



Clackamas River Bridge Replacement (Springwater Road)

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Clackamas County is continuing work on a project to replace the existing Carver Bridge, which crosses the Clackamas River on Springwater Road in Carver. The project will also improve the intersections at Highway 224 and Clackamas River Drive to increase safety and reduce accidents.



The County has refined and evaluated several proposed alternative alignments for a new bridge crossing. Any new river crossing in the Carver area must be designed to accommodate future traffic volumes and to minimize impacts on existing homes and businesses. These factors have been key points in considering and evaluating alternative locations for the new bridge.

Our evaluation process, which included input from the public, resulted in the elimination of the downstream alternative. Currently, the County and the Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) are further refining the remaining two bridge alignments and intersection locations, which are:

1. Replace the bridge and intersections at approximately their current locations, or
2. Build the new bridge upstream from the existing one, with a new intersection on Highway 224 at the east edge of Carver and a new intersection at Springwater and South Hattan Roads.

For More Information
For more information, please visit the project website at: <http://www.carverbridge.com>.

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Carver Bridge Replacement Update



January 2007

Location
Alternatives Analysis

May 2008

Preliminary
Bridge and Roadway
Design

November 2008

Final
Design and Bid
Document

April 2010

Construction

December 2011

New
Bridge
Opens

What We Heard From You

At the last open house on January 31, 2007, we heard how important it is to minimize traffic congestion, improve traffic safety, and minimize impacts to area businesses. We also heard that, of all the alignments under consideration, the Upstream Alternative is the overwhelming favorite.

- Twenty-nine respondents voted in favor of the Upstream Alternative, compared to nine who favored keeping the bridge near its present alignment.
- Many people felt the Upstream Alternative best met the goals of preserving downtown Carver.

We heard that many people would like the existing bridge to be preserved.

- Thirty-four (of 44) respondents voted in favor of preserving the existing bridge.
- Some suggested reusing the bridge for park access or as a bicycle and pedestrian route.

People were divided on whether the intersections should be signalized or roundabouts. Many felt a signalized intersection would improve traffic flow and others expressed concerns about meeting the needs of truck traffic in the area.

- Twenty respondents favored signals, 15 respondents preferred roundabouts, and the remaining nine were undecided.

Given the divided views, both signals and roundabouts are being considered.



Next Steps

As the project moves ahead, the following questions will be answered:

- Will the new bridge be in the heart of Carver or on the edge?
- How many traffic lanes will be on the bridge?
- Will signalized intersections or roundabouts better accommodate future traffic volume and safety issues?

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