

MULTNOMAH COUNTY, OREGON

PROCLAMATION NO. 67

Proclaiming May 28, 2026 the Burnside Bridge Centennial Birthday in Multnomah County, Oregon.

Multnomah County Finds:

- A. Portland is one of the world's great bridge cities, with the Willamette River at its core, and eleven bridges connecting its neighborhoods to downtown.
- B. Bridges across the Willamette -- including Broadway, Burnside, Fremont, Hawthorne, Marquam, Morrison, Ross Island, Tilikum, St. Johns, Sellwood, and Steel -- are vital for transportation to all in the Portland region, and serve as icons of the city to the rest of the world.
- C. The six Willamette River bridges maintained by Multnomah County are each unique, including the Strauss Trunnion Bascule Burnside Bridge.
- D. Located in the heart of our City, the existing Burnside Bridge opened to the public 100 years ago on May 28th, 1926, replacing another bridge at this same location that was constructed in 1894.
- E. The Burnside Bridge features several special architectural treatments due to its central location in downtown Portland including balustrade railings and octagonal Italianate operator's houses.
- F. When opened, it was the first large-scale bascule bridge in the U.S designed with a concrete bridge deck and was further distinguished by being the largest double leaf bascule bridge constructed at that time.
- G. The Burnside Bridge bascule system was designed and patented by Joseph Strauss of the Strauss Bascule Bridge Company, most famous for the Golden Gate Bridge in San Francisco.
- H. The Burnside Bridge was placed on the National Historic Register of Places in 2012.

- E. The Burnside Bridge has remained operational and in service to the community for 100 years due to the long-standing commitment and dedication of staff in the Transportation Division.
- F. On May 30th, 2026, the community is invited to celebrate and commemorate the Burnside Bridge's 100th birthday on the bridge from Noon - 5:00 p.m. The event will feature family friendly activities, interactive exhibits and storytelling that highlight key moments in the bridge's history, from its opening in 1926 to the Earthquake Ready Burnside Bridge Project.

Multnomah County Proclaims:

May 28, 2026 as the Burnside Bridge Centennial Birthday in Multnomah County, Oregon and encourages our community to come celebrate this major milestone at the bridge's Centennial Birthday Party on May 30th, 2026.

Signed this 4th day of May, 2026.

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