



Gorge Transportation Update

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Presentation Topics

- 2019 Congestion and Safety Plan Update
- “Waterfall Corridor” 2021 Operations Update
- Preparations for 2022
- Applications to FHWA Federal Lands Access Program

2019 Congestion and Safety Plan Update

High priority items completed:

- ST3: Traffic (flagger) team at Multnomah Falls
- ST4: Establish a forum for agency partners to collaborate on major issues
- ST10: Large Vehicle Restriction
- ST11: Reduce Speed Limits
- ST13: Develop long-term Columbia Gorge Express (CGE) transit funding and governance strategy



Historic Columbia River Highway
Congestion and Transportation
Safety Improvement Plan

FINAL June 2019



Other Projects Completed

- ST5 – Coordination with existing programs
- ST7 – Shoulder or lane delineation
- MT2 – Historic Highway Shuttle pilot project



High-priority Projects still in the queue

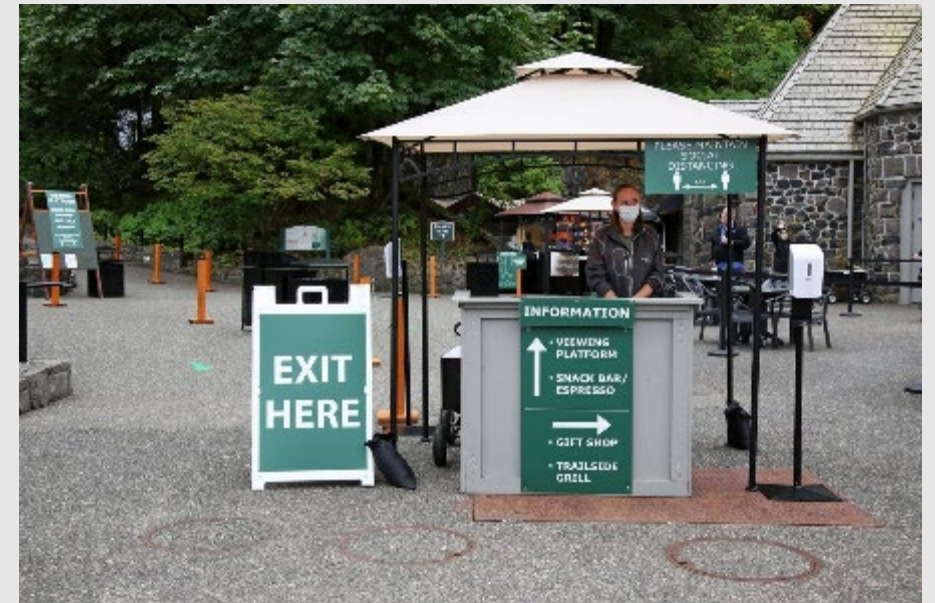
- ST12: Satellite Parking for Multnomah Falls at Benson Lake
- MT3: Signalized Crossing at Multnomah Falls Pedestrian crossing
- MT4: Install road closure gates on the Historic Highway

Recent priorities:

- ST8: Parking management
- MT5: Expanded park-and-ride facilities
- LT1: Vehicle use restrictions between Bridal Veil and Ainsworth

2021 Operations Update

- **Multnomah Falls reservations system**
 - Addressed safety concerns on Historic Highway and I-84
 - Managed access to highly visited site
 - Supports visitor user experience
 - Integrates transit services



2021 Operations

- **Transportation options**
 - Two private shuttles operated on Historic Highway
 - Columbia Area Transit (CAT) continued operations in I-84 corridor
 - Priority access for transit at Exit 31
 - ODOT's Multnomah Falls shuttle suspended due to COVID-19



Preparations for 2022

- Gorge Congestion Forum priorities
- Transportation options & capacity improvements



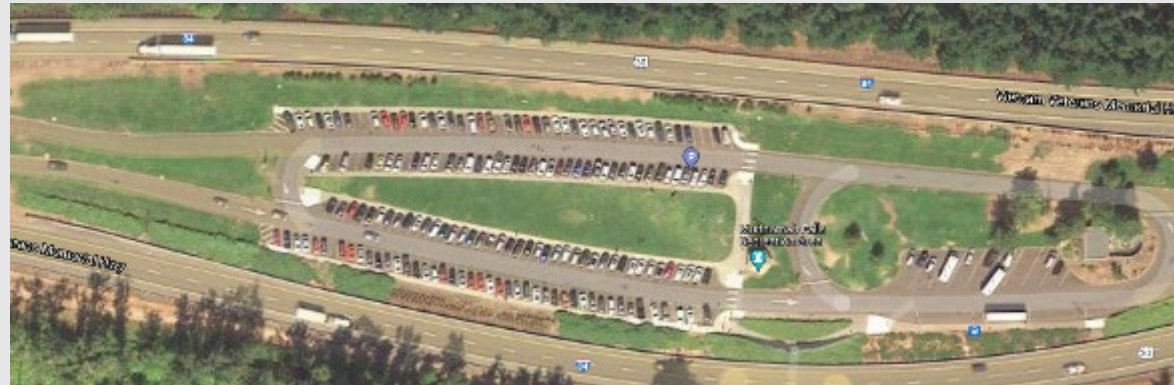
Preparations for 2022

- **Gorge Congestion Forum priorities**
 - Piloting vehicle use restrictions on Historic Highway
 - Satellite parking
 - Transit options



Preparations for 2022

- **Transportation Options/Capacity Improvements**
 - Public & Private shuttles
 - Park & Ride development at Troutdale Airport, Transit Hub in Fairview
 - Exit 31 parking lot re-configuration to accommodate SOVs + transit





Federal Lands Access Program (FLAP) grant applications

- **Waterfall Corridor Multimodal Safety & Access Improvements**
 - Transit Operations & Admin, Park/Ride Improvements, Ops Transition
 - Exit 31 & Multnomah Falls parking management & traffic controls
 - Pedestrian Access
 - Long-term governance of Historic Highway

