



Beverly Bridge Rehabilitation Project



Historic background

Spanning the Columbia River south of Vantage, the spectacular, half-mile long Beverly Bridge was built as part of the westward expansion of the Chicago, Milwaukee, St. Paul, and Pacific Railroad, and a major engineering feat of its day. Completed in 1909, it represented a bold confidence in the future of the country and the Pacific Northwest. The bridge was listed on the National Register of Historic Places after the route was closed in 1980.



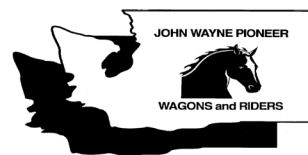
Cross State Trail

Today the route of the Milwaukee Railroad is owned by the State of Washington as the 285 mile long Palouse to Cascades Trail, representing an effort by conservation, recreation, and preservation advocates to create a statewide trail system. The bridge, closed for safety concerns, is the pivotal missing piece connecting east and west.



The Project

Washington State Governor Inslee has proposed \$5,146,000 toward the Department of Archeology and Historic Preservation (DAHP) in the 2019-2021 State Budget for rehabilitation of this significant structure. Opening the Beverly Bridge for non motorized use enjoys broad public support, including many statewide and national organizations interested in recreation, historic preservation, and revitalization of rural communities. Rehabilitation of the Beverly Bridge represents a critical investment in Washington State tourism, continuing to enrich the lives of Washingtonians.



For more information, go to
Washington Trust for Historic Preservation at PreserveWa.org
Palouse to Cascades Trail Coalition at PalousetoCascadesTrail.org