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# Infrastructure Investments

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# Budgeting for the Columbia Basin Project

## Bureau of Reclamation by the Numbers

<u>Project</u>	<u>FY 2023 Enacted</u>	<u>FY 2024 Requested</u>
<u>Columbia Basin Project</u>	<u>\$21,020,000</u>	<u>\$20,536,000</u>



# Congressional Consensus for Department of Reclamation to Prioritize OGWRP

“*The Committee is aware of the Odessa Ground Water Replacement Program within the Columbia Basin Project to deliver surface water to the Odessa Subarea... ...The Committee supports Reclamation's partnership in the program to provide farmlands in Central and Eastern Washington with surface water supply through operational changes in the storage and delivery system and urges Reclamation to move forward to implement the program.*”

2024 Energy and Water  
Development Appropriations Bill

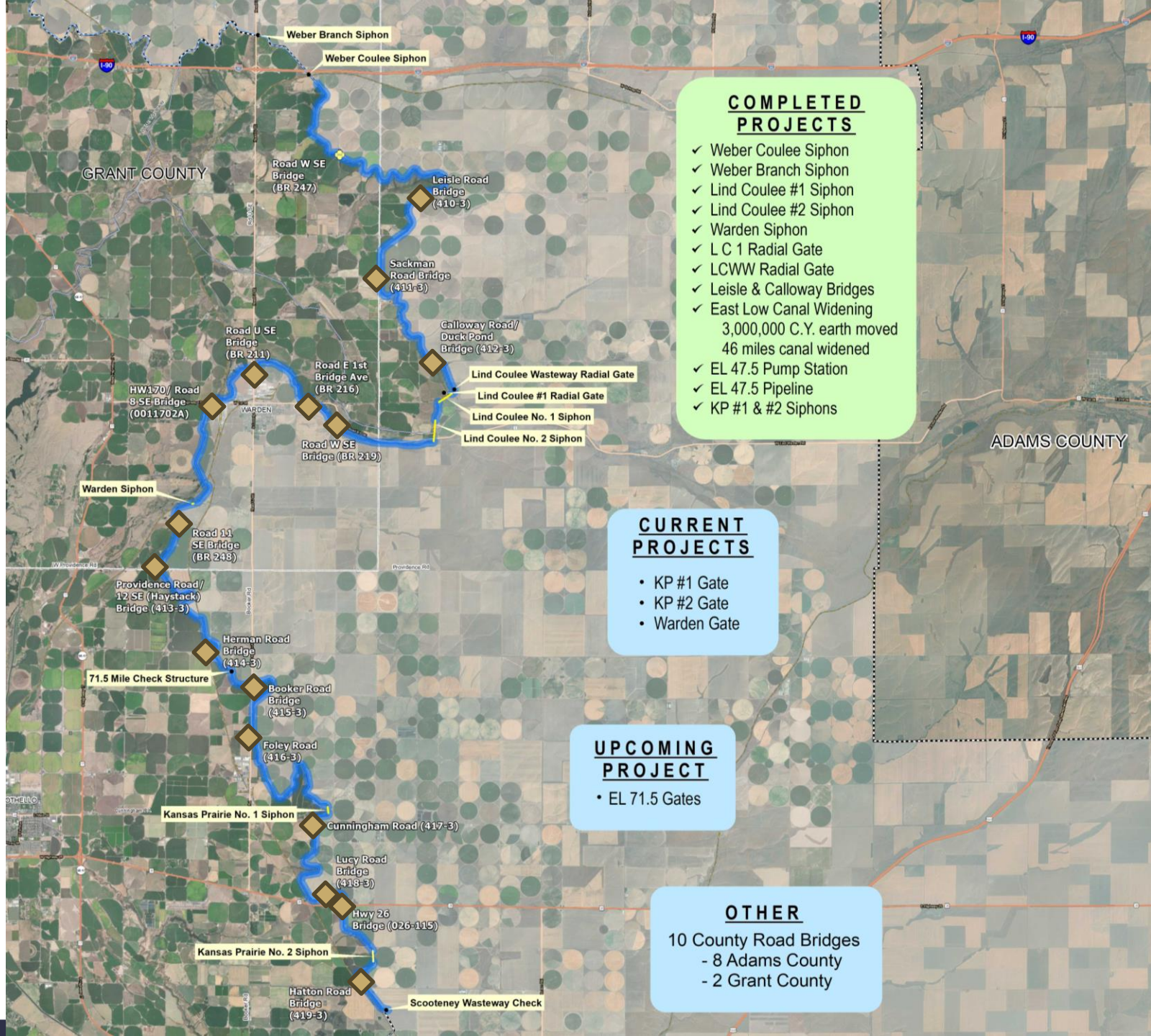
# WIDENING OF THE EAST LOW CANAL

2013 to 2019

Widened to  
accommodate  
water  
deliveries to  
deep well  
irrigators  
awaiting  
surface  
water











2-SE

Rd W-SE

Bridge 247 (Grant County), East Low Canal

# Bridges and Bottlenecks in the Widened ELC

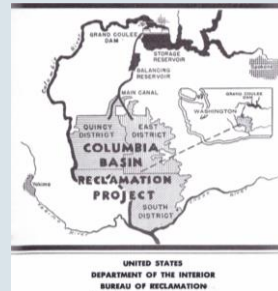


# Timeline

## BRIDGE INFRASTRUCTURE



**JOINT INVESTIGATIONS**  
Bring together teams of experts to investigate 28 problems in 16 divisions



**ORIGINAL ELC CONSTRUCTED**  
Reclamation built the initial bridge crossings which were transferred to the Counties.



**SIGNIFICANT ACHIEVEMENTS**  
Facilitating collaborative solutions



1939-1941

1941-1945

1945

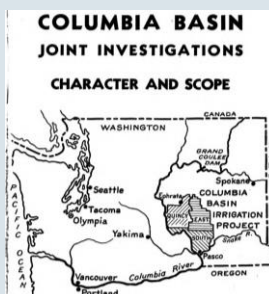
1950s

2013-2019

TODAY

FUTURE

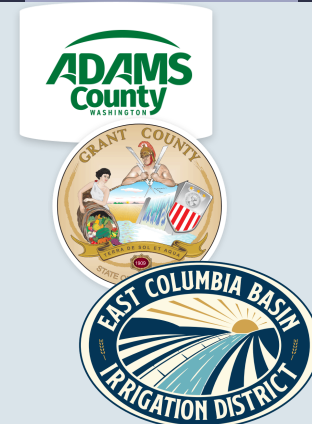
**WASHINGTON DEPT. OF HIGHWAYS STUDY**  
Legislature authorize study in 1939  
Reclamation Adopted State Plan



**FEDERAL HIGHWAY DEVELOPMENT**  
Highway Development: Problem 19



**ELC WIDENING**  
46 Miles widened in the East Low Canal  
4 million cubic yards of soil removed



**ADDITIONAL FED AND STATE**  
Identifying and acquiring funding mechanisms

# Bad Advice for Multi-Decade Infrastructure Projects:

“We’ll cross that bridge  
when we come to it.”



~~“We’ll cross that bridge when we come to it.”~~



**We must cross that bridge now.**



# Bridge Costs and Schedule

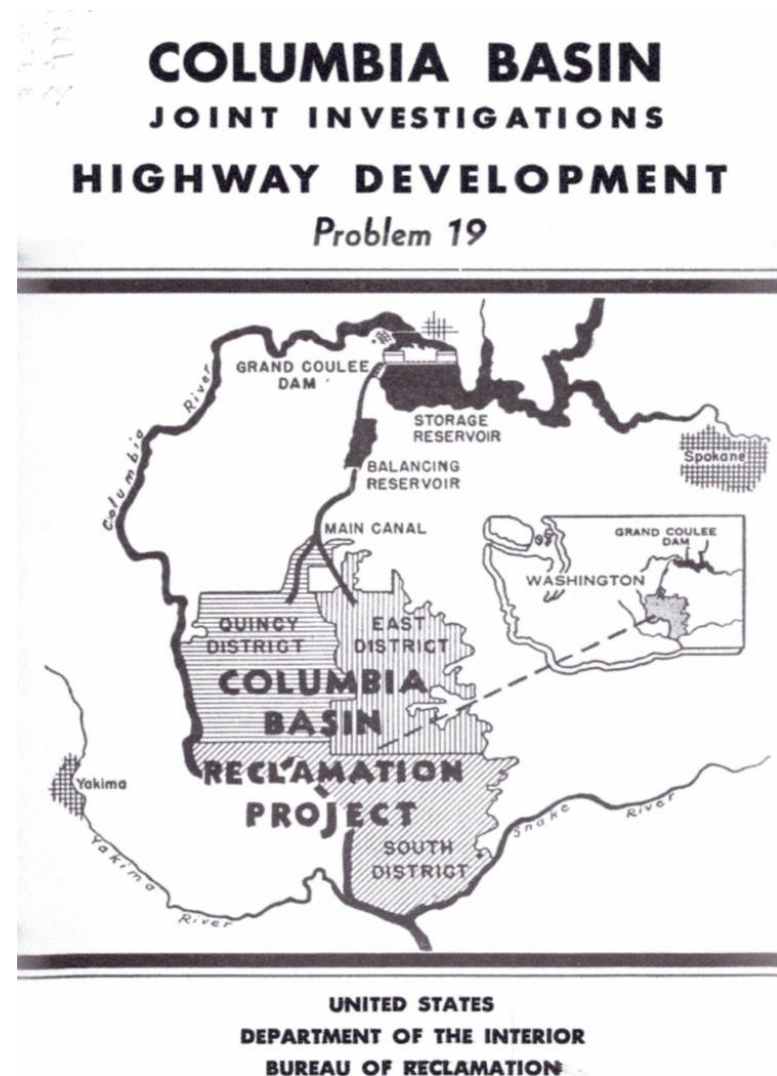
- ▷ Bridge replacement costs range from 5 million to \$30 million
- ▷ Cost estimates that each bridge requires for completion of construction and fabrication up to 6 months
- ▷ Priority is placed on the replacement of specific bridges to meet WWRP's success



# Using Funding Responsibly

Minimizing Costs by:

- ▷ Holding the total road mileage to the essential minimum
- ▷ Having as few crossings over large canals as possible\*
- ▷ Finding creative solutions







## **Calloway Bridge in Adams County.**

Due to the design and relative newness of the bridge, ECBID was able to make key updates rather than replace the bridge entirely.



# Bridge Improvements

CONGRATULATIONS  
AND THANK YOU

- ▷ **Adams County**
- ▷ **Grant County**
- ▷ **East Columbia Basin  
Irrigation District**





# FY 2024 Earmarks

**\$3,888,000**

Bridge 247  
Road W-SE  
Replacement

**\$3,978,000**

Bridge 415-  
Booker Road  
Bridge  
Replacement

**\$1,700,000**

Preliminary  
engineering of  
five Adams  
County  
bridges



# Bridge Improvements

**THANK YOU!**  
SENATOR PATTY MURRAY

- ▷ Sen. Murray's leadership paved the path for collaboration
- ▷ Recently advanced a \$3,888,000 request for Road W bridge in Grant County



# THANK YOU!

SEN. MARIA CANTWELL AND SEN. PATTY MURRAY



Together advanced a request for approximately \$1.5 million for preliminary engineering and design for a multi-bridge replacement project.



# Bridge Improvements

THANK YOU!

REP. CATHY MCMORRIS RODGERS

▷ Recently advanced  
a \$3,978,000 request  
for Booker Road  
bridge in Adams  
County





# Bridge Improvements

**THANK YOU!**  
REP. DAN NEWHOUSE

- ▷ Consistent and reliable long-term support for the CBP
- ▷ Standing ready to support the counties



# State matching Federal Investments



State of Washington has committed to be a 20% cost share partner in current and future federal funding requests for bridge replacement.



# Bridge Improvements

**THANK YOU!**  
SEN. MARK SCHOESLER

▷ Senator Schoesler advanced \$4,150,000 for Grant and Adams Counties bridges to match federal appropriations





# Bridge Improvements

**THANK YOU!**  
SPECIAL SHOUTOUT TO

## District 9 Legislators

- ▷ Senator Mark Schoesler
- ▷ Representative Mary Dye
- ▷ Representative Joe Schmick

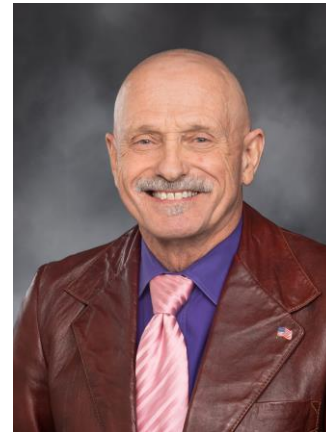


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## District 13 Legislators

- ▷ Senator Judy Warnick
- ▷ Representative Tom Dent
- ▷ Representative Alex Ybarra

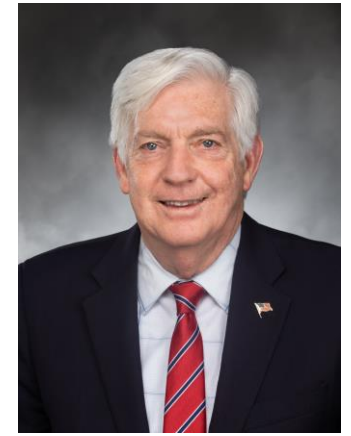


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## District 15 Legislators

- ▷ Senator Nikki Torres
- ▷ Representative Bryan Sandlin
- ▷ Representative Bruce Chandler





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THANK YOU!  
EVERYONE



# Conclusion

**Any questions?**

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