

### Location

The project is located approximately 15 miles east of The Dalles on Oregon Highway 206.

### Why this project is needed

Although traffic volumes are low on OR 206 and over the bridge, it is an important highway for accessing the Deschutes River and an alternative route if Interstate 84 is closed. Keeping highways in good condition and providing a safe, efficient transportation system that supports economic opportunity are critical parts of the mission for the Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT).



The Deschutes River Bridge #00332 was built in 1955 and is approximately 650 feet long and 35 feet wide. Currently, the bridge is load limited due to concerns about the girders (superstructure) supporting the roadway. There is concern that if a significant earthquake occurred, the bridge would sustain major damage. The approach, transition and bridge railings are all substandard and needs to be replaced or modified. And there are some bridge deck joints that are in need of repair.

### What is planned

The current plans are to:

- Strengthen the superstructure so the current load limit can be lifted, and allow most interstate vehicles to cross the bridge if I-84 is closed,
- Replace the approach and transition railing at either end of the bridge, and upgrade the railings on the bridge,
- Repair the deck joints as needed, and
- Complete a seismic upgrade of the bridge.

### Traffic control during construction

During construction, traffic on the bridge will be limited at times to one travel lane. Traffic will be controlled by flaggers or a traffic signal system.

### Project Timeline

Design	2010
Contract Bid Let	2011
Construction	2011 and 2012

ODOT awarded a construction contract to Wildish Standard Paving to repair the OR 206 Deschutes River Bridge and two Spanish Hollow Creek Bridge (Structures 08895 and 08896) on US 97. Work on the Spanish Hollow Creek Bridges was completed in fall 2011, and work on the Deschutes River Bridge was completed in spring 2012.

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