

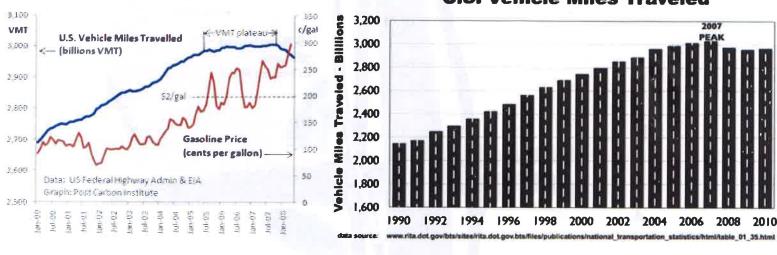
16 lane segment of Columbia River Crossing

from Final Environmental Impact Statement

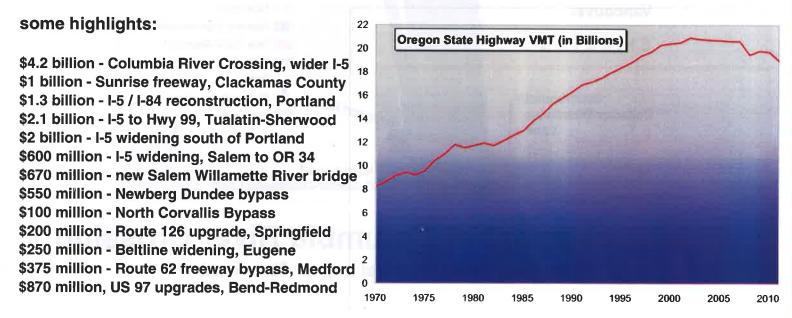
Columbia River Crossing Peak Traffic Alternative www.PeakTraffic.org/columbia-river-crossing.html

George H.W. Bush's highway law - the 1991 Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act (ISTEA) - requires that Federal aid highway plans are designed for traffic conditions two decades in the future, not current traffic congestion. It's anyone's guess what energy (and therefore, traffic) levels will be in the 2030s, but under any physically possible scenario the flow rates of petroleum and other fuels will be considerably less than they are today, since conventional fossil fuels have peaked globally. There will still be oil extraction in the 2030s but at levels less than current rates, and the future fuels will be the dirtier, more expensive, difficult to extract "bottom of the barrel" supplies. Hyper efficient cars, public transit, car sharing, relocalizing production of food and other goods could mitigate these impacts but not prevent them. Therefore, transportation planning needs to focus on maintaining the enormous road networks already built, not expanding them further for travel demand that will not materialize on the energy downslope. The category of investment euphemistically called "modernization" should be dedicated toward quality train service, not super wide superhighways.





2008 Governor's "Transportation Vision Report" recommended \$18 billion in new and wider highways -- archived at www.sustaineugene.org/tvreport_final.pdf

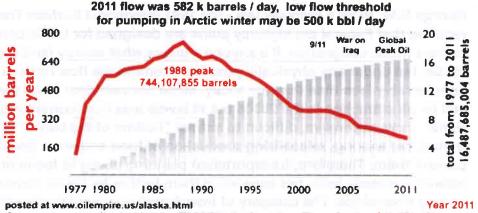


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212,756,479 barrels