

## NOTICE OF GRANT AWARD

Title:	<b>Buena Vista Ferry replacement - ARRA FBD - 20.205</b>
DOT Agency Disbursing Funds:	<b>Federal Highway Administration</b>
Project Number:	<b>Marion</b>
Award Recipient	<b>Oregon DOT</b>
City/Country/State	<b>Marion, OR</b>
Place of Performance	<b>Marion</b>
State Congressional District	<b>5</b>
Entitle Amount	<b>\$ 0.00</b>
Discretionary Amount	<b>\$ 3,224,608.00</b>
Total Grant Amount	<b>\$ 3,224,608.00</b>
DOT Regional Office/Telephone Number	<b>NA</b>

### **Description:**

This grant will fund the purchase of a new ferry boat, improve the existing ferry landings and upgrade terminal electrical utilities from diesel-powered generators to overhead transmission lines. These enhancements will provide more reliable and expanded passenger and vehicle ferry service over the Willamette River near Independence, Oregon.

This grant is funded under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) of 2009, which authorized \$60 million for the Ferry Boat Discretionary (FBD) program for construction and rehabilitation of ferry boats and ferry terminal facilities.

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The Buena Vista Ferry connects Buena Vista Road across the Willamette River, between Marion County and Polk County, just south of Independence. It is an important link in the Marion County Rural Transportation System Plan (RTSP) to facilitate regional movement of people, vehicles, and farm equipment. The existing ferry is over 50 years old and in need of expensive repairs and upgrades, making purchase of a new ferry more cost-effective.