

US 101 – ELWHA RIVER BRIDGE Bridge Replacement Project



PROJECT OVERVIEW

Built in 1926, the 3-span, 388-foot concrete arch bridge has served the Clallam County community just west of Port Angeles for more than 90 years. Over the last several years, the Elwha River has dramatically changed its course and flow, leading to significant erosion around the bridge foundations. WSDOT is moving forward through a series of complex environmental reviews and approvals with local and regulatory partners. Moving forward requires concurrence between all parties involved through a Memorandum of Agreement.

The US 101 Elwha River Bridge is vital to the well-being of the communities on the Olympic Peninsula. Replacing the bridge will ensure that the US 101 route continues to be a reliable transportation facility for decades to come.

MORE INFORMATION:

https://www.wsdot.wa.gov/Projects/US101/ ElwhaRiverBridgeReplace/default.htm

ADDITIONAL PROJECT BENEFITS INCLUDE:

- transit stops on both the west and east ends of the bridge, locations of which were coordinated with Clallam Transit;
- relocating the intersection further east to provide better sight lines and intersection geometrics;
- installing illumination at the intersection (no illumination is there presently);
- building turn pockets on US 101 to Olympic Hot Springs Road;
- building a short acceleration lane on northbound US 101 from Olympic Hot Springs Road;
- restore the parking access that was there before with a gravel parking lot

TIMELINE:

- Anticipate being under contract: Winter 2020
- Projected construction begins: Spring 2021
- Traffic shifts onto new bridge: Fall 2022

FUNDING:

\$32.5 million

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