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Oregon Governor Kitzhaber has signed into law a bill that provides \$450 million in funding for the Columbia River Crossing project.

After more than a decade of planning, the Oregon state legislature moved quickly this session to deliver a CRC funding bill to the governor for review and approval.

Governor Kitzhaber noted: "This is an important step forward for our state and the Pacific Northwest economy. By investing in a more efficient and effective transportation system for Oregon, we are providing a safer and less congested trip for freight and commuters."

House Bill 2800 was shaped by a joint committee in early February. The legislation includes several "triggers" or safeguards that place conditions on the release of Oregon state funding for the project. These triggers include that Washington must commit its state funding contribution; the Oregon State Treasurer will review traffic and revenue projections produced through the Investment Grade Analysis and the project's finance plan; the project receive a general bridge permit from the U.S. Coast Guard; and the Federal Transit Administration submits a New Starts grant for \$850 million for congressional review.

Text for the enrolled bill can be found on the Oregon Legislature [website](#). Watch the bill signing [ceremony](#).

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