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Hood River White Salmon Bridge Project Secures Major Funding Boost from U.S. DOT Grant

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Foster Garvey client [Hood River White Salmon Bridge Authority](#) has obtained a \$200 million grant from the U.S. Department of Transportation to build a replacement bridge for the existing span that traverses the Columbia River and connects the towns of Hood River (Oregon) and White Salmon and Bingen (Washington).

This latest funding comes from the federal Infrastructure for Rebuilding America (INFRA) program, which awards competitive grants for multimodal freight and highway projects of national or regional significance to improve the safety, efficiency and reliability of the movement of freight and people in and across rural and urban areas.

Design and construction costs for the replacement bridge are estimated to be \$520 million. With this boost from INFRA grant funding, plus additional committed funds comprising bonds and a combination of state and federal grants, the project is already more than half funded, bringing the Hood River White Salmon Bridge Authority's 2029 target opening even closer to reality.

This roadway serves as a critical connection point, supporting a thriving economy and livable communities. The new bridge will solve the numerous issues posed by the current 100-year-old structure and will drastically improve the movement of people and goods across the Columbia River in this part of the Gorge.

Foster Garvey is proud to serve as counsel to the Hood River White Salmon Bridge Authority.

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