Flicker: Groundbreaking Event

Crowd Gather for WRB Event

Folks talk among themselves while waiting for the Willamette River Bridge groundbreaking event to begin.

Large Turnout for WRB Event

A large crowd turned out for the Willamette River Bridge groundbreaking event.
Senator Wyden talks to the crowd during the Willamette River Bridge groundbreaking event.

People listen to the speakers during the Willamette River Bridge groundbreaking event.
Congressman DeFazio speaks to the crowd during the Willamette River Bridge groundbreaking event.

Officials wait for their turn at the podium during the Willamette River Bridge groundbreaking event.
Esther Stutzman

Esther Stutzman is with the Kalapuia Tribe.

Breaking Ground

Officials break ground for the Willamette River Bridge project on Interstate 5 in Eugene.
The Oregon Department of Transportation hosted a groundbreaking event on Aug. 11, 2009 for the Willamette River Bridge project on Interstate 5 in Eugene.

VIPs

Rep. DeFazio (center) discusses the project with ODOT Director Matt Garrett (right). Sen. Wyden looks on.
Congressman Peter DeFazio speaks at the groundbreaking event for the Willamette River Bridge project on I-5 in Eugene.

Sen. Ron Wyden speaks at the groundbreaking event for the Willamette River Bridge project on I-5 in Eugene.
Turning the Dirt

Officials turn ceremonial shovelsful of dirt for the groundbreaking event for the Willamette River Bridge project on Interstate 5 in Eugene.