Construction Information: Improving Gorge Highways and Trails to Bring You Better Trips - 2022 06 17 Updates

Over the next several years, we will complete significant repairs and upgrades to Interstate 84, the Historic Columbia River Highway (U.S. 30) and the Historic Highway State Trail.

Through 2026, Gorge construction will bring you better trips

Road construction projects will improve Columbia Gorge area travel from I-205 to Hood River. These include paving, trail, tunnel, bridge and culvert projects to repair effects of frequent use by millions of trips by residents, delivery trucks and visitors. Each of the projects brings benefits to travelers by increasing safety, extending the lifespan of the highways or completing a gap in walking and biking infrastructure. Project type, locations and schedules are included in the **attached mailer**.

We ask travelers to pack patience, plan to slow down and enjoy the view in the Gorge.

You can expect some travel time delays. There will be lane closures as we repave multiple sections of the interstate in spring and summer 2022 and extend the Historic Columbia River Highway State Trail. Local businesses will remain open and accessible to residents and visitors.

We'll keep you informed to minimize delays

We are working to get the word out this spring. We want community leaders to understand all the work happening through 2026. We are also looking to hear feedback on the best way to reach commuters, visitors, and businesses to avoid surprises. Please contact me directly or Katelyn Jackson at Katelyn.jackson@odot.state.or.us to get your questions answered or learn more. We would be happy to meet with you.

We will post schedule updates on the project website (<u>i84GorgeConstruction.org</u>) and send out emails (<u>sign up here</u>). Real time traffic impacts are posted at <u>TripCheck.com</u>. You can also send us an email or call the hotline at 503-489-9057.

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