



Bi-State Bridge Replacement Working Group Agenda

Meeting Date: June 26, 2023

Meeting Time: 2:00-4:00p

Location: 1000 E. Port Marina Drive, Hood River, OR

Zoom Meeting

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Members: Chair, Mike Fox (Commissioner), Port of Hood River; Vice Chair, Jake Anderson (Commissioner), Klickitat County; Catherine Kiewit (Mayor), City of Bingen; Marla Keethler (Mayor), City of White Salmon; Paul Blackburn (Mayor), City of Hood River; Arthur Babitz (Commissioner), Hood River County

Alternates: Kristi Chapman (Commissioner), Port of Hood River; Jennifer Euwer (Commission Chair), Hood River County; Joe Sullivan (Councilor), City of Bingen; Jason Hartmann (Councilor), City of White Salmon; David Sauter (Commissioner), Klickitat County; Jessica Metta (Councilor), City of Hood River.

Staff/Consultants: Kevin Greenwood (Executive Director), Port of Hood River; Genevieve Scholl (Deputy Executive Director), Port of Hood River; Michael Shannon (Project Manager – Bridge Replacement), HNTB.

1) Welcome

2) Approval of Minutes (2 Min)

- Bi-State Working Group Meeting Minutes 06/05/2023

3) Review Action Items (10 Min)

Priority	Description/ Expected Outcome	Assigned To	Date Assigned	Due Date	Resolution/ Current Status	Status
Med	Track progress of BO following ODOT's commitment to have a draft in Mid-October Primary Contacts: Dennis Reicht: ODOT Tom Loynes – NMFS Liaison and Cash Chesselet – ODOT Environmental Program Coordinator – NMFS Liaison	Mike Shannon	9/19/2022	10/17/2022 10/31/2022 11/14/2022 12/12/2022 01/09/2023 01/23/2023 03/2/2023 03/21/2023 5/1/2023 5/15/2023 8/1/23	10/17/2022 Staff will follow up with ODOT next week on Draft Document 10/31/2022 – Dennis said that Tom and Cash met with QC and NMFS and that it was their priority to get most of the draft completed this week. 11/14/2022 – Dennis ODOT indicated continued delays due to staff working on Abernathy Bridge issues 12/12-2022 – Carol ODOT emailed that the draft is 2-3 weeks out due to workload delays associated with Abernathy Bridge and Training 1/9/2023 - ODOT has requested for the information related to Temporary Work Bridges and Barges to be updated an increase in our information can calculations based on recent events on similar projects.	In Progress

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					<p>The information is being coordinated with ODOT 1/23/22 – The project team met with ODOT on 1/13/23 to discuss modifications need to the BiOp. ODOT is meeting with FHWA on 1/19/23 to get direction on how to proceed with modifications. Team is working on modifications to progress the work pending the information from FHWA 2/6/23 BA information has been updated and provided back to ODOT. A meeting is scheduled for 2/7 with FHWA to determine next steps.</p> <p>3/2/23 - C Callahan FHWA provided comments on the BA/BO on 2/21 to ODOT for comment. C Snead requested final comments from ODOT by 2/28. No comments/responses have been provided by ODOT – WSP has been directed to address FHWA comments and resend information by 3/22/23 – ODOT provided comments on 3/16, Response to comments will be provided to ODOT by 3/24. No update from ODOT on when the BO will be complete, ODOT could not provide a status of their % complete. BSWG requested a status update from ODOT.</p> <p>4/3/23 – 3/28/23 Meeting with FHWA/NOAA established new contact with ODOT and communication protocols for the remainder of the time until a signed BO is received.</p> <p>5/1/23 – Final BA comments have been received and updates sent to FHWA/NOAA</p> <p>5/10/23 – Cindy Callahan email to NOAA on completion of the consultation of the BA</p> <p>6/21/23 email from ODOT ODOT is compiling sections of the BO and submitting large sections in early July to NMFS. The remaining</p>	
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					sections will be submitted in late July.	
	Track Progress of the Final BO	Mike Shannon	9/19/2022	9/1/2023	Anticipating completing the BO by Sept 1.	In Progress

4) Informational Items

Time	Discussion Topic	Owner/Presenter
20 Min	<p>Hood River – White Salmon Bridge Authority (HRWSBA)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The CFA identifies July 1, 2023 - Authority Formation Date • Update on the county Nomination and Appointments • Update on IGA with PORT • Key early activities for the Authority <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Legal Services ○ Liability Insurance ○ Public Records Training 	Mike Shannon
10 Min	<p>GR Update</p> <p>Washington Oregon</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • HB 5030 and SB 5506 <p>DC</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • August Legislative Staff Tour 	Mike Shannon
10 Min	<p>Funding Finance & Tolling</p> <p>Tolling</p> <p>Pending Grant Submittals</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MPDG (INFRA/Rural/Mega) • BIP • SS4A • DOL Labor Grant <p>Grant Submittals</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Raise Planning 2023 - \$3.6M submitted on 2/28/23 • CDS Appropriations Submittals <p>Current Grant Funding</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • WA • ARPA (Oregon) • Build 20 	Mike Shannon
5 Min	<p>Treaty MOA's</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Yakama • Nez Perce • Umatilla (CTUIR) 	Mike Shannon

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Warm Springs 	
10 Min	RBMC <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Amendment 4 – 3yr Work Plan • Request for Proposal (RFP) Progressive Design Build (PDB) • Key Stake Holder Coordination (ODOT, WSDOT, FHWA) • Geotechnical Investigation • Right of Way • Permitting 	Mike Shannon
5 Min	NEPA/FEIS/ROD <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sec. 106 MOA • BiOp • Schedule 	Mike Shannon

5) Upcoming Actions (2 Min)

Description/ Expected Outcome	Anticipated Action Date
BiOp	September
Treaty Tribe MOA's	October

6) New Action Items

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HOOD RIVER-WHITE SALMON BRIDGE REPLACEMENT

Project Director Report

June 26, 2023

The following summarizes Replacement Bridge Project activities from June 5, 2023 to June 26, 2023:

PROJECT MANAGEMENT

- *RBMC team is continuing to meet with WSP, ODOT and Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) related to the NEPA/FEIS process and Treaty Tribe Memorandum of Agreement (MOA's).*
- *RBMC team is meeting with ODOT, WSDOT and FHWA on the RFP for the Progressive Design Build Procurement.*
- *Grant Tracking for WA, ARPA, Build Grants will be on going each quarter.*
- *Legislative Outreach is continuing with Oregon, Washington, and DC*

COMMUNICATIONS

- *Organized two open houses for the upcoming toll increase on Sept 1st. (See Packet)*
 - *May 31st – White Salmon Library – meeting was attended by over 150 people*
 - *June 7th – May Street Elementary School – meeting was attended by 28 people*
 - *May 31st to June 14th – Online Open House - over 800 response were received*

GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS UPDATE

- *State Legislative Activities*
 - *Oregon*
 - *SB 5506 – appropriated \$20M to the HRWSBR project (See Packet)*
 - *HB 5030 _authorizes the bonding for \$20M (See Packet)*
 - *Washington*
 - *Contract renewals for both Boswell Consulting and Thorn Run have been received and approved by the Port Commission for FY23/24.*
- *Federal Legislative Activities*
 - *CDS Appropriations requests have been sent for both Washington and Oregon for a total funding request of \$8M.*
 - *Rep. Blumenauer, Rep. Newhouse, Sen. Wyden, Sen. Merkley and Sen. Cantwell submitted requests in support of the project. We are not expecting this to finalized until the end of this year.*
 - *A trip to DC was held from May 22nd to May 24th in support of funding requests*
 - *Meetings were held with the following (See Packet)*
 - *Sen. Patty Murray Office*
 - *Rep. Marie Gluesenkamp Perez*
 - *Sen. Merkley Office*
 - *Sen. Wyden Office*

- *Sen. Cantwell Office*
- *Rep Blumenauer Office*
- *Rep. Dan Newhouse*
- *Nefretite Harrison – Build America Bureau (TIFIA)*
- *Secretary of Transportation Office (Grants)*
- *Commissioner Fox, Commissioner Anderson, Mayor Keethler, and Mike Shannon attended with Hal.*
- *Contract Renewal for Summit Strategies has been approved by Port Commission*

HOOD RIVER-WHITE SALMON BRIDGE AUTHORITY (HRWSBA)

- *Commission Formation Agreements were signed by all members, with the last signing on April 26th establishing the Agreement Effective Date.*
 - *Signed copies of the CFA were sent to the Secretary of State in Washington and Oregon*
- *Appointments were completed on June 20th, 2023, by both Klickitat and Hood River County.*
 - *Klickitat County appointed the following directors to the board*
 - *Jake Anderson; Marla Keethler; Doug Gibson*
 - *Hood River County appointed the following directors to the board*
 - *Mike Fox, Arthur Babitz, Grant Polson*
- *A work plan is being drafted that will outline the early activities needed by the new HRWSBA in preparation for their initial meeting in July.*
- *The POHR has their legal counsel working on a draft IGA that will be shared with the new HRWSBA.*

FUNDING FINANCE & TOLLING

- *Washington State Transportation Commission (WSTC) T&R Analysis*
 - *HNTB and the PORT continue to coordinate with WSTC*
 - *May 16th an update on the project was given to the WSTC.*
 - *May 16th a final presentation of the Study material was presented to the WSTC.*
 - *Schedule Milestones:*
 - *June 30th, 2023 – Final Report of findings and recommendations will be submitted to Washington State Legislature.*
- *BSWG Tolling Study*
 - *May 31st an Open House was held at the White Salmon Library to obtain input on the two tolling options that will be implemented in Sept. Over 150 people attended the event. The comments and input from the meeting are being summarized. (See Packet)*
 - *The Online Open house also went live on May 31st and will be open until June 14th.*
 - *June 7th will be the Open House in Oregon at the Elementary School.*

PENDING GRANT FUNDING UPDATES

- *Raise Planning Grant (2023)*
 - *Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) issued: 11/30/22, Update to NOFO received on 12/14/22*
 - *Application Submitted: 2/28/23*
 - *Requested amount of funding: \$3.6M*
 - *Our application focused on a planning grant that will evaluate Bike/Ped connections and Transit services access/connections to the new bridge. With a focus on how the bridge is a vital part of a transportation system.*
 - *Over 20 Letters of Support were included with our application*
- *Safe Streets and Roads for All Grant Program (SS4A)*
 - *2023 Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) released on 3/30/23*
 - *Application Due: 7/10/23 @ 5pm EDT*
 - *Available funding total: \$1.177B*
 - *Planning & Demonstration Grants - Min – Max award \$100,000 to \$10M*
 - *Implementation Grants – Min – Max award \$2.5M to \$25M*
- *Multimodal Project Discretionary Grant (MPDG)*
 - *Next Opening – Spring 2023*
 - *2023 NOFO not released*
 - *INFRA (\$8 B available over 4 years FY22 to FY26)*
 - *MEGA (\$5 B available over 4 years FY22 to FY26)*
 - *Rural (\$2 B available over 4 years FY22 to FY26)*
 - *RBMC is working on updating Benefit Cost Analysis and Application prior to release of NOFO*
- *Bridge Investment Program (BIP)*
 - *Next Opening – Summer 2023*
 - *2023 NOFO – Summer 2023*
 - *RBMC is working on updating Application prior to release of NOFO*

EXCUTED GRANT FUNDING UPDATES

- *Build20*
 - *Grant Awarded 9/23/22*
 - *Funding: \$5M – Federal Share, \$1.25M Local Match (Washington Grant) – Total \$6.25M with an Expenditure Deadline of 12/31/2024*
 - *Total Submitted for Reimbursement: \$0*
 - *Total Reimbursement received to date: \$0*
 - *Remaining Funds: \$5 million*
 - *We have received our certification from FHWA on 12/21/22. We have received access to the RADs quarterly reporting system for FHWA on 1/26/22. Training with FHWA is still pending.*
 - *Q4 2022 reporting has been submitted through RADs to FHWA*
- *ARPA (Oregon Grant)*
 - *Grant Awarded 5/12/22*
 - *Funding: \$5M with an Expenditure Deadline of 12/31/26*

- *Total Submitted for Reimbursement: \$313,413.78*
- *Total Reimbursement received to date: \$313.413.78*
- *Remaining Funds: \$4,686,586.22*

Next reimbursement submittal July 2023

- **WA SB 5165 Grant**
 - *Grant Awarded 2/2/22*
 - *Funding: \$5M with an Expenditure Deadlines of 6/30/23 (\$3M) and 6/30/23 (\$2M)*
 - *Total Submitted for Reimbursement: \$2,205,900.80*
 - *Total Reimbursement received to date: \$384,693.39*
 - *Remaining Funds: \$2,794,090.20*
 - *1st Quarter 23 reimbursement submitted for \$864,760.55*
Next reimbursement submittal will be July 2023.

TREATY TRIBE MOA'S

- *A Semi-weekly meeting has been set up with ODOT and FHWA specific to advancing the Treaty Tribe MOA's. A collaboration space has been created on the Project Portal site.*
 - ***Yakama Nation (YN).***
 - *Draft MOA was submitted by Roy Watters to the Yakama Nation on 1/26/23*
 - *A meeting to discuss the Section 106 MOA and Treaty Fishing MOA was held on 2/28/23. Meeting was positive and they were very appreciative of the work that was done in the draft Treaty MOA. Yakama Nation will review the draft MOA with a tentative date to provide responses in two weeks.*
 - *Yakama Nation provided an email update on 3/20/23 that the MOA has been circulated for internal review. We are awaiting their comments and to set up a follow up meeting.*
 - *The project team had a brief discussion with YN on 6/9. YN indicated they are working through some internal discussions and were anticipating being able to respond in the next 30 days on how to move forward with the Section 106 MOA and Treat Fishing MOA*
 - ***Nez Perce***
 - *The Draft MOA was submitted to ODOT on 1/17/23*
 - *ODOT approved us to move forward with sending the Draft MOA on 1/24/23.*
 - *2/2/23 – MOA was sent to Amanda with Nez Perce on 2/2/23.*
 - *On 4/18/23 the Tribe's Cultural Resource and Fisheries departments were able to fully brief Nez Perce Tribal Executive Committee's (NPTEC) Natural Resource Subcommittee on the project and the key terms in the draft MOA.*
 - *A second meeting was held on 6/6/23 at the Nez Perce Tribal Headquarters in Lapwai, ID. The project team, ODOT and FHWA met with a number of members of the Nez Perce Tribe. Legal Counsel for the tribe will working with tribal members on a response to our draft MOA.*

- *At the suggestion of the Tribe, the team also submitted a form to the Nez Perce Tribes requesting permission to use their logo in support of the project. This request was discussed at the 6/6/23 meeting with the Tribal Executive Committee and they will be taking it for approval on 6/13/23.*
 - *A Letter of Support is under development and will be sent to the tribe for approval.*
 - **Umatilla (CTUIR).**
 - *The Draft MOA was submitted to the Umatilla Tribe on 1/25/23*
 - *Meeting and Presentation were held with CTUIR Fish and Wildlife commission on 1/24/23*
 - *The team received comments from CTUIR on the first draft of the MOA on 4/3/23.*
 - *A 2nd Meeting was held with CTUIR on 4/5/2023 to review the comments and discuss ideas on how to determine and quantify mitigation measures within the Treat MOA. The meeting was very positive and follow up meeting is being schedule for mid-May.*
 - *The 2nd draft of the CTUIR MOA was sent to Umatilla on 4/25/2023.*
 - *We are coordinating our next meeting with Umatilla to be in June.*
 - **Warm Springs.**
 - *The project team met with Warm Springs Natural Resources group on 4/11/23 and presented a project update and introduced the Draft Treaty MOA to the group.*
 - *The project team also meet with the Warm Springs Council on 4/12/23 to update them on the project.*
 - *A request to use the tribe's logo and to obtain a letter of support for the project was also requested of the tribe. They are considering the request. Sample letters of support were provided to them for reference.*
 - *The project team is working on setting up a 2nd meeting with the tribe to advance discussion around the Treaty Tribe MOA.*

RBMC

PROGRESSIVE DESIGN BUILD RFQ/RFP

- *A meeting was held with ODOT on 3/7 with Region 1 staff and Headquarters Procurement staff to discuss their role on the upcoming PDB Procurement. Robert Wattman will be our point of contact and backed by Sam Hunaidi. A number ODOT technical staff were also at the meeting and provided input into how to move forward. WSDOT also attend this meeting.*
- *A meeting is schedule with ODOT Region 1 to provide an update on the RFP development and coordinate their involvement on the PDB procrument*
- *A meeting was held with FHWA on 5/18 to continue updates with them on their role on the upcoming PDB Procurement*

- *A meeting is being coordinated with WSDOT on the PDB procurement.*
- *Preliminary drafts of the RFP/RFQ sections are being assembled and task lead meetings are being held to coordinate the development of the RFP/RFQ. The team is also drafting the evaluation criteria for the procurement.*

KEY STAKE HOLDERS

RAILROAD

- *Kickoff/Update meeting was held with BNSF on 1/25/23, they indicated the new bridge should accommodate a future triple track and a 30' vertical clearance. At this time these are not seen as major impacts to the project.*
- *Coordination of work activities over the track will be critical do to the high volume of usage.*
- *BNSF did not anticipate long review periods given their current workload, they indicated that they had adequate capacity to support the coordination needed on this project.*

GEOTECHNICAL

- *The two Oregon on land borings were completed on Feb 6th and the draft report is in review. Cultural Resource monitoring was done and no cultural resources were found.*
- *Coordination with the tribes will work through ODOT but it is likely the PORT will be asked to fund the tribal monitoring costs.*
- *Underwater drilling start date has been moved to July 10th while coordination is ongoing with tribal fishers. The work will last 5 weeks.*
- *A meeting was held with Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fish Commission (CRITFC) to coordinate the overlap of Geotech borings and summer fishing seasons.*

SURVEY

- *Completed Work:*
 - *Continued effort to resolve OR rights of ways & property lines, additional research and documentation received from ODOT and Hood River County.*
- *Upcoming Work:*
 - *Complete right of way calculations in OR and WA*

RIGHT OF WAY

- *Coordination has begun with WSDOT and ODOT to define the jurisdictional limits for both agencies.*
- *The SDEIS preferred alternative does indicate a potential whole take of the private landowner and we will need to coordinate with the BSWG and PORT on when to move forward with discussion with the landowner on this action.*

- *We are finalizing the appraisal on the private property full take in Washington and will be starting work on the Port Facilities.*

PERMITTING

- **SHPO Permit for Upland Work in Oregon** – *This permit was issued on 1/19/23. CTOGR included some standard stipulations in their permit comments. The Oregon UPLAND boring work can proceed and is scheduled for next week.*
- **USACE Permit** – *USACE issued the permit on 05/09/2023 (See Packet)*
- **DEQ Permit** – *Permit received on 5/22/23*
- **DSL Short Term Access Agreement** – *This approval was issued in September 2022.*
- **DSL No Permit Needed Letter** – *This letter was issued January 18, 2023 confirming the work does not require a DSL Removal-Fill Permit.*
- **WDFW Hydraulic Permit Approval** – *The original HPA was modified with new project information and schedule on January 11th. The HPA includes several standard BMPs and notification requirements. Notification must be made at least three days prior to in-water work on WA. Side.*
- **City of White Salmon SEPA and SMP Exemption Letter** – *The final letter from City confirming Teotech work is exempt from SEPA and SMP was issued on January 23, 2023.*
- **WDNR Aquatic Lands ROE Permit** – *We received the requisite signatures from Klickitat Co. and Shin Jin Ko on February 2, 2023. We will submit the application (JARPA) to WDNR by COB February 3, 2023. Expect two months for DNR to issue the ROE permit. We have coordinated recently with WDNR regarding insurance certifications for the Port and drilling contractor and they have told us the application is complete and we should see the ROE permit in the next few weeks.*
- **NMFS Slopes V Compliance** – *The USACE has determined that the work as proposed will result in No Effect on listed fish based on the standard BMPs to be included (SLOPES V BMPs) and the short duration, confined nature of the work. We were able to avoid getting NMFS involved.*

When USACE issues the verification, it will also include the necessary ESA/NMFS compliance. The provisional verification discusses this and application of SLOPES V. So this task/compliance need will get completed when USACE issues the permit (without NMFS involvement), which will happen once the DEQ permit lands.

- *The DEQ permit application was submitted to DEQ on 1/13/23 after they issue their permit USACE will immediately take the “provisional” moniker off of the provisional verification.*

Once submitted WDNR should be able to turn around the permit within two months. There is a \$25 fee for this permit.

FINAL EIS/RECORD OF DECISION

- Environmental Impact Statement technical reports are available at <https://cdxapps.epa.gov/cdx-enepa-ll/public/action/eis/details?eisId=314171>
- Responses were provided on 3/28/23 to ODOT for the from ODOT Liaisons related to the Biological Assessment and their writing of the Biological Opinion. (See Packet)
- Email from Cindy Callahan at FHWA on 3/28 re-establishing the communication process that should be followed until the signing of the Biological Opinion. (See Packet)
- A coordination meeting was held with the Project Team, NOAA and FHWA on 3/29/23. NOAA indicated that once the liaison receives the updated BA anticipated to be in the next two weeks and all comments are closed that it would take 90 Days to complete the BO and then an additional 45 Days for NOAA’s full review including their legal review. This would set the new anticipated date to receive the signed BO around Sept 1, 2023.
- A monthly recurring coordination meeting has been set up with Cindy Callahan – Senior Biologist (FHWA) and Rod Thompson – State Environmental Engineer (ODOT)
- FHWA and ODOT are considering the use of a Programmatic Agreement with the Treaty Tribes that will allow the ROD/FEIS to move forward as they continue coordination with the Treaty Tribes.

OTHER ITEMS

KEY MEETINGS

Date:	Subject:
5/15, 6/5, 6/12	Weekly meeting with Port Director
5/16	Washington State Transportation Commission Presentation
5/16	Hearing Presentation on HB 3622
5/17, 6/7, 6/14	Weekly WSP/PORT Checking
5/18	Coordination with Trucking Industry on impacts of existing bridge
5/18	Coordination with FHWA on PDB
5/19	Introduction with PNWER
5/22-5/24	Washington DC Meetings with Congressional Members from Oregon and Washington as well as Build America Bureau and USDOT
5/25	Coordination Meeting with CRITFC on Geotech Borings
5/25	Consultant Project Briefing with Parsons

5/25, 6/8	<i>Cultural Resources/NEPA Meeting with FHWA/ODOT/WSP</i>
5/30, 6/13	<i>FHWA/ODOT Coordination meeting on Treaty Fishing MOA</i>
5/31	<i>Tolling Open House – White Salmon</i>
6/5	<i>BSWG Meeting</i>
6/6	<i>Nez Perce Tribe Presentation</i>
6/7	<i>Tolling Open House – Hood River</i>
6/7	<i>GR Coordination Call, Oregon, Washington</i>
6/7	<i>HDR Project Update</i>
6/7	<i>Klickitat County Transportation Policy Comm.</i>
6/12	<i>Coordination meeting with USACE – Project Update -</i>
6/12	<i>Kiewit Project Update</i>
6/13	<i>STV Project Update</i>
6/13	<i>GPA Project Update</i>
6/14	<i>FHWA PDB Update</i>

Commission Memo



Prepared by: Michael Shannon
Date: June 21, 2022
Re: Recommendation on Toll Rate Options

In response to the Port of Hood River Resolution No. 2022-23-13 – *A Resolution commencing public process for funding Hood River White Salmon Bridge Authority Activities*, two in person public open houses were held on May 31st in White Salmon and June 7th in Hood River as well as an online open house from May 31st to June 14th. The purpose of these events was to obtain public input on the two tolling options shown in the attached exhibit. The primary difference in the two options was in the BreezeBy and Cash rate for the autos/pickups as shown below.

Vehicle Type	Current		Option 1		Option 2	
	Cash	BreeseBy	Cash	BreezeBy	Cash	BreezeBy
Auto/Trucks	\$2.00	\$1.00	\$3.50	\$1.75	\$3.00	\$2.00

Over 200 people attended the two online events and over 1250 responses were received through the online open-house. Over 86% of the people who provided feedback favored option 1 over option 2. Several comments were also received, and general summary is included in the attached memo. The RBMC will continue to work with the BSWG, the PORT and new Bridge Authority to develop responses.

As identified in the resolution a timeline is also attached identifying the remaining activities to meet the implementation date of September 1, 2023.

In response to the public feedback received from this outreach it is the BSWG recommendation that the Port Commission move forward with the implementation of tolling option 1 with a go live date of September 1, 2023.

Tolling Option 1:

VEHICLE TYPE	CURRENT		OPTION 1	
	Cash	BreezeBy	Cash	BreezeBy
Motorcycle	\$1.00	\$0.75	\$3.00	\$1.50
Autos/Pickups	\$2.00	\$1.00	\$3.50	\$1.75
Commercial Trucks/Vans	\$6.00	\$4.00	\$8.00	\$6.00
3 Axle Truck	\$9.00	\$6.00	\$12.00	\$9.00
4 Axle Truck	\$12.00	\$8.00	\$16.00	\$12.00
5 Axle Truck	\$15.00	\$10.00	\$20.00	\$15.00
For each additional axle	+\$3.00	+\$2.00	+\$4.00	+\$3.00

Tolling Option 2:

VEHICLE TYPE	CURRENT		OPTION 2	
	Cash	BreezeBy	Cash	BreezeBy
Motorcycle	\$1.00	\$0.75	\$3.00	\$1.50
Autos/Pickups	\$2.00	\$1.00	\$3.00	\$2.00
Commercial Trucks/Vans	\$6.00	\$4.00	\$8.00	\$6.00
3 Axle Truck	\$9.00	\$6.00	\$12.00	\$9.00
4 Axle Truck	\$12.00	\$8.00	\$16.00	\$12.00
5 Axle Truck	\$15.00	\$10.00	\$20.00	\$15.00
For each additional axle	+\$3.00	+\$2.00	+\$4.00	+\$3.00

TOLLING OPTIONS PUBLIC FEEDBACK – EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Tolling open house events

Open house participation:

We received feedback from **over 1,250 community members** in Washington and Oregon on the two tolling options.

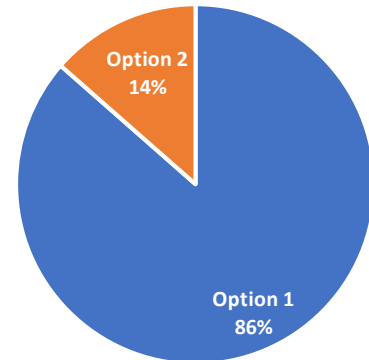
- White Salmon (May 31): 143 attendees
- Hood River (June 7): 28 attendees
- Online (May 31-June 14): 1,080 participants

Tolling option preference:

Of the participants who provided feedback on their tolling option preference, **86% chose Option 1 for being the option that best meets the community's needs.**

- Option 1: Online: 893, White Salmon: 82, Hood River: 14 = **Total 989**
- Option 2: Online: 144, White Salmon: 11, Hood River: 0 = **Total 155**

Public Preference of Tolling Options



Comment Themes (in order of most common):

The following comments were received through event comment cards and through the online survey.

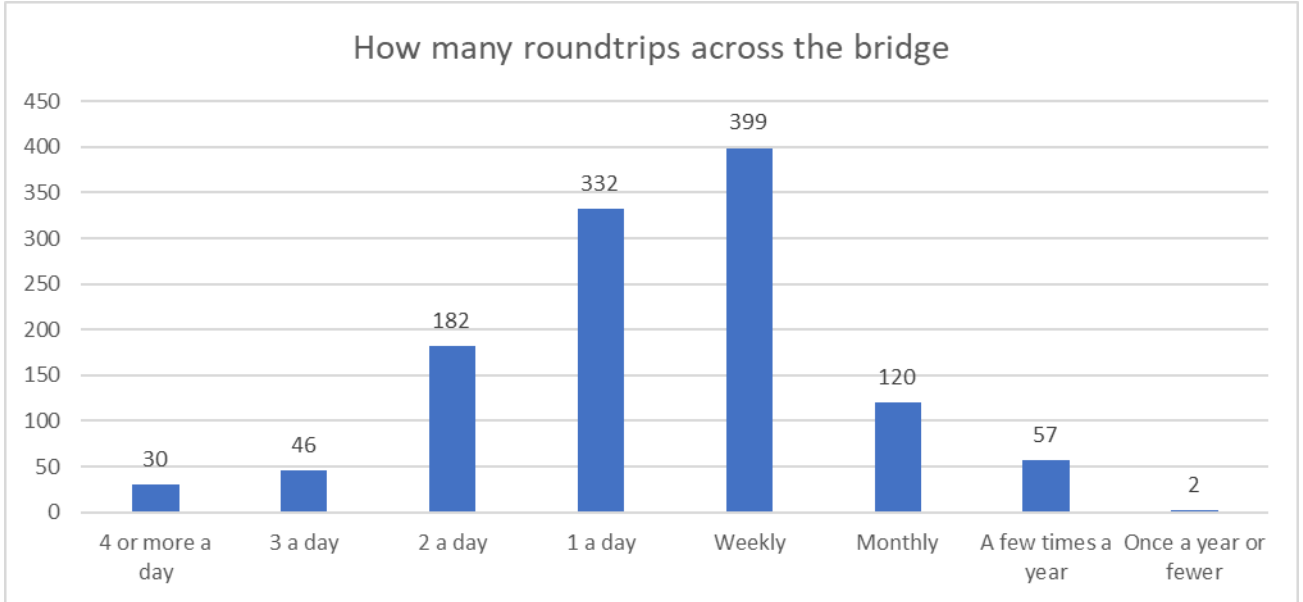
- 1. Budget and Funding.** Many participants had questions about the bridge replacement funding. Some of these comments were tied to Port of Hood River expenditures (see #2) while many more were around the use of tolls for replacement and when/if tolls would ever be eliminated (see #3). Others wanted to understand the funding mechanisms and get more clarity on what was happening with the project.
 - **Concerns about managing toll funds in the past.** Many expressed confusion about how previous tolls were spent. Many felt they had already paid for the new bridge. Clarity around accounting and previous expenses, for the bridge as well as other Port costs, were requested by many.
 - **Desire to sell Port property.** Multiple people suggested the port sell some of its properties, including its airport, to help pay for the bridge.
 - **Concern about future tolls.** Attendees asked how much the tolls on the new bridge would be, and how long they would be in place after the new bridge was built. Some expressed frustration that they understood the tolls to be temporary. Others requested that there not be tolls at all, or that locals get a steeper discount.
- 2. Requests for more info.** Many people asked for more information on a range of topics, including crossing statistics, clarity on tolls by vehicle types, toll increase timing, maintenance

funding and tolls for school buses. Several people requested more information about the overall project schedule.

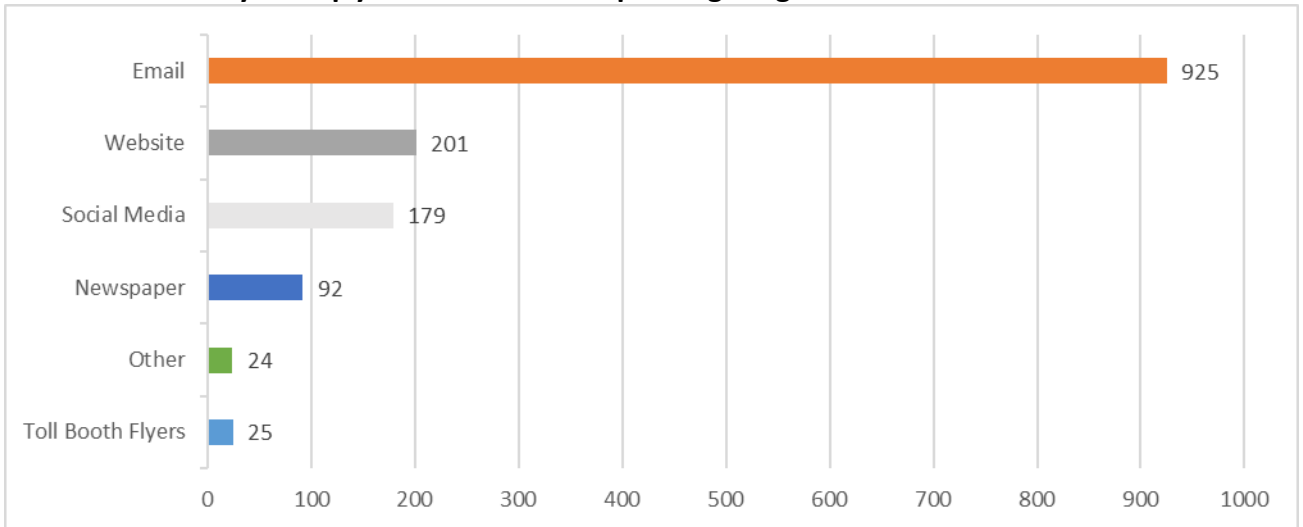
3. **Bridge Design.** Many participants had questions or suggestions for the bridge design or functionality. Several would like an aesthetically pleasing, tourist-friendly bridge. Others brought up design considerations related to bike and walking lanes (railing height, wind protection), while others were concerned with the approaches to the bridge and avoiding traffic delays.
4. **Support for low-income, disadvantaged or marginalized community members:** Several people asked about helping low-income folks with a toll break, either with a subsidy or a sliding scale based on income. Several asked for changes to improve BreezeBy accessibility, for example for people without bank accounts. A few also mentioned reduced or free access for tribal members.
5. **Free/improved transit.** Multiple people asked for improved public transit, with several asking for a park and ride bus/van to cross the bridge. One asked for connecting bus service to Hwy 141 park and ride.
6. **Tolling package suggestions.** Several shared suggested toll changes, including toll-free days, phased-in tolling, different rates for locals vs. visitors, discount for retirees or people with low-incomes, and a yearly toll.
 - **Higher tolls for tourists.** Several attendees felt that tourists should pay higher tolls than locals. Several people felt tourists would not notice higher tolls, and higher tolls wouldn't affect tourist travel across the bridge.
 - **Higher tolls for freight.** Some felt that given the danger trucks pose on the bridge and the increased impact they have on the wear and tear should equate to freight paying more.
 - **Lower tolls for motorcycles.** A few people noticed that the rate for motorcycles seemed disproportionate to their impact on the bridge.
7. **Bridge Authority:** Comments specific to the new Bridge Authority focused primarily on wanting to see transparent and accountable governance. Information was requested on how members will be appointed and whether there will be any oversight of the Authority.



How often do you use the bridge?

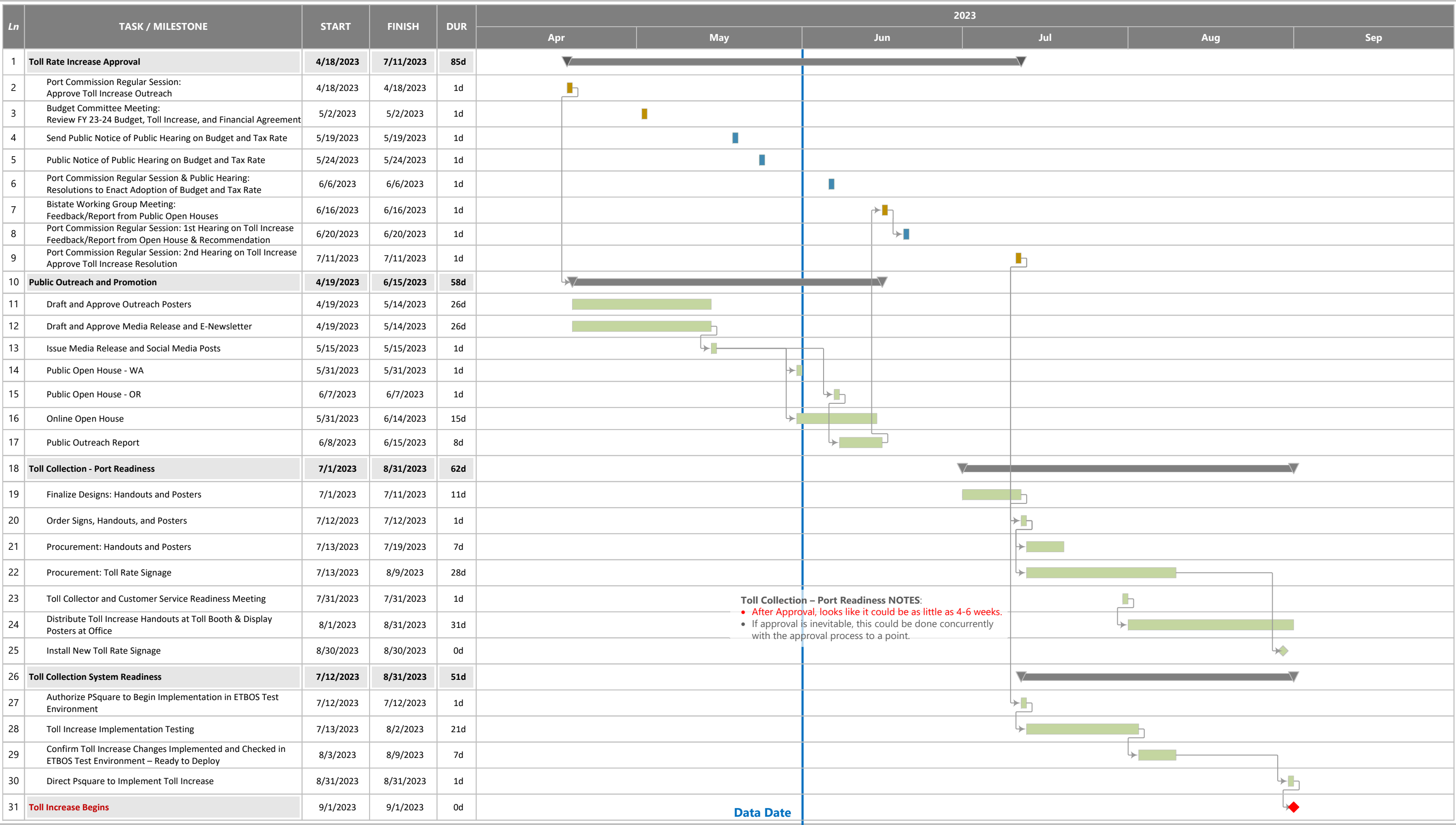


What's the best way to keep you informed about upcoming bridge activities?



Funding: Toll Increase Implementation – Summary Schedule

Schedule Date: 05/31/2023



1 the department consults with the Department of Transportation, the
2 State Treasurer is authorized to issue lottery bonds pursuant to ORS
3 286A.560 to 286A.585 in an amount that produces \$20 million in net
4 proceeds for the purposes described in subsection (2) of this section,
5 plus an additional amount estimated by the State Treasurer to be
6 necessary to pay bond-related costs.

7 “(2) Net proceeds of lottery bonds issued under this section must
8 be transferred to the Department of Transportation for deposit in the
9 DOT Economic Development Distributions Fund established under
10 ORS 461.557, for distribution to the Port of Hood River to support the
11 Hood River-White Salmon Interstate Bridge replacement project.

12 “(3) The Legislative Assembly finds that the use of lottery bond
13 proceeds will create jobs, further economic development, finance pub-
14 lic education or restore and protect parks, beaches, watersheds and
15 native fish and wildlife, and is authorized based on the finding that a
16 safe, efficient and reliable transportation infrastructure supports the
17 long-term economic development and livability of this state.

18 “SECTION 34. (1) For the biennium beginning July 1, 2023, at the
19 request of the Oregon Department of Administrative Services, after
20 the department consults with the Department of Transportation, the
21 State Treasurer is authorized to issue lottery bonds pursuant to ORS
22 286A.560 to 286A.585 in an amount that produces \$20 million in net
23 proceeds for the purposes described in subsection (2) of this section,
24 plus an additional amount estimated by the State Treasurer to be
25 necessary to pay bond-related costs.

26 “(2) Net proceeds of lottery bonds issued under this section must
27 be transferred to the Department of Transportation for deposit in the
28 DOT Economic Development Distributions Fund established under
29 ORS 461.557, for distribution to Multnomah County to support the
30 Earthquake Ready Burnside Bridge project in downtown Portland.

1 priation, there is appropriated to the Department of Transportation,
2 for the biennium beginning July 1, 2023, out of the General Fund, the
3 amount of \$2,000,000, for distribution to the City of Independence for
4 the Chestnut Street Bridge project.

5 **“SECTION 157.** In addition to and not in lieu of any other appro-
6 priation, there is appropriated to the Department of Transportation,
7 for the biennium beginning July 1, 2023, out of the General Fund, the
8 amount of \$2,000,000, for distribution to the City of Independence for
9 Western Interlock off-site transportation improvements.

10 **“SECTION 158.** In addition to and not in lieu of any other appro-
11 priation, there is appropriated to the Department of Transportation,
12 for the biennium beginning July 1, 2023, out of the General Fund, the
13 amount of \$1,500,000, for distribution to the Klamath County Economic
14 Development Association for the Klamath Northern Railroad project.

15 **“SECTION 159.** Notwithstanding any other law limiting expendi-
16 tures, the limitation on expenditures established by section 2 (4),
17 chapter __, Oregon Laws 2023 (Enrolled House Bill 5040), for the
18 biennium beginning July 1, 2023, as the maximum limit for payment
19 of expenses from fees, moneys or other revenues, including Miscella-
20 neous Receipts and federal funds received as reimbursement from the
21 United States Department of Transportation, but excluding lottery
22 funds and federal funds not described in section 2, chapter __, Oregon
23 Laws 2023 (Enrolled House Bill 5040), collected or received by the De-
24 partment of Transportation, for the local government program, is in-
25 creased by \$20,000,000, for distribution to the Port of Hood River for
26 the Hood River-White Salmon Interstate Bridge project.

27 **“SECTION 160.** Notwithstanding any other law limiting expendi-
28 tures, the limitation on expenditures established by section 2 (4),
29 chapter __, Oregon Laws 2023 (Enrolled House Bill 5040), for the
30 biennium beginning July 1, 2023, as the maximum limit for payment

SB 5506-1 Amendment: Index of Sections (2023 Budget Reconciliation)

This summary has not been adopted or officially endorsed by action of the committee.

Section	Agency	General Fund	Lottery Funds	Other Funds	Federal Funds	Total Funds	Description
146	OJD	\$0	\$0	\$10,600,000	\$0	\$10,600,000	Matching project cost for the Curry County Courthouse
147	PDSC	\$1,523,964	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$1,523,964	Contract for legal counsel for protected person in civil protective proceeding
148	DLCD	\$2,690,922	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$2,690,922	Assistance to local governments to adopt climate friendly and equitable communities
149	DLCD	\$309,078	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$309,078	Administration for climate friendly and equitable communities
150	LA	\$0	\$0	\$1,920,000	\$0	\$1,920,000	Capitol Accessibility, Maintenance, and Safety project
151	LA	\$19,054,817	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$19,054,817	Debt service
152	EBA	\$35,000,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$35,000,000	Special purpose appropriation - Natural disaster prevention, preparedness, response and recovery
153	BPPPS	\$322,600	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$322,600	Legal representation for juvenile commutations and adults in-custody
154	ODOT	\$1,000,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$1,000,000	Improving safety and increasing access to walking, biking and transit on state highways that serve as community main streets
155	ODOT	\$3,000,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$3,000,000	Pedestrian Access Improvements along Southwest Hall Boulevard
156	ODOT	\$2,000,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$2,000,000	City of Independence for the Chestnut Street Bridge project
157	ODOT	\$2,000,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$2,000,000	City of Independence Western Interlock off-site transportation improvements
158	ODOT	\$1,500,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$1,500,000	Klamath County Economic Development Association for the Klamath Northern Railroad project
159	ODOT	\$0	\$0	\$20,000,000	\$0	\$20,000,000	Port of Hood River for the Hood River-White Salmon interstate Bridge project
160	ODOT	\$0	\$0	\$20,000,000	\$0	\$20,000,000	Multnomah County for the Earthquake Ready Burnside Bridge project
161	ODOT	\$0	\$0	\$5,000,000	\$0	\$5,000,000	City of Bend for the Hawthorne Avenue Pedestrian and Bicycle Overcrossing project
162	ODOT	\$0	\$0	\$514,349	\$0	\$514,349	Bond cost of issuance
163	ODOT	\$0	\$0	\$250,000,000	\$0	\$250,000,000	Interstate Bridge Replacement project
164	ODOT	\$0	\$0	\$1,825,000	\$0	\$1,825,000	Bond cost of issuance
165	UA	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	NOTE: Section 165 was deleted. Subsequent sections were not renumbered.
166	DSFM	\$2,000,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$2,000,000	State Fire Marshal Mobilization Fund
167	DSFM	\$0	\$0	\$2,000,000	\$0	\$2,000,000	State Fire Marshal Mobilization Fund
168	DSFM	\$10,000,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$10,000,000	Wildfire mitigation and response
169	DSFM	\$0	\$0	\$545,174	\$0	\$545,174	Agency staff
170	ODA	\$312,100	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$312,100	Mitigate the impact of the vine mealybug
171	ODA	\$1,000,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$1,000,000	Wolf Depredation Compensation and Financial Assistance grant program