Oregon City/West Linn Pedestrian and Bicycle Bridge Concept Plan

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Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) in partnership with Oregon City, West Linn, Clackamas County and Metro is initiating a planning effort to investigate the feasibility of a pedestrian and bicycle bridge across the Willamette River connecting Oregon City and West Linn. This project will identify potential bridge locations and provide opportunities for community and local agency conversations to reimagine a new crossing. A key component of this project is to consider the historical significance of the study area and evaluate crossing options minimal impacts to natural and cultural resources.

This planning effort supports community desires to connect the regional active transportation network in this area. Pedestrians and bicyclists currently use the historic Arch Bridge (OR 43) which is the existing multimodal crossing in this area. Agency partners are interested in identifying a safe and reliable option for a low stress connection between the two cities.

Today, no existing local or regional plans call for the construction of a new pedestrian and bicycle crossing of the Willamette River between Oregon City and West Linn. There are multimodal planned facilities at various stages of development (planned but unfunded, designed but unfunded, funded awaiting construction) within the identified study area on each side of the river.

A new pedestrian and bicycle bridge will enhance access for people walking and biking and provide the region opportunities to reconnect with the river and enhance the connection in the regional bikeway and pedestrian system. Completing the multimodal network with a river crossing creates essential access to and along the Willamette River between Gladstone, Oregon City, and West Linn.

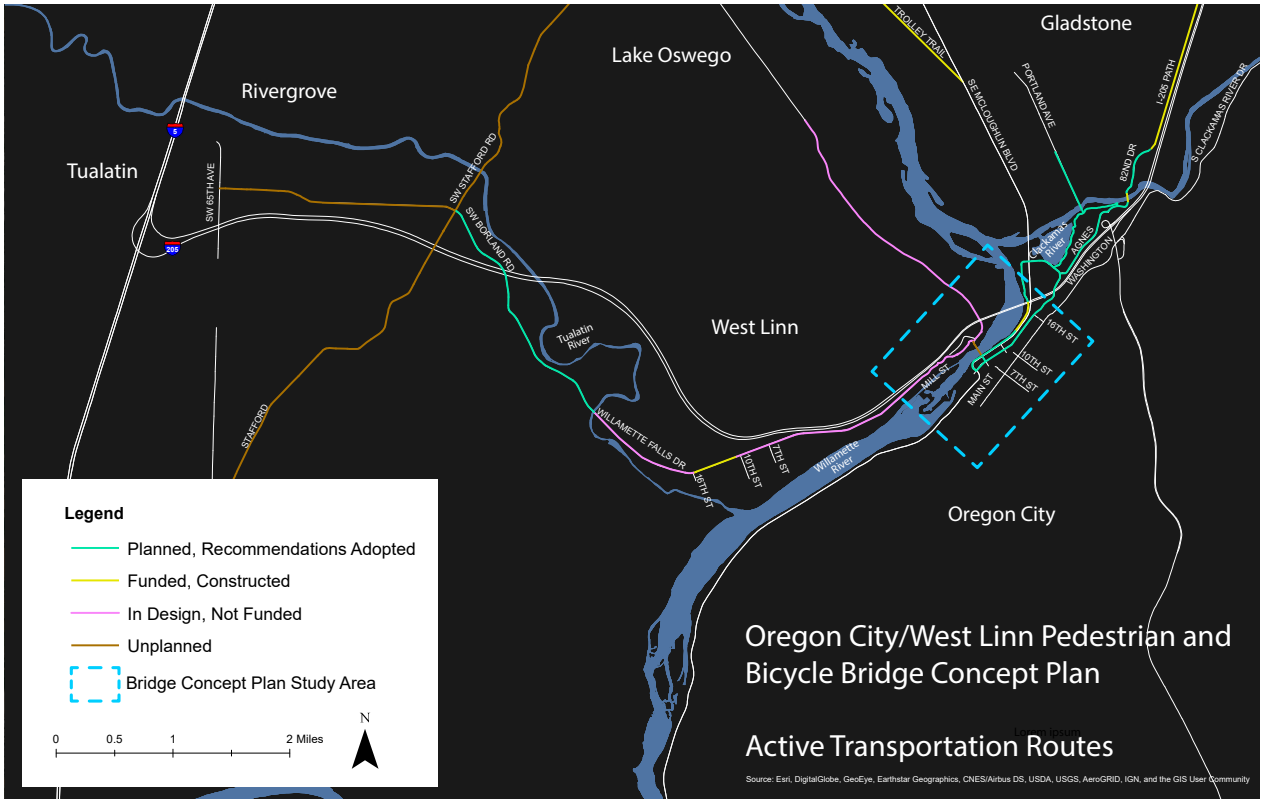
The purpose of the Oregon City/West Linn Pedestrian and Bicycle Bridge Concept Plan is to identify potential bridge locations and provide opportunities for community and local agency conversations to reimagine a new crossing.

Biking on the Trolley Trail in Clackamas County. Oregon Metro Flickr Account 2015 (metroro).

View above West Linn and Oregon City at the Willamette River. Aerial Photography Consortium, administered by Metro Data Resource Center.

Tentative Project Timeline

Activity	Timeline
Consultant contract under DOJ review	October 2020
Project initiation – begin public engagement	November 2020
Existing conditions analysis	December 2020
Identify and evaluate alignment options	February 2021
Select preferred alignment pending additional evaluation	April 2021
Develop cost range	May 2021
Develop implementation plan: • Environmental scoping • Permitting • Funding plan • Determine bridge ownership	June 2021
Bridge Concept Plan Cost	**$300,000**



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