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MARION COUNTY PUBLIC WORKS

Willamette River Independence Bridge Repair

Marion County, in coordination with Polk County and the City of Independence, is working to keep people, vehicles, and trucks flowing across the Willamette River.

The Independence Bridge, designed in 1947 and opened in 1951, is the only bridge over the Willamette River between Albany and Salem and is currently posted with weight restrictions. It connects Salem, Independence-Monmouth, and Western Oregon University, and serves as the sole truck route into a major agricultural area due to height restrictions on routes from other crossings.

This project will strengthen and rehabilitate the Independence Bridge over the Willamette River to eliminate weight restrictions, repair safety features, extend its lifespan, and lower future maintenance costs. Work includes reinforcing girders and beams, fixing bridge rails, removing rust, applying protective coating, replacing deck joints, and replacing bearings.

Bridge work is broken into two phases: **Phase 1: Preliminary Engineering: 2025-2026**, and **Phase 2: Construction: 2027**

**LEARN MORE ABOUT THE PLANNED REPAIRS
COMMUNITY OPEN HOUSE**

Tuesday, May 12, 4:00 - 6:00 p.m.

Independence Civic Center

555 Main St

Family friendly with light refreshments

The facility is accessible to people with disabilities

For additional information and project updates, please visit:

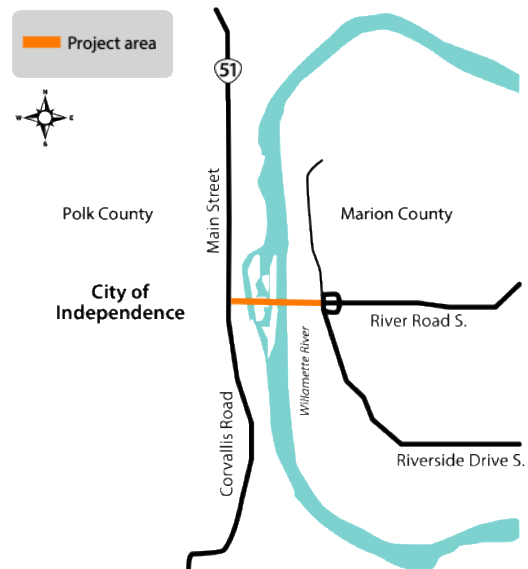
<https://www.co.marion.or.us/PW/Engineering/Projects/Pages/5789Loading.aspx>

or contact the Project Manager:

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