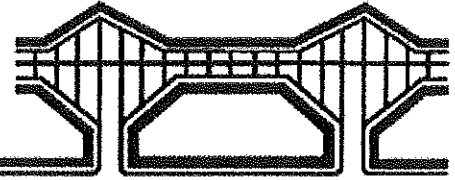


Port Report



Commission Considers Bridge Toll Increases ➡

The Port Commission has adopted a revised Maintenance & Preservation Plan for the Bridge of the Gods, totaling a minimum of \$14M in work over the next 10 years. The Port has committed at least \$250,000 per year from toll revenue into a dedicated bridge fund to implement this plan. While the Port does plan to seek state and federal grant funding sources for the largest projects, these grants typically require between a 20-40% match from the Port. In order to address the rising costs of maintenance on the bridge, the Commission is considering the proposed toll increase schedule shown on the right. Port representatives have hosted several opportunities for public input on both the Oregon and Washington sides of the river, resulting in productive dialogue, questions, concerns, and suggestions. The last time the Port Commission approved a toll increase for autos and pickups crossing the bridge was in 2002. A later toll increase in 2014 applied only to large trucks. The Port Commission is committed to keep the bridge tolls low for local residents. There are varying suggestions how the "local resident" category might be defined and indicated during this process. The current proposal would keep the coupon books, and add a "local" window decal.

VEHICLE TYPE	CURRENT TOLL	PROPOSED TOLL
Bicycles, Motorcycles, Pedestrians	\$0.50	\$1.00
Local Autos & Pickups w/ Proposed Decal	\$1.00	\$1.00
Non-Local Non-Coupon Autos & Pickups	\$1.00	\$2.00
Coupons for Autos & Pickups	\$0.75	\$1.00
Commercial & Non-Commercial Trailers (per axle)	\$0.50	\$0.50
2 Axle Trucks w/ Dual Rear Wheels	\$2.00	\$3.00
3 Axle Trucks	\$4.50	\$5.25
4 Axle Trucks	\$6.00	\$7.00
5 Axle Trucks	\$7.50	\$8.75
6 Axle Trucks	\$9.00	\$10.50
7 Axle Trucks	\$10.50	\$12.25
8 Axle Trucks	\$12.00	\$14.00

The Port of Cascade Locks is in close communication with the Port of Hood River to ensure that increased bridge toll rates remain competitive between both port-owned bridges. Once the Commission approves a new toll schedule, the changes could take effect during the summer or early fall of this year, depending upon the Commission's direction.

The public is encouraged to attend these upcoming meetings to discuss tolls:

- Thursday, April 7
- Thursday, May 5

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