



# SR 433, LEWIS & CLARK BRIDGE PAINTING

## Frequently Asked Questions

### **What will this project do?**

It will clean and paint all the steel sections of bridge above and below the deck.

### **Why is this project necessary?**

The Lewis and Clark Bridge was last painted in 1984. The paint provides a protective coating for the steel on the bridge. Over the last 20 years, the paint has started to wear off, which allows moisture to corrode and rust the exposed steel. This project will help prevent rust or corrosion from weakening the bridge.

### **Why didn't WSDOT paint the bridge while the deck was being replaced in 2002-2004?**

During the deck replacement project, the contractor did apply the first primer coat of paint to all the steel beams located under the deck. It was impossible to paint the entire bridge at the same time deck panels were being replaced because of the short, 8-hour work window available to the contractor each night.

### **How much will this project cost?**

Approximately \$15-20 million.

### **How is it being paid for?**

Washington and Oregon will split the cost of the project evenly. Washington is paying for their half of the project using mainly federal funding in addition to a small amount of state funding.

### **What color will the new paint be?**

Steel Grey (the same color the bridge is now).

### **Why can't it be another color?**

Steel Grey has been the historic color of the bridge. It will remain the same to help preserve its historic integrity.

### **How will WSDOT prevent old paint chips or new liquid paint from falling into the Columbia River or polluting the air?**

The project contractor is required to design a containment system to protect the environment during all cleaning and painting activities.