Columbia River Gorge Construction

I-84 & U.S. 30 (Historic Columbia River Highway)



McCord Creek Bridge Replacement

SPRING 2024

Major traffic impacts spring 2025 through fall 2026

The I-84 eastbound bridge over McCord Creek near Dodson is a vital connector for people and freight in the Pacific Northwest. At more than 60 years old, it has exceeded its useful life and requires replacement. Through this project, we will build a new structure to current standards and improve its ability to withstand a major earthquake.

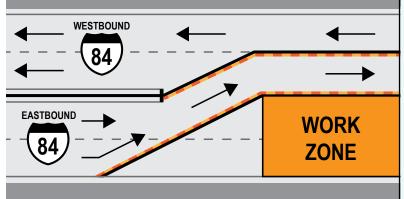
TIMELINE FOR BRIDGE REPLACEMENT



Plan for delays and detours in 2026!

- I-84 will be closed at the bridge for several days.
- Travelers must use a signed detour on U.S. 26.
- Nighttime rolling slowdowns.
- Two-month closure of the Historic Highway State Trail with shuttle service between John B. Yeon and Toothrock Trailheads.
- I-84 reduced to one lane in each direction around-the-clock.

From spring through summer 2026, all I-84 traffic will shift to the westbound bridge.



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Making space for construction

We evaluated six construction options. All required months of traffic impacts on I-84 and the Historic Highway State Trail. Ultimately, we selected the option that offered the lowest construction risk, highest durability, fewer traffic and trail impacts, and lower cost.

Crews, cranes and other construction equipment will need a large work area to remove the existing bridge and construct the new bridge. Both directions of traffic will share the westbound bridge for nearly 6 months while crews work to remove and rebuild the eastbound bridge. A closure of the interstate will be needed for several days in 2026 to safely hoist the new bridge into place.

Improving traveler safety

The existing eastbound bridge is aging and in poor condition with ruts and bumps. There are also limited routes available to efficiently travel around the bridge if it were ever damaged during an earthquake. The new bridge will meet current design standards, which will increase the lifespan of the highway and protect public safety by allowing it to better withstand an earthquake.

Slow your roll and enjoy the view

Over the next several years, we have many construction projects planned on I-84 between I-205 and Hood River, and on the Historic Columbia River Highway between Troutdale and Hood River. Plan ahead by visiting TripCheck.com for real-time traffic impacts. For more information, visit i84GorgeConstruction.org.



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