

Broadway

Opening Day: April 22, 1913

Structure Length: (main spans, not including ramps): 1613 ft.

Who uses it? The Broadway Bridge has 4 vehicle lanes and rails for a Portland Streetcar line. It has two 11-foot sidewalks for pedestrians and bicyclists.

How does it open? The Broadway Bridge is a very complex drawbridge. It has a rare Rall-type bascule, meaning each leaf and its counterweight roll back and forth on giant bull wheels to allow maximum river clearance. Each leaf measures about 140 feet, weighing more than 2,000 tons. Because of its complex design, it can take 20 minutes or more for its drawbridge to open and close.

History: The Broadway Bridge was originally black but was painted “Golden Gate Red” in 1963.



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