

BRIDGE OF THE GODS

CONNECTING & PRESERVING COMMUNITIES, CULTURE, & HISTORY

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A Vital Transportation Link



A Key Regional Asset

- An emergency response link
 - Forest fires, ice storms, landslides
 - Train derailments, accidents, closures
 - Local emergency response
- An economic tie
 - Locally, Regionally, & Bi-State
 - Trucking routes
- A cultural landmark & historical icon
 - Tribal significance
 - Pacific Crest Trail





Summary of Bridge Needs

Seismic retrofit

- Avoids major damage Improves system resiliency
- A wider path
 Provides safe pedestrian/bike passage
- Strengthening against heavy trucks
 Improves freight mobility
- ☑ Repairs & painting to fix wear
 - Preserves & ideally extends the bridge's service life
- Modernizing traffic safety features
 Improves public safety
- PORT OF CASCADE LOCKS





RETROFIT & PRESERVATION

A physical restoration & retrofit of the Bridge of the Gods would require making several improvements that address critical safety needs for both motorized & nonmotorized users. These **improvements can be divided into three main areas of need: Public Safety, Structural Resiliency, & Maintenance & Modernization.** Funding from the States of Oregon & Washington would allow the Port of Cascade Locks to advance targeted improvement projects that would help resolve each area of need:



While each area of need can be addressed individually, a complete bridge restoration & retrofit addressing all three areas provides opportunities for cost savings due to the overlapping work components of several projects.



