



# Oak Grove – Lake Oswego (OGLO) Pedestrian/Bicycle Bridge Feasibility Study



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## **Purpose**

The purpose of this study is to determine the feasibility of a new pedestrian/bicycle bridge across the Willamette River between Oak Grove and Lake Oswego. Comments received during previous planning indicated great demand for a bridge at this location. However, questions remain regarding the feasibility of the project:

- Are “landing locations” for the bridge available on publicly-owned property on both sides of the river?
- Is it possible to connect to other pedestrian/bicycle trails without interfering with existing uses?
- How much would it cost to construct such a bridge and who would pay for it?
- What steps must be taken to build a bridge at this location?
- If a bridge is built, who would own and maintain it?

## **Existing Railroad Bridge is Not an Option**

- A 2009 Metro study determined that the railroad bridge owners would not agree to addition of pedestrian /bicycle facilities.
- Access to the railroad bridge for pedestrians and bicyclists would be very difficult.

## **Upcoming Study Activities**

The study is funded by the *Metro Active Transportation Development Fund*. The study area is shown in the map on the back. Upcoming study tasks include the following:

- **Consideration of Possible Bridge Alignments** – 10 potential bridge alignments across the Willamette River have been identified. During August members of the public and project committees are being asked to consider the alternatives and express their views on those options. The process during August will reduce the number of alignments being considered from 10 to three final alternatives.
- **Public Involvement** – Public input opportunities on the possible bridge alignments include:
  - July 29 to August 9** – Online open house (<https://www.clackamas.us/transportation/oglo>)
  - Monday, August 5, 7-9 p.m.** – Lake Oswego Maintenance Center, 17601 Pilkington Road, Lake Oswego
  - Wednesday, August 7, 6-8 p.m.** – Performing Arts Center at Rose Villa, 13505 SE River Rd, Oak Grove
- **Planning Cost Estimate and Funding Plan** – A planning level cost estimate is being developed for bridge and construction and long-term costs to maintain the bridge, and a funding plan will be prepared.
- **Environmental Scoping** – Though this study does not include environmental assessment or data collection in this phase, environmental scoping meetings are being held with agency representatives to identify environmental issues and permitting requirements that would need to be addressed.
- **Equity Analysis** – An equity analysis is being prepared to ensure that no group is disproportionately affected.
- **Intergovernmental Coordination** – Clackamas County anticipates that if this bridge project does move forward, it would be advanced by a group of local and regional government partners. This task will find the most appropriate group of partners that is open to participation.

The study is expected to be concluded by the end of 2019. If the study finds that the bridge is feasible and a group of government agency partners agrees to move forward with the project, the next steps would be design, environmental studies and permitting, along with additional public outreach.

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# *OGLO Bridge Study Area*

