

# Burnside

**Opening Day:** May 28, 1926

(replacing the 1894 swing bridge)

**Structure Length:** (main spans, not including ramps): 788 ft.

**Who uses it?** The Burnside Bridge carries more than 40,000 vehicles each day and is designated as a lifeline route for emergencies. It is accessible to pedestrians, bicyclists and TriMet bus lines 12, 19 and 20.

**How does it open?** The Burnside Bridge has a double-leaf bascule draw span which swings upward to provide clearance for boat traffic.

**History:** The Burnside Bridge was built during the City Beautiful Movement which called for ornamentation to the engineering designs.

**Fun Fact:** The bascule engineer for the Burnside Bridge, Joseph Strauss went on to become the chief engineer of the Golden Gate Bridge in San Francisco.



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