

Hawthorne

Opening Day: December 19, 1910 (replacing the 1891 and 1900 Madison bridges).

Structure Length: (main spans, not including ramps): 1,383 ft.

Who uses it? The Hawthorne Bridge is accessible to pedestrians and bicyclists with 10 foot wide sidewalks on both sides of the bridge. Cars and TriMet bus lines also run across the 4-lane bridge.

How does it open? The Hawthorne Bridge uses a system of counterweights and cables to move the lift span straight up and down. The counterweights each weigh 450 tons and are supported by the bridge's two towers. The Hawthorne Bridge lift span can be raised 110 feet to allow ships to pass underneath. On average, an opening of the Hawthorne Bridge is 8 minutes long.

History: The original color for the bridge was black but it was painted a yellow ochre in 1964. During the renovation in 1998-99, it was re-painted green with red trim.



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