



In order to reduce vehicle conflicts and increase safety, new vehicle length restrictions are planned for the Historic Highway in spring 2020.

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Background

New length restriction on the Historic Highway in spring 2020

Vehicles over 35 feet restricted between Vista House and Ainsworth State Park.

Restriction applies to:

- Commercial vehicles
- Motorhomes/RVs/Campers.
- Tour buses.
- Vehicles pulling trailers or other vehicles/boats.
- Speciality equipment.

The Historic Columbia River Highway was built between 1916 and 1922. The highway was designed for the vehicle of the time, a Model T, much narrower and shorter than today's modern vehicles. Currently the Historic Highway is limited to vehicles under 50 feet, but even that length vehicle has trouble making turns while staying in their lane.

ODOT studied crash data, looked at the narrowest portions of the Historic Highway and studied how oversize vehicles navigate the roadway. When oversized vehicles meet at pinch points, significant congestion can occur as the vehicles block the roadway.

Questions or comments?

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Vehicle length restrictions on the Historic Highway

Increased safety with length restrictions

ODOT plans to restrict the Waterfall Zone of the Historic Highway to vehicles under 35 feet in length beginning spring 2020 to reduce vehicle conflicts and increase safety. This length restriction applies to all vehicles traveling between Vista House and Ainsworth State Park, including motorhomes and vehicles towing other vehicles.

Vehicles over 35 feet can continue east to Portland Women's Forum, but cannot access Vista House.

Vehicles with a total length over 35 feet must use Interstate 84 once the restrictions are in place beginning spring 2020. Access to Multnomah Falls will be through I-84 Exit 31 for all vehicles over 35 feet.

Residents and business within the restriction area should contact ODOT for more information.

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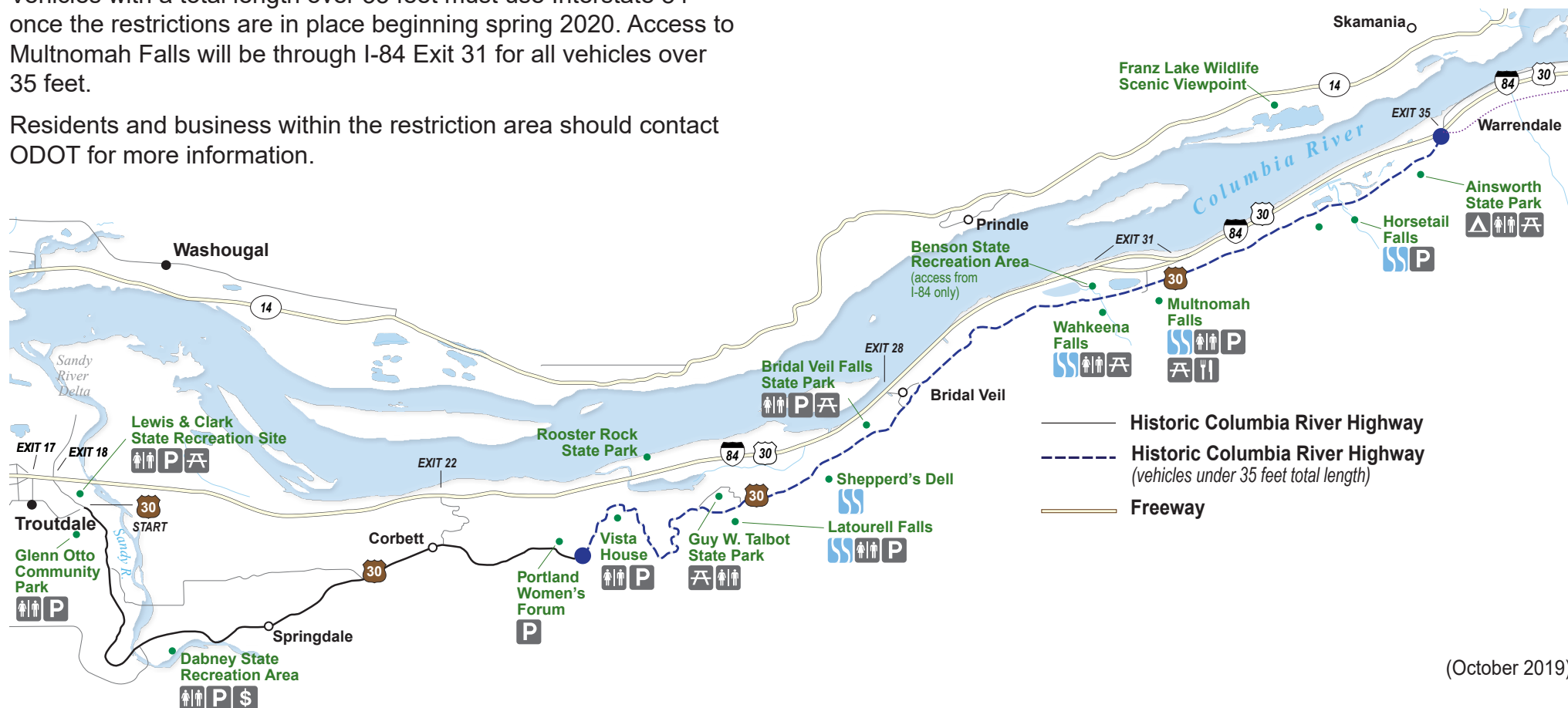
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Why

This restriction will increase safety by reducing the amount of vehicles crossing into oncoming traffic lanes around tight curves and narrow pinch points on the highway.

Restricting length on the Historic Highway was a project identified as a key near-term recommendation in the multi-agency Historic Columbia River Highway Congestion and Transportation Safety Improvement Plan.



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