



Vancouver-Portland Interstate Bridge

looking southwest



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detail of vertical lift, looking  
southwest



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Vancouver-Portland Interstate Bridge

north portal





Vancouver-Portland Interstate Bridge  
detail of railing

THE COLUMBIA RIVER INTERSTATE BRIDGE  
BUILT BY THE PEOPLE OF CLARKE COUNTY  
WASHINGTON AND MULTNOMAH COUNTY OREGON  
UNDER DIRECTION OF THE COLUMBIA RIVER  
INTERSTATE BRIDGE COMMISSION, RUFUS C.  
HOLMAN, CHAIRMAN, COMMISSIONERS FOR  
CLARKE COUNTY, A. RAWSON, CHAIRMAN, W. S.  
LINDSAY, JOHN B. KIGGINS, COMMISSIONERS  
FOR MULTNOMAH COUNTY, W. LIGHTNER,  
CHAIRMAN, PHILO HOIBROOK, RUFUS C. HOLMAN,  
THE GOVERNOR OF OREGON, LEGAL ADVISERS  
WALTER H. EVANS, JAMES O. BLAIR, CON-  
STRUCTION BEGAN MARCH 1915, COMPLETED  
JANUARY 1917.

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Plaque, north portal

"THEREFORE WHEN WE BUILD, LET US THINK THAT WE BUILD FOREVER. LET IT NOT BE FOR PRESENT DELIGHT, NOR FOR PRESENT USE ALONE, LET IT BE SUCH WORK AS OUR DESCENDANTS WILL THANK US FOR; AND LET US THINK, AS WE LAY STONE ON STONE, THAT A TIME IS TO COME WHEN THOSE STONES WILL BE HELD SACRED BECAUSE OUR HANDS HAVE TOUCHED THEM, AND THAT MEN WILL SAY AS THEY LOOK UPON THE LABOR AND WROUGHT SUBSTANCE OF THEM, 'SEE! THIS OUR FATHERS DID FOR US:'"

RUSKIN.

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Plaque, north portal

1915

THIS BRIDGE IS DEDICATED TO THE  
CITIZENS OF OREGON AND WASHINGTON BY  
WHOM ITS ERECTION WAS ORDAINED. IT WAS  
CONCEIVED OF THEIR VISION, ITS FOUNDA-  
TIONS ARE LAID UPON THEIR SACRIFICE,  
THE SPIRITUAL HERITAGE OF COURAGE, FAITH,  
AND HIGH ENDEAVOR BEQUEATHED TO THIS  
GENERATION BY THE PIONEERS WHO WRESTED  
FROM THE WILDERNESS THESE WIDE AND FRUIT-  
FUL LANDS, IS BUILT INTO ITS MEMBERS  
OF STONE AND STEEL AND HERE HANDED DOWN  
TO THE GENERATIONS THAT COME AFTER.

1917

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THE COLUMBIA RIVER INTERSTATE BRIDGE  
DESIGNED AND BUILT UNDER DIRECTION OF  
JOHN LYLE HARRINGTON, KANSAS CITY, MO.  
WADDELL & HARRINGTON (NOW DISSOLVED) LOUIS  
R. ASH & ERNEST E. HOWARD, CONSULTING  
ENGINEERS. F. M. CORTELYOU, RESIDT. ENGR.

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STANDARD AMERICAN DREDGING COMPANY,  
PAVEMENTS, WARREN CONSTRUCTION COMPANY.

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