules of the tool because they come from a different set of materials and construction and maintenance vehicles that are the focus of the other modules in the tool. In the context of a comprehensive evaluation of a plan or project's impact on roadway vehicles, including traffic patterns and demand.

Construction delay	Result	Energy use (mmBTUs)	GHG emissions (MT CO ₂ e)
Total project-days of construction/lane closure	2		
Project lifetime (years)	20		
Additional energy use / emissions due to delay (per project-day)		9.2	0.8
Total energy use / GHG emissions due to construction delay		18	2
Annual energy use / GHG emissions due to construction delay, per year		0.9	0.1

Pavement smoothness	Result	Energy use (mmBTUs)	GHG emissions (MT CO ₂ e)
Total lane miles of roadway reconstruction / resurfacing	0		
Project lifetime (years)	20		
Reduced Energy use / GHG emissions due to smooth pavement		0	0
Annual energy / emissions savings due to pavement smoothness		0.0	0.0

Note: Energy and emissions savings from pavement smoothness are automatically calculated for all resurfacing and reconstruction projects. Savings accrue after project completion.

Total	Energy use (mmBTUs)	GHG emissions (MT CO ₂ e)
Total Annualized Delay and Pavement Smoothness Impacts	0.9	0.1

Mitigation Inputs

Results Summary

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and reconstruction projects. However, these results are
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