



**WATERFALL  
CORRIDOR**

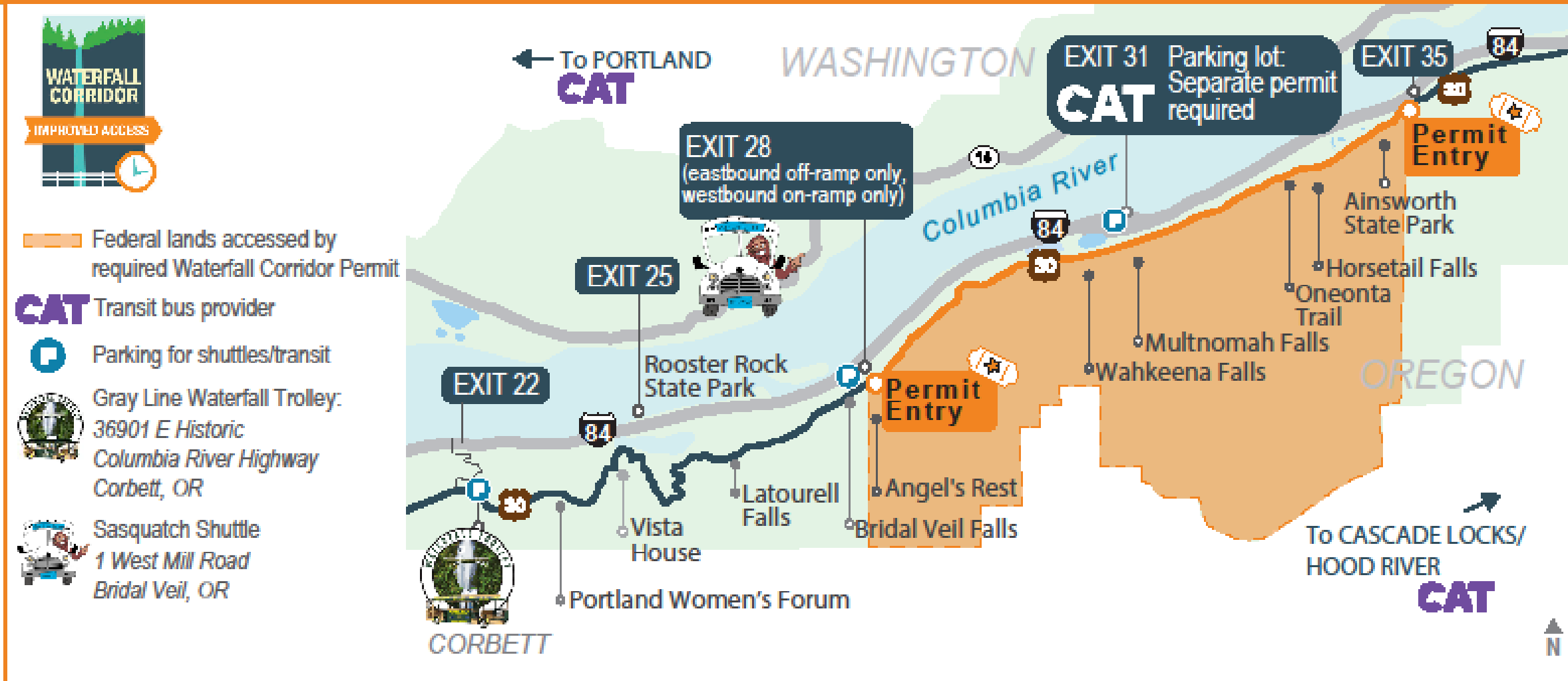
**IMPROVED ACCESS**

# Time Use Permit 2022 Pilot

**EMCTC Meeting**  
April 18, 2022



# Pilot Concept



# Project Goal: Improve Safety

- Emergency response.
- Exit 31.
- Pedestrian access.



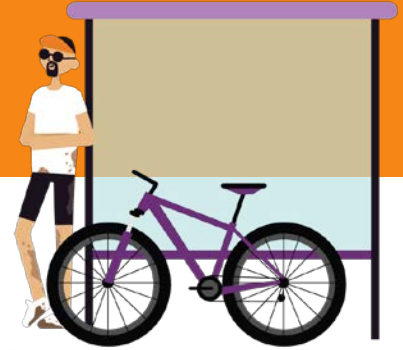
# Project Goal: Reduce Congestion

- Provide viable/reliable multi-modal options.
- Spread visitation throughout the day and to lower-visitation days.



# Project Goal: Improve visitor experience

- Reduce frustration.
- Expand transportation options.



**GORGE  
PASS**



# Details

- **Permits required 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. May 24-Sept. 5, 2022**
- Permits will be available online at [recreation.gov](https://www.recreation.gov) for a \$2 transaction fee.
- Some day-of permits will be available in-person (no fee) at Gateway to the Gorge Visitor Center in Troutdale and Cascade Locks Historical Museum.
- Designated time window for arrival at either of the two entry points.
- You can stay as long as you would like and travel between Ainsworth and Bridal Veil. Parking is not guaranteed.
- No permit needed for cyclists, tour bus or transit riders.



# Details of operation: Exit 31

- Permit is required for Exit 31 May-September.
- Permits checked at the parking lot tunnel, not at Multnomah Falls plaza.
- [Recreation.gov](https://www.recreation.gov)

**Multnomah Falls**

Area Status: Open

The **Multnomah Falls Lodge** restaurant, gift shop, snack bar and restrooms are open to the public. **Timed Reservation Tickets required June-September only.**

Multnomah Falls is the **most visited natural recreation site in the Pacific Northwest** with more than 2 million stopping by each year to take in the views. Fed by underground springs from Larch Mountain, the flow over the falls varies, but is usually highest during winter and spring. This is also one of the best places in the Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area to study geology exposed by floods.

The **Multnomah Falls Lodge**, which is run by a concessionaire, is well maintained with restrooms, a Visitor Center, a snack bar, a gift shop and a restaurant that is fully ADA accessible. The visitor information area within the lodge is jointly staffed by **Friends of Multnomah Falls** and the U.S. Forest Service. Offerings include a free simple trail map and free brochures about Multnomah Falls in multiple languages. Books, detailed maps of the Columbia River Gorge & Pacific Northwest, and Northwest Forest Passes are also available for purchase.

On the lower level of Multnomah Falls Lodge is a U.S. Forest Service Visitor Center, snack bar, gift shop and restrooms. The restaurant is located on the upper level and can be accessed by stairs or elevator.

At a Glance	
Current Conditions:	Reservations NOT needed until late spring, 2022.
Operational Hours:	Day-Use Only
Reservations:	Timed Reservation Tickets required June-September only.



# Outreach

- Outreach to tourism partners and organizations.
- General Public through website, agency's existing channels, including mailing lists and social media.
- Ready, set, GOrge!
- Signs on I-84 and the Historic Highway.
- Posters in recreation and tourism information areas.
- Media outreach and tours.



**WATERFALL CORRIDOR**

Efficient, reliable, safe.  
**Timed Vehicle Access Permits.**

**New in 2022!**  
Timed vehicle access permits for vehicles using the Historic Columbia River Highway.

**IMPROVED ACCESS**

- 1 Decide on your mode of travel: **consider going by bike, transit or tour!** Only personal vehicles need a permit.
- 2 If you're driving, reserve your timed vehicle access permit at [waterfallcorridorpermits.org](https://waterfallcorridorpermits.org)
- 3 Arrive at one of three entry points within your designated time slot. Enjoy your Waterfall Corridor experience!

Scan to learn more and get your permit.

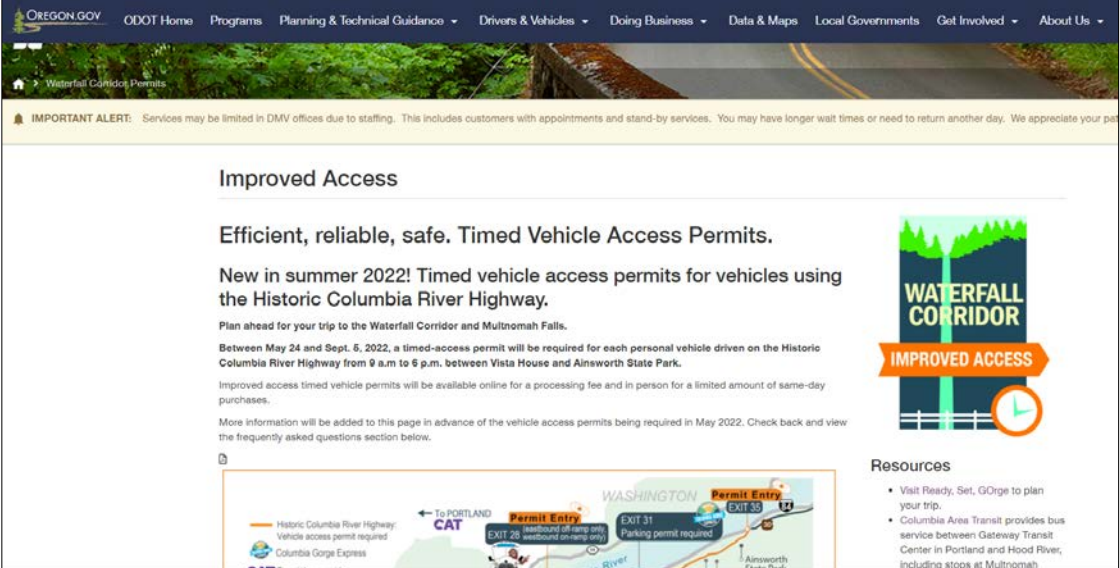
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# Feedback process

- Flexible pilot project, not a permanent change.
- During the pilot, we will have a survey online for Waterfall Corridor travelers.



The screenshot shows the Oregon.gov website page for Waterfall Corridor Permits. The page features a navigation bar at the top with links for OREGON.GOV, ODOT Home, Programs, Planning & Technical Guidance, Drivers & Vehicles, Doing Business, Data & Maps, Local Governments, Get Involved, and About Us. Below the navigation bar is a banner image of a road through a forest. A yellow alert box at the top of the main content area reads: "IMPORTANT ALERT: Services may be limited in DMV offices due to staffing. This includes customers with appointments and stand-by services. You may have longer wait times or need to return another day. We appreciate your patience." The main heading is "Improved Access" followed by the sub-heading "Efficient, reliable, safe. Timed Vehicle Access Permits." The text below states: "New in summer 2022! Timed vehicle access permits for vehicles using the Historic Columbia River Highway." It then provides details: "Plan ahead for your trip to the Waterfall Corridor and Multnomah Falls. Between May 24 and Sept. 6, 2022, a timed-access permit will be required for each personal vehicle driven on the Historic Columbia River Highway from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. between Vista House and Ainsworth State Park. Improved access timed vehicle permits will be available online for a processing fee and in person for a limited amount of same-day purchases. More information will be added to this page in advance of the vehicle access permits being required in May 2022. Check back and view the frequently asked questions section below." To the right of the text is a graphic with the text "WATERFALL CORRIDOR" and "IMPROVED ACCESS" below it, accompanied by a clock icon. Below the text is a map showing the route of the Historic Columbia River Highway, with markers for "Permit Entry" at Exit 28 and Exit 31, and "Parking permit required" at Exit 35. The map also shows the direction "To PORTLAND" and "WASHINGTON".



# I-84 and Historic Highway Construction

ODOT has more than a dozen construction projects planned over the next five years on I-84 and the Historic Highway.

Stay informed:

- [i84GorgeConstruction.org](http://i84GorgeConstruction.org) for information and to sign up for email updates
- [TripCheck.com](http://TripCheck.com)

