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Willamette River Bridge

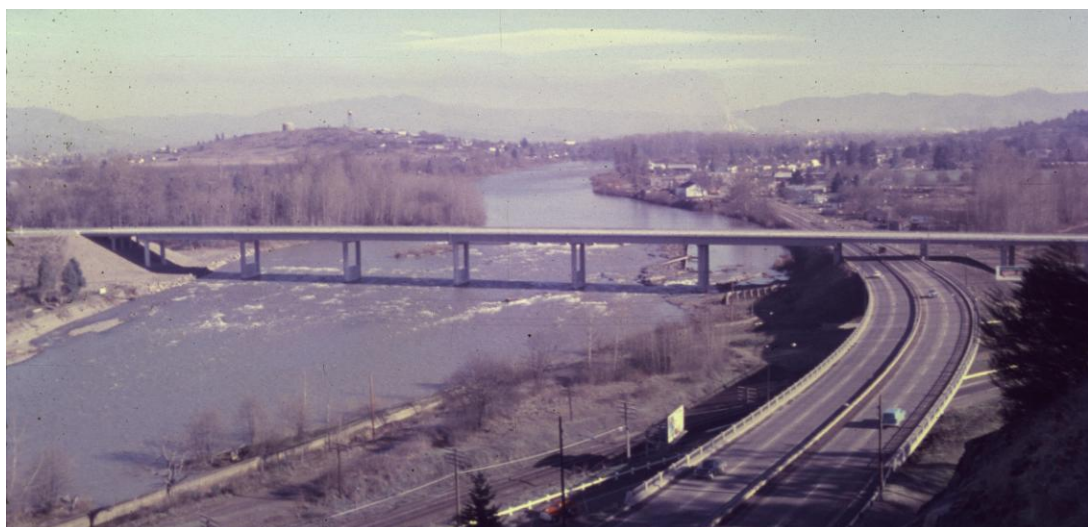
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1961 ribbon cutting

Construction of the original Interstate 5 Willamette River Bridge was completed nearly 50 years ago. Here are some pictures from the original ribbon cutting.



On a foggy December morning in 1961, the bridge was opened to traffic. Lane County District Court Clerk Marjorie Hansen (left) did the honors at the ribbon-cutting ceremony (below), which was attended by Gov. Mark Hatfield (in white coat) and other city and county elected officials.



Above is a picture of the original bridge under construction (left) and after completion (right).

Photos provided by retired ODOT employee Kenneth Lodewick.