

# COLUMBIA RIVER CROSSING...OREGON'S ECONOMY DEPENDS ON IT!



## Oregon's Connection to the World

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**1 in 5 Oregon jobs**  
is dependent on transportation.  
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**Oregon ranks 7th**  
in the nation for trade per capita.  
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Oregon exports in 2008 totaled  
**\$19 billion.**  
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**\$22.3 million**  
of freight moves on Oregon  
roadways every hour of every day.  
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There are  
**400 collisions each year**  
within the CRC project area.  
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In 2009,  
**more than 3.7 million**  
**tons of wheat**  
moved under the interstate bridge.  
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The cost of not investing in Oregon's  
infrastructure is a  
**loss of \$1.7 billion**  
in income and 16,000 jobs  
annually to Oregonians.  
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# Statewide sample of businesses that depend on the transportation network

Due to its location on the West Coast and Pacific Rim, Oregon benefits from a diverse set of industries that depend on all modes of transportation. Altogether more than 400,000 Oregon jobs are transportation-related or transportation-reliant (2008). By selling locally produced goods to customers outside the region, state and nation, basic industries act as economic “pumps,” bringing wealth into the region and fueling future job growth.

## The importance of the Columbia River Crossing to businesses throughout Oregon:

- Of 39 companies surveyed, 35 (90%) use the I-5 Interstate Bridge to move cargo to or from Washington state. Together, these companies employ approximately 17,500 people in Oregon.
- Oregon businesses listed safety as a primary concern, as accidents not only cause delay throughout the system, but are expensive.
- 21 companies stated that their businesses have been adversely affected by congestion at the crossing, forcing them to make changes to their production, pickup or delivery schedules.
- Due to new Hours-of-Service regulations for trucking companies, drivers have reduced flexibility and can no longer simply turn off their engines and “wait out” the congestion.
- Eliminating the bridge lift will greatly benefit the 5.7 million tons (2009) of goods moved under the interstate bridge by marine traffic along the Columbia River.



- Boardman Foods**, Boardman  
**Employees:** 140  
**Inbound:** onions from ID, OR, WA, CA  
**Outbound:** frozen/peeled onions to Canada, 48 states  
**Mode:** truck, rail
- Boise Wood Products**, Willamina, Medford, White City, La Grande  
**Employees:** 1,200  
**Inbound:** lumber from OR, CA  
**Outbound:** lumber products to 48 states, Canada, Mexico, Asia  
**Mode:** ocean, truck, rail
- Bright Wood**, Madras  
**Employees:** 585  
**Inbound:** lumber products from OR, WA, ID, CA, AZ, New Zealand  
**Outbound:** construction materials, wood windows, door components, chips to Midwest, East Coast, OR, WA, ID, Asia  
**Mode:** ocean, truck, rail
- Columbia River Logistics**, Umatilla  
**Employees:** 13  
**Inbound:** minerals from Malaysia, Taiwan, China  
**Outbound:** dairy products to S.E. Asia, China, Japan, Europe, worldwide  
**Mode:** ocean, barge, truck
- Full Sail**, Hood River  
**Employees:** 52  
**Inbound:** glass, malt, hops, grain, chemicals from WA, OR  
**Outbound:** beer, stent grain to 14 states  
**Mode:** truck
- Mentor Graphics**, Wilsonville  
**Employees:** 1,200  
**Inbound:** computer hardware, software, CDs; from CA, TX, France, Ireland  
**Outbound:** computer accessories, software to U.S., Europe, Asia  
**Mode:** truck, air
- Monrovia Nursery**, Dayton  
**Employees:** 325  
**Inbound:** bark dust, fertilizers, pots from OR, CA  
**Outbound:** nursery stock to 50 states, Canada  
**Mode:** truck, rail
- NC Electronics**, Port Orford  
**Employees:** 17  
**Inbound:** computer parts, metal from CA, East Coast, Taiwan  
**Outbound:** computer controlled lathes and parts to 50 states, Canada, Mexico  
**Mode:** ocean, truck
- Norpac**, Salem  
**Employees:** 1,000  
**Inbound:** produce from OR, WA  
**Outbound:** frozen/canned produce to 48 states, Canada, Mexico, Asia  
**Mode:** truck, rail, ocean