



# HOOD RIVER-WHITE SALMON BRIDGE REPLACEMENT

February 07, 2023

Senator Gorsek, Co-Chair  
Representative McLain, Co-Chair  
Senator Boquist, Co-Vice Chair  
Representative Boshart Davis, Co-Vice Chair  
Joint Transportation Committee  
Oregon State Legislature  
Salem, OR 97301

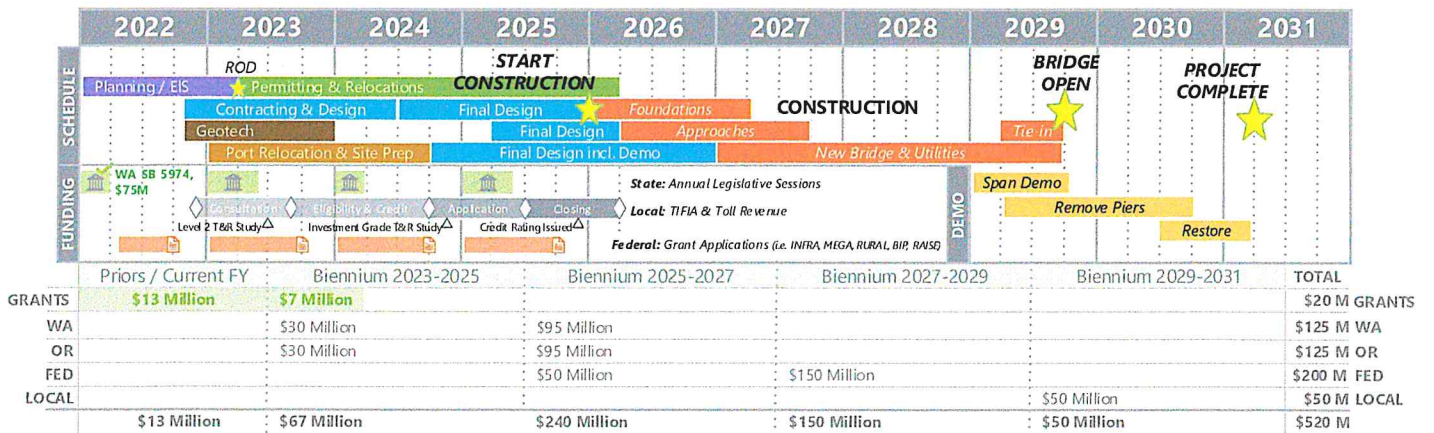
Re: Funding timeline for Senate Bill 431

Dear Co-Chair Gorsek, Co-Chair McLain, Co-Vice Chair Boquist, Co-Vice Chair Boshart Davis and Members of the Committee,

Thank you for hearing testimony on SB 431 in the Joint Committee on Transportation. As you are aware this is a vital project for the safety, resiliency, and vibrancy of our region. The Hood River – White Salmon bridge replacement is the most critical economic development and infrastructure project in our region. While you are aware that the project finance plan requires \$125 million from both Oregon and Washington, I wanted to provide further detail on the project schedule to explain when the funding is needed. A commitment this legislative session from Oregon, following Washington’s \$75 million commitment last year is critical to securing federal funds.

By the end of 2023, we will have fully committed the existing \$15 million of available funding. The allocation of a portion of the Washington commitment in in the 2023-2025 biennium plus newly allocated funding from Oregon will allow us to move forward with the procurement of a Final Designer and Contractor and advance toward our 2025 start of construction. Without funding from Oregon in this biennium the project will be delayed beyond our projected 2029 opening. The remaining Oregon and Washington funding commitments would need to be delivered in the 2025-2027 biennium to allow the project to complete design, permitting and construction of the foundations. This schedule will allow us to move forward with construction of the bridge approaches on both sides of the Columbia River and ensure our 2029 Bridge Opening.

Below is a visual representation of the project finance timing and schedule. In short \$30 million is needed from Oregon in the 2023-2025 biennium and \$95 million is needed in the 2025-2027 biennium.



Thank you,

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Port of Hood River Commissioner, BSWG Co Chair

Michael Shannon, PE  
Hood River-White Salmon Project Manger



## Summary of Schedule and Funding Requirements

### **Existing \$15 M: Committed**

- + Transitioning the project from the current Planning Phase to the Preliminary Design Phase.
- + Advancing Geotechnical Investigation, Permitting, Surveying and Right of way
- + Funding Project Management and Oversight.
- + RFP for procurement of a Final Design and Final Contractor
- ✗ Project will stop prior to awarding a contract with the Final Designer and Contractor without additional funding.

### **Biennium 2023-2025: Funding Need: \$30 M (Oregon); \$30 M (Move Ahead Washington – Already Committed)**

- + Complete the procurement of the Final Designer and Contractor
- + Complete Right of Way Acquisition
- + Progress Final Design of Bridge Foundations
- + Develop approach to construction packages
- ✗ Project will stop prior to awarding first construction package without additional funding.

### **Biennium 2025-2027: Funding Need: \$95 M (Oregon); \$95 M (Washington- \$45 million of which is already committed); \$50 M (Federal)**

- + Complete Final Design and Permitting
- + Begin Bridge Foundation Construction
- + Begin Washington and Oregon Approach Construction
- + Begin Construction of Bridge Structure

### **Biennium 2027-2029: Funding Need: \$150 M (Federal)**

- + Complete Construction – Bridge Opening