

# BRIDGE PRESERVATION AT ODOT AND THE ST. JOHNS BRIDGE

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## ODOT BRIDGE PRESERVATION THE BEGINNING

- The Conde McCullough-designed 1936 Alsea Bay Bridge was replaced due to extensive corrosion damage in 1991.
- Backlash in the Waldport community over losing their McCullough bridge.
- ODOT started the Bridge Preservation Engineering unit to apply Impressed Current Cathodic Protection and preserve the remaining coastal McCullough bridges.





## ODOT BRIDGE PRESERVATION THE BEGINNING

- Arc-sprayed zinc anode technology was adapted from CalTrans research.
  - Excellent anode properties
  - Gray concrete-like appearance
- In 1991, impressed current cathodic protection of Cape Creek Bridge was the first project for the unit.
  - Concrete repairs
  - Impressed-current cathodic protection – electrically driven reversal of driving forces of corrosion
- In 1995 the unit became known as Bridge Preservation Engineering unit

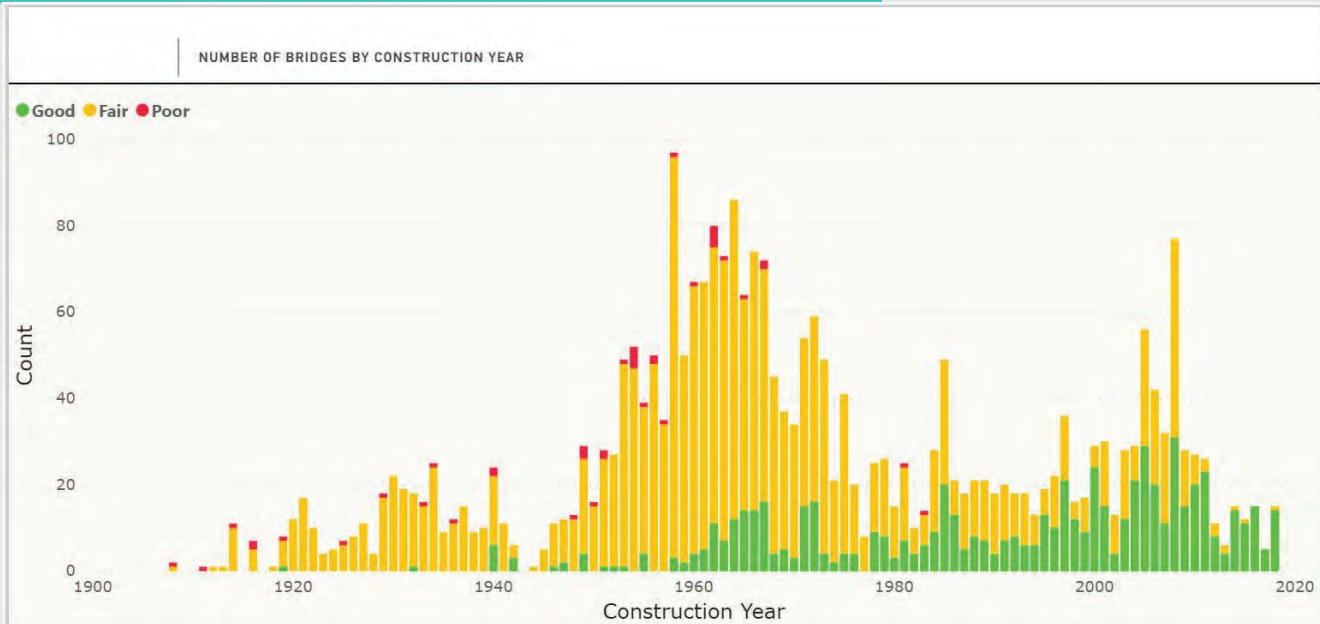
## ODOT BRIDGE PRESERVATION THE BEGINNING

- The Cape Creek Bridge project was successful, and Preservation focused on the most at-risk of the McCullough coastal concrete bridges:
  - Depoe Bay Bridge 1996
  - Yaquina Bay Bridge 1997
  - Big Creek Bridge 1997
  - Cape Perpetua Half-Viaduct 1998
- The engineers ODOT used to deliver the cathodic protection projects began to be tapped for other types of specialty work:
  - Movable bridge maintenance and mechanical/electrical rehabilitation
  - Steel bridge painting
  - Covered bridge preservation



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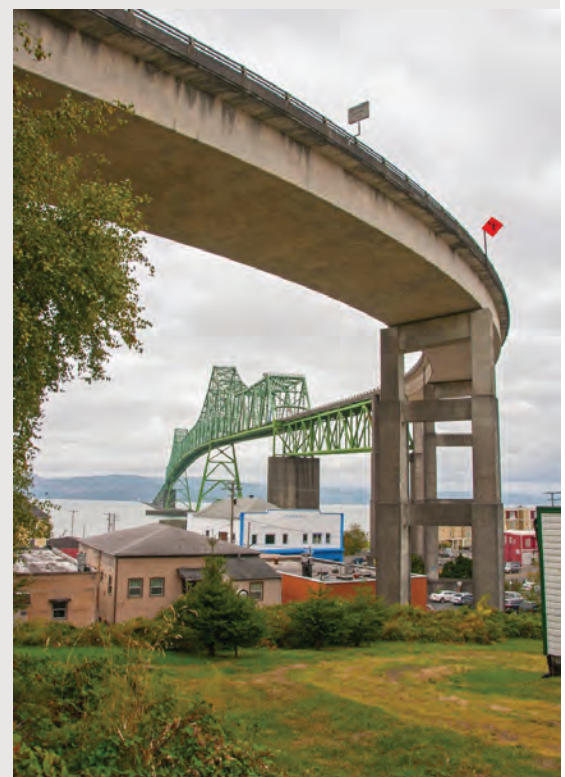
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# ODOT BRIDGE PRESERVATION

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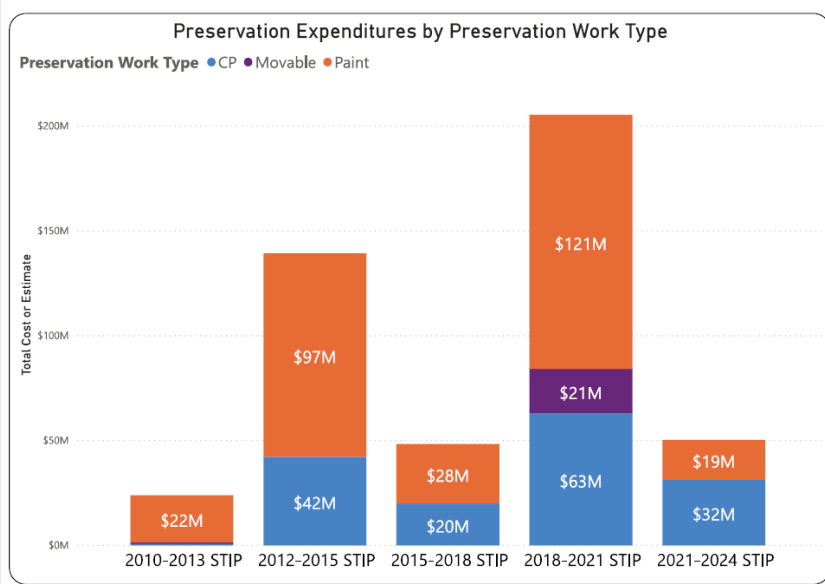
- Cathodic Protection
- Bridge Painting
- Movable Bridges
- Covered Bridges
- Historic Bridge Rehabilitation
- Structural Health Monitoring
- Bridge Decks
- Specialty Engineering



# ODOT BRIDGE PRESERVATION

## WHAT WE DO.....

STIP Name	CP	Movable	Paint	Total
2010-2013 STIP	1	1	1	3
2012-2015 STIP	5		11	16
2015-2018 STIP	2		4	6
2018-2021 STIP	6	3	14	23
2021-2024 STIP	2		4	6
<b>Total</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>53</b>



# ODOT BRIDGE PRESERVATION

## WHO WE ARE.....

- Civil/Structural Engineers (4)
- Mechanical Engineers (3)
- Electrical Engineers (1)
- CADD Tech (2)
- Chemical Engineers (formerly)
- Metallurgical Engineers (formerly)
- Statewide focus
- Hands-on engineers with lots of field exposure
  - climbing
  - UBIT and bucket truck
  - confined spaces
  - respirator use



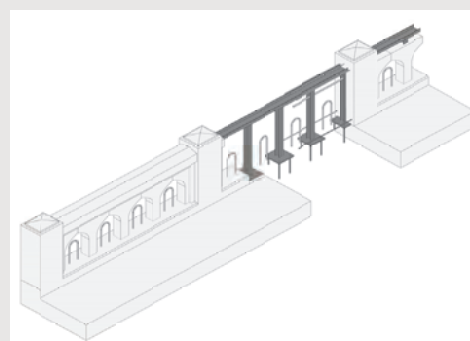
## ODOT BRIDGE PRESERVATION WHAT IT TAKES.....

- Field measurements
- Good as-builts
- Historical research (historic photo collection)
- Accurate condition data
- Core samples & petrography
- Advanced investigation
- Refined load ratings
- Flexible designs that can adapt to conditions revealed during construction
- Heavy attention to temporary works
- Lots of construction support
- Adept handling of calculated risks



## ODOT BRIDGE PRESERVATION WHAT IT TAKES.....

- Coast Guard permits
- SHPO coordination
- NMFS/USFW permits
- Hazmat surveys
- Utility coordination
- Staging Areas
- Containment
- Design exceptions for elements such as "Stealth Rail"
- Letters of Public Interest Finding (this requirement for patented, proprietary and sole-source products is being relaxed)
- Buy American Act waivers
- Third-party inspection



# ODOT BRIDGE PRESERVATION

## WHAT OREGONIANS GET.....

- Historic and aesthetic values
- Cost savings
  - Some non-historic bridges preserved for cost savings
- Reduction in traffic impacts
- Reduction in community impacts
- The right action at the right time
- Environmental benefits
  - “Reduce, Reuse, Recycle” applies to bridges too



PROJECT PHOTO GALLERY  
COSTS SHOWN NOT INFLATED



## ODOT BRIDGE PRESERVATION PROJECT PHOTO GALLERY

- Coos Bay (McCullough) Bridge No. 01823
  - Replacement is not planned, would cost on the order of \$1B
  - This bridge is over 1 mile long
  - Built in 1936, historic
  - Conde McCullough design
  - As a steel bridge in a marine environment, it requires repainting on a 20 year cycle
    - Painting cost is about \$1.6 Million per year
  - Concrete portions of the bridge require cathodic protection, on a 20 year cycle
    - Cathodic protection cost is about \$2.2 Million per year



## ODOT BRIDGE PRESERVATION PROJECT PHOTO GALLERY

- Yaquina Bay Bridge No. 01820
  - Replacement is not planned, would cost on the order of \$1B
  - Built in 1936, historic
  - Conde McCullough design
  - As a steel bridge in a marine environment, it requires repainting on a 20 year cycle
    - Painting cost is about \$1.6 Million per year
  - Concrete portions of the bridge require cathodic protection, on a 20 year cycle
    - Cathodic protection cost is about \$1.3 Million per year



## ODOT BRIDGE PRESERVATION PROJECT PHOTO GALLERY

- Siuslaw River (Florence) Bridge No. 01821
  - Replacement is not planned, would cost on the order of \$500 Million
  - Built in 1936, historic
  - Conde McCullough design
  - As a steel bridge in a marine environment, bascule spans require repainting on a 20 year cycle
    - Painting cost is about \$120,000 per year
  - Concrete portions of the bridge require cathodic protection, on a 20 year cycle
    - Cathodic protection cost is about \$650,000 per year
  - Movable bridge mechanical, electrical and traffic systems require major rehabilitation on a 40 year cycle, hardware and software upgrades on about a 8 year cycle



## ODOT BRIDGE PRESERVATION PROJECT PHOTO GALLERY

- Lint Creek (Indian Slough) Bridge No. 04166, in Waldport
  - Replacement planned for \$9.7 Million to address corrosion damage
  - 2010 concrete repair with passive zinc anodes bid cost \$499,000
  - Project allows ODOT flexibility to schedule replacement when this section of highway is expanded to four lanes
  - Repairs remain in excellent condition





## ODOT BRIDGE PRESERVATION PROJECT PHOTO GALLERY

- Pistol River Bridge No. 08719 between Brookings and Gold Beach
  - Replacement planned for \$30 Million to address extensive corrosion damage
  - Endangered plants at 3 corners
  - 2013 concrete repair with impressed current cathodic protection bid cost \$3.6 Million
    - Life cycle for cathodic protection is 20 years
  - Even with change orders, claim settlement, and over 2000 hours of CE the total cost is less than \$4.7 Million
  - Project allows ODOT flexibility to schedule replacement when or if this section of highway is expanded to four lanes



PISTOL RIVER - BR# 08719 - HWY 9 - MP: 339.10

SIDE ELEVATION



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## ODOT BRIDGE PRESERVATION PROJECT PHOTO GALLERY

- Ashland Creek Bridge No. OM274
  - Replacement planned for \$1.9 Million to remove load posting
  - Urban site
  - Built in 1911, historic
  - Unreinforced concrete
  - Load rating was incomplete due to unreinforced concrete and lack of as-built plans, and assumed to be deficient
  - Preservation found a British technique for unreinforced arch load rating – rating factors improved to 6 or 7
  - No work necessary



ASHLAND CREEK - BR# 0M274 - HWY 63 SB - MP: 19.09

SIDE ELEVATION (LEFT)



ASHLAND CREEK - BR# 0M274 - HWY 63 SB - MP: 19.09

DATE AND CONTRACTOR STAMP

## ODOT BRIDGE PRESERVATION PROJECT PHOTO GALLERY

- Dry Canyon Bridge No. 00524
  - 1920 Conde McCullough design, historic
  - In Columbia Gorge Scenic Area on Historic Columbia River Highway
  - Replacement cost based on deck area was estimated at \$1.3 Million
  - Spalling concrete was investigated, determined to be due to 2" to 4" of carbonation
  - Alternatives analysis suggested re-alkalization
    - Electrochemical process similar to impressed current cathodic protection – therefore low-risk
  - Re-alkalization project was performed
    - Damaged concrete and reinforcement was repaired
    - Bid cost was \$375,000 for re-alkalization
    - Project included the first re-alkalization of a bridge in the United States
    - Concrete was coated with a skim coat product to add a degree of protection and provide uniform appearance



## ODOT BRIDGE PRESERVATION PROJECT PHOTO GALLERY

- St. Johns Bridge No. 06497
  - Built in 1931, historic
  - Replacement is not planned, would cost on the order of \$2 Billion
  - Rehabilitation with new deck, painting, and cable protection completed in 2005
  - Main cables need corrosion monitoring
  - Deck issues, approximately \$26 Million needed for overlays in the future
  - Concrete piers supporting east approach need galvanic cathodic protection on an estimated 30 year cycle
    - Galvanic cathodic protection cost is about \$20 Million, or \$670,000 per year
  - As a steel bridge, it requires repainting on approximately a 30-40 year cycle
    - Painting cost is about \$1.5 Million per year



## ODOT BRIDGE PRESERVATION PROJECT PHOTO GALLERY

- St. Johns Bridge No. 06497
  - Spalling of pier concrete over structural steel frame



## ODOT BRIDGE PRESERVATION PROJECT PHOTO GALLERY

- St. Johns Bridge No. 06497 – Project Underway
  - Provide access/containment
  - Clean structural steel
  - Install anchors
  - Install zinc anodes
  - Patch concrete
  - Skim coat



# QUESTIONS?



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