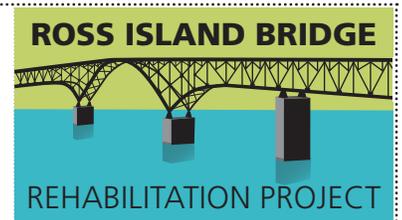


Ross Island Bridge Rehabilitation Project

September 2014



TAKING CARE OF AN IMPORTANT CONNECTION

The Ross Island Bridge, built in 1926, provides a critical link across the Willamette River with an average of 63,000 vehicles daily. The bridge was last painted in the 1960s. Since then, bubbles and cracks have appeared in the paint and rust has formed. To preserve structural stability and extend its service life, crews will repaint, remove rust and make necessary repairs over the next three years. The project will cost between \$30 and \$40 million.

The Ross Island Bridge Rehabilitation Project includes:

- **Structural work (Fall 2014)***
Crews will replace about 250 rivets and reinforce steel supports to repair rust damage. Work is expected to begin in October 2014 and will take approximately 6 to 8 weeks from the start date to completion.
- **Painting (2015-2017)***
Crews will remove the existing paint in preparation to repaint, starting in spring 2015. Over three work seasons, from spring to fall, they will repaint the bridge's steel structure the historic deep blue-green color it has worn since the 1960s.
- **Additional maintenance (2016)***
Roadway work is also planned for west of the bridge. Design is underway and more information will be available in 2015.

**Please note:* Schedules are subject to change due to weather and site conditions. Visit www.RossIslandBridgeProject.org for the most up-to-date information.

WHAT TO EXPECT

Noise: Replacing rivets, sandblasting and removing rust is noisy. Noise from rivet removal will be heard in intermittent bursts during daytime hours only, Monday through Saturday,

starting in fall 2014. Noise due to sand blasting and rust removal will begin in 2015 to prepare the steel surface for painting and also will be limited to daytime hours.

Minimal disruptions to traffic: The project will not affect daytime weekday travel. Some nighttime and/or weekend lane closures will be necessary for the contractor to set up and move equipment and remove debris.

Intermittent nighttime sidewalk delays: Expect temporary nighttime delays on the bridge sidewalk while contractors access the work zone beneath the bridge deck. Flaggers will direct sidewalk users and may close the sidewalk for up to 20 minutes at a time during nighttime hours, Monday through Saturday.

On the bridge: Travelers on the bridge will see little of the work. All work will occur beneath the bridge deck. Barges and/or work platforms for crews will be visible from nearby roadways and vantage points. Tarps will cover active work areas to contain debris.

Other work in the area: Work is underway through March 2015 on a seismic retrofit of the I-5 bridge over SW Hood Ave., just south of the Ross Island Bridge. More information: www.i5seismic.org.

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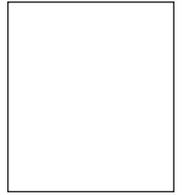
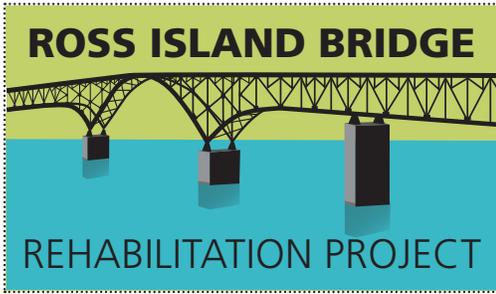
Additional information, including a video about the project, bridge history, frequently-asked questions and more are available by viewing an online open house at RossIslandBridgeProject.publicmeeting.info.

View it starting Sept. 26, 2014.

Project website: www.RossIslandBridgeProject.org

Contact ODOT: Dee Hidalgo, ODOT Community Affairs, 503-731-8237, Dee.Hidalgo@odot.state.or.us

We will send additional information to keep you advised as work progresses.



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The Ross Island Bridge is showing its age. Contractor crews working for the Oregon Department of Transportation will start work in October 2014 to remove paint and rust, make repairs to the structure and repaint the steel supports. The work will preserve the bridge's structural integrity and lengthen the lifespan of this key link in the regional transportation system.

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