

Bull Run Bridge Replacement

Clackamas County

Supporting Partners: City of Portland Water Bureau, Oregon Transportation Commission, Portland General Electric, Sandy Fire District 72, Weyerhaeuser and Clackamas County Business Alliance

Project description

Replace a 127-year-old structurally deficient bridge that provides a critical link to the Bull Run water supply that serves more than one million people in the Portland Metro area. The Bull Run Bridge has been inspected by the Oregon Department of Transportation, which rated the bridge sufficiency at 25.3 out of 100, making it the second lowest rated bridge in the State of Oregon.

The bridge is currently weight-limited and further deterioration of its iron structure could close it if it is not replaced in the next five years. Closure of this bridge would require residents, businesses and emergency services to use a very lengthy detour route to reach homes and businesses in the Bull Run River watershed. The bridge provides the only access to an area with a high likelihood of catastrophic wildfires. The closure of the Bull Run Bridge would create significant negative consequences for local residents, the economy of Clackamas County, and the health and well-being of the people of the Portland metropolitan area.

Community benefits

- Replace a weight-restricted bridge used by heavy maintenance trucks for the Portland Water Bureau and fire trucks in emergencies
- Improve safety for all users
- Eliminate lengthy diversion for heavy trucks that results in extended travel times

Community support

- Bridge replacement is strongly supported by the community and community partners



Funding request

Requested earmark funding
\$8.9 million

Total project cost
\$11.2 million

Additional funding sources
\$2.2 million from Clackamas County Road Fund

Environmental approval details:

Project phase: Planning

National Environmental Policy Act: categorically excluded. To advance this project as quickly as possible, Clackamas County has funded the preliminary engineering and environmental process. The environmental process is complete.

