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Oregon bridge construction wins national award

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The [Oregon Department of Transportation](#) has earned an award for protecting the environment while rebuilding bridges. ODOT tied for second place in the American Road & [Transportation Builders Association's](#) annual environmental excellence awards, in the bridges category.

The transportation agency was cited for recycling and other steps it took to protect the environment during its two-year effort to replace 10 bridges and to repair one more on Interstate 5 between Eugene and Myrtle Creek. The agency and its contractors recycled materials and minimized the amount of construction equipment and materials they had to place in the waterways running beneath the bridges.

First place went to a Maryland project that used 60,000 tons of material from an old bridge to create fish and marine life habitat in the Potomac River and Chesapeake Bay.

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