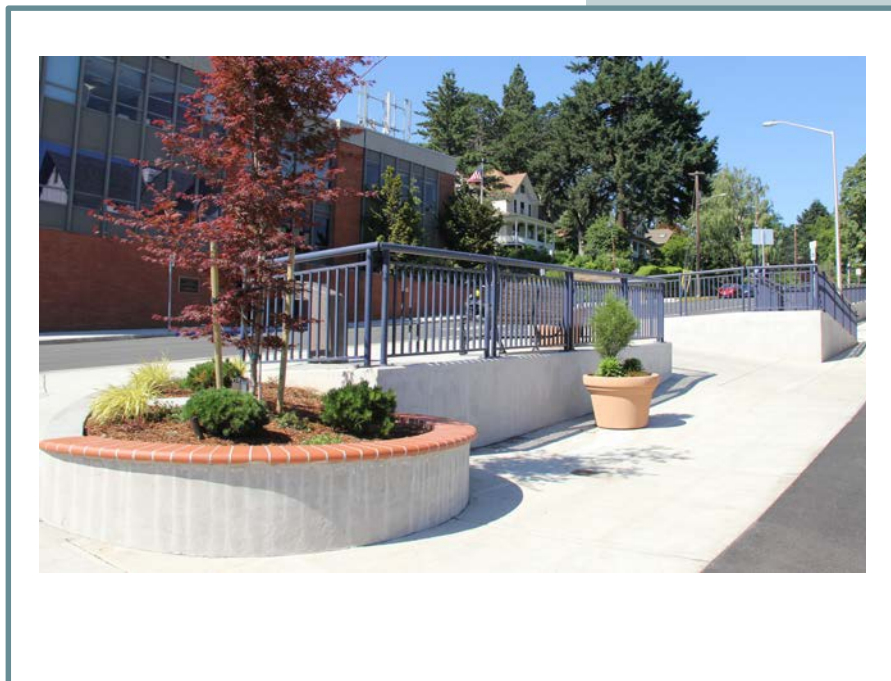


# Hood River Urban Renewal Agency State Street Renovation 2015



## Background

The State Street project includes upgrading of State Street, one of the main transportation routes through downtown Hood River, just one street south of Oak Street, the main street in the downtown. The project included a new road bed, paving, sidewalks, curbs, streetscape, replacing sewer and water lines and undergrounding utilities. The project also included a restroom facility in support of the Oregon Department of Transportation Columbia River Gorge bike route project, also known as the ODOT Bike Hub Project. The communities along the historic highway from Wood Village to The Dalles have banded together to develop a system of Gorge Hubs along the historic Columbia River Highway. By working together, the communities will leverage resources and ensure consistency along the corridor. The Gorge Hubs will provide a “visual handshake” of sorts for those who visit our communities whether they arrived by bike or plan on hiking our trails or exploring the beauty of the Columbia River Gorge by way of the historic Columbia River Highway.

## Funding/Leverage

- The total cost of the State Street project was \$5.7 million, 4.9 million in construction and the remainder in design work, all of which was funded through urban renewal
- Since this project is just completed, we will look to the future to see the impacts on the community.
- Installation of the restroom helps facilitate the ODOT Bike Hub Project.

## Community Benefits

- improved utility infrastructure to support businesses in the area
- improved transportation network including pedestrian facilities to support both businesses in the area, residents, and tourists
- support for shoppers and tourists by providing a restroom in the area
- cooperation with another government entity (ODOT) to help support the Historic Columbia River Highway and State Trail project.

