



Jeff Gamble accepts an award.

A Ceremony to Celebrate Community Leaders Honoring Remarkable Individuals and Their Spirits

In a heartwarming event, The New Portland Coalition of Care The Rivers Way recently took the opportunity to honor and express gratitude to some exceptional community servants. These individuals have tirelessly contributed to the betterment of our community, and their efforts were duly recognized on a joyous occasion last Saturday.

Among the esteemed honorees were Jeff Gamble, Johnny Bradford, Mark Washington, Regina Williams, and Lucinda Baldwin. Each of them has played a crucial role in shaping the community positively through their dedication and hard work.

A special highlight of the event was the presentation of the prestigious Golden Egg Award to Mrs. Carol Walden. Mrs. Walden was acknowledged for her outstanding and continuous contributions to the community over the years. Her unwavering commitment and the incredible impact of her work have left an indelible mark on the hearts of the community members.

The ceremony was not only a moment to honor these remarkable individuals but also an opportunity for the community to come together and celebrate the spirit of unity and service. The New Portland Coalition Of Care The Rivers Way extends its sincere thanks to all the honorees for their selfless contributions, making our community a better place for everyone.

As we continue to recognize and appreciate the efforts of those who go above and beyond for the greater good, let us be inspired by their example and work together to build a stronger, more caring community.

A Modern Connection for a Growing Community



From left to right: Curtis Robinhold, Executive Director, Port of Portland; Matt Ransom, Executive Director, Southwest Washington Regional Transportation Council; Roger Millar, Secretary of Transportation, Washington State Department of Transportation; Anne McEnery-Ogle, City of Vancouver Mayor; Lynn Peterson, Oregon Metro President; Mingus Mapps, City of Portland Commissioner; Oregon Gov. Tina Kotek; Washington Gov. Jay Inslee; U.S. Secretary of Transportation Pete Buttigieg; Shawn Donaghy, Chief Executive Officer, C-TRAN; Julianna Marler, Chief Executive Officer, Port of Vancouver; Sam Desue, General Manager, TriMet; Eric Holmes, City of Vancouver City Manager; Kris Strickler, Director, Oregon Department of Transportation; and Greg Johnson, Program Administrator, Interstate Bridge Replacement program.

Interstate 5 provides a critical connection between Oregon and Washington that supports local jobs and families, and is a vital trade route for regional, national and international economies. Beyond the concrete and steel of the existing bridge is a thriving background of scenic views, natural systems and a rich history of our region's national heritage. How the bridge replacement is developed will have an impact on the character and health of our communities and natural environment. The IBR program is committed to promoting the best ways to minimize, avoid and mitigate the impacts of replacing and operating this key connection within our community. Replacing the again Interstate Bridge

across the Columbia River with a modern, seismically resilient, multimodal structure that provides improved mobility for people and services is a high priority for Oregon and Washington.

Recognizing that regional transportation issues and necessary improvements to the Interstate Bridge remain unaddressed, both Washington and Oregon have dedicated a combined \$90 million for initial planning work as of March 2022. The IBR program is leveraging work from previous planning efforts where appropriate and updating prior studies to integrate new data, regional changes in transportation, land use and demographic conditions and public input to inform program development work.



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