

Naming Ceremony Photos



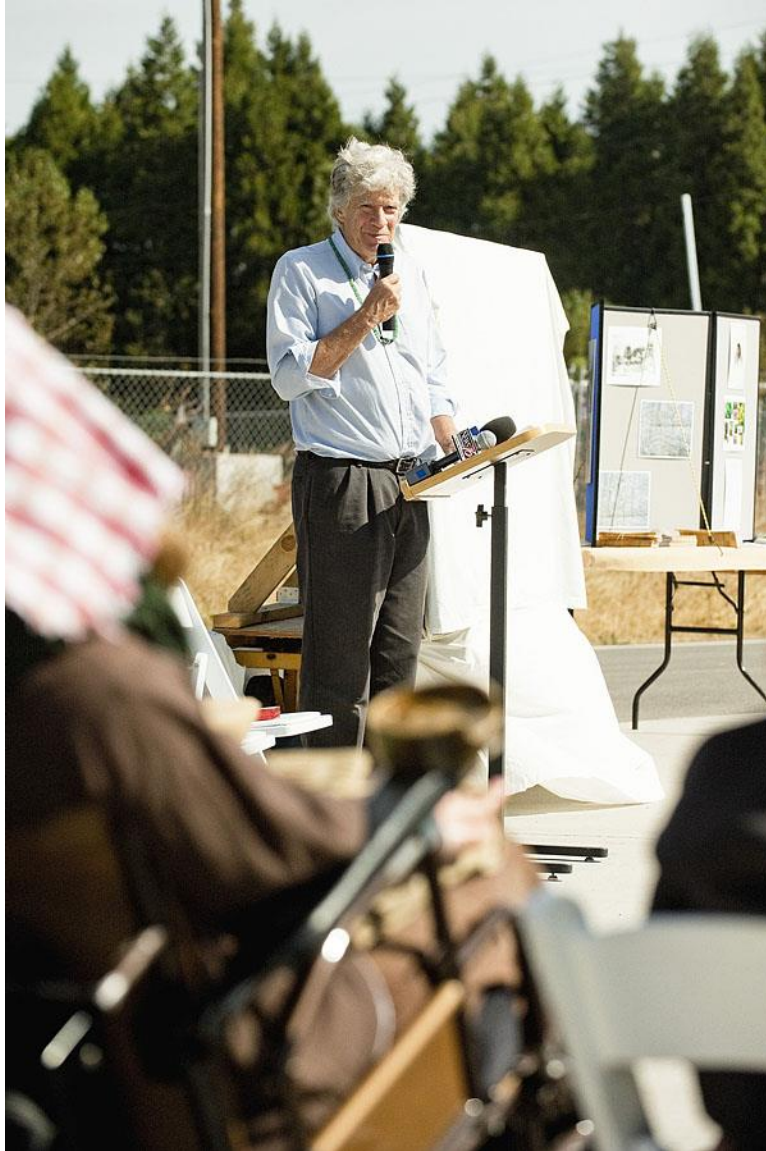






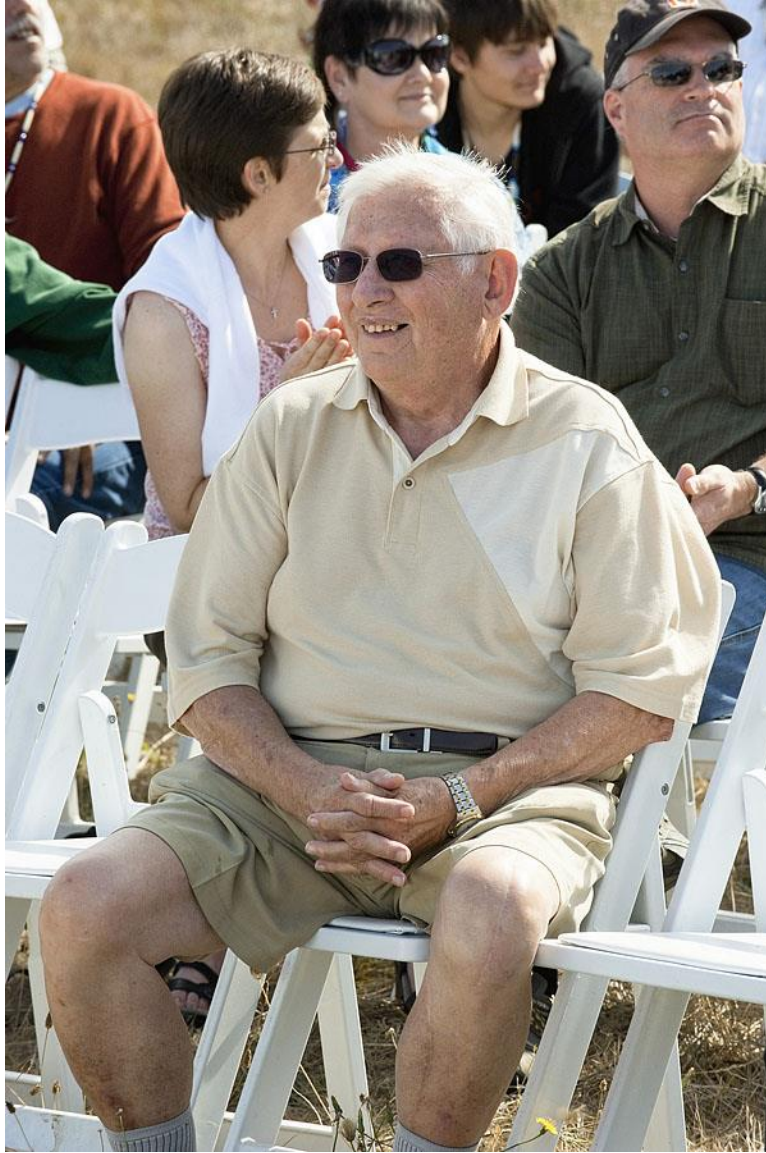






























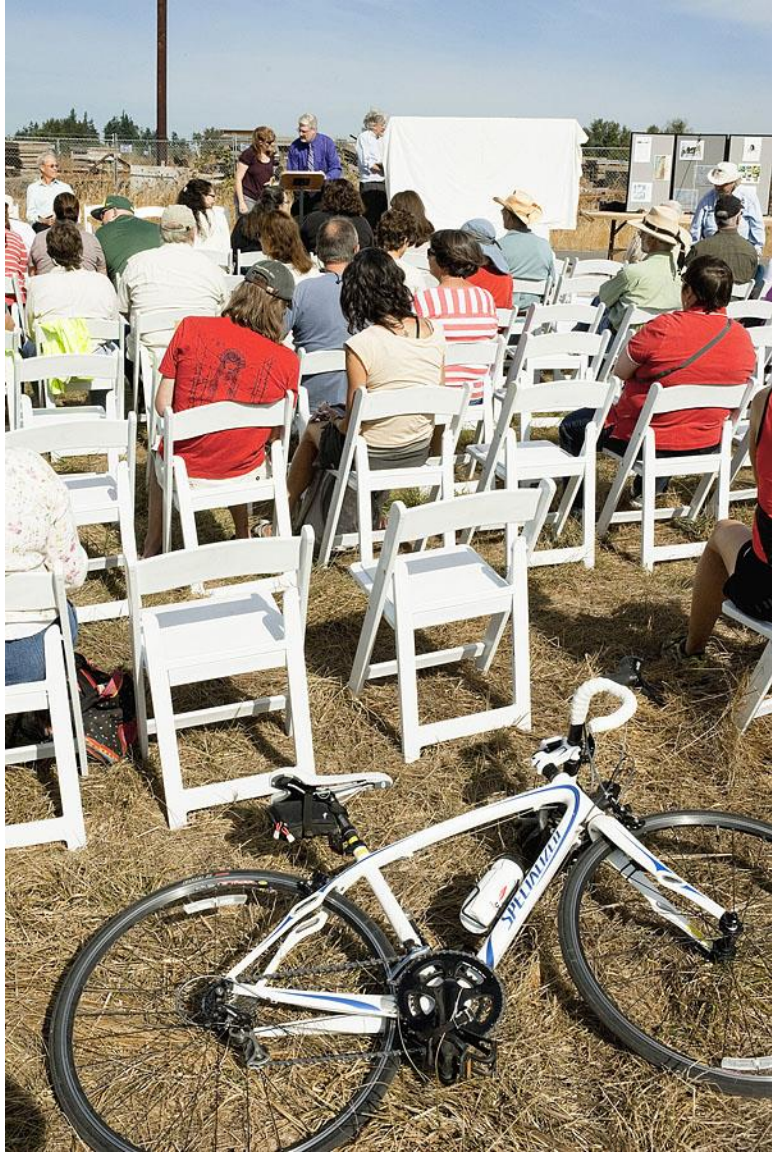


























PROCLAMATION
STATE OF OREGON

WHEREAS: The State of Oregon, through the Oregon Department of Transportation, is constructing a new signature bridge where Interstate 5 crosses the Willamette River in Eugene-Oregonville, and

WHEREAS: A goal of the department is to design and construct bridges that are sensitive to the landscape, preserve local history, and reflect cultural and community values; and

WHEREAS: The new bridge lies within the boundaries of the Willamut Natural Area of John Baker Park, also named in honor of the area's first indigenous people, the Kalapuya Tribe; and

WHEREAS: A principle objective of the Willamut Natural Area is to illustrate and teach park visitors about the many historic and cultural contributions of the Kalapuya Tribe; and

WHEREAS: "Willamut" in the Kalapuya language means "where the river ripples and runs fast;" and

WHEREAS: The department has adopted the theme of Willamut Passage in designing and constructing elements of the new bridge to reflect the importance of the area as a historic river crossing; and

WHEREAS: The department is procuring and installing aesthetic design enhancements, both in the Willamut Natural Area and along Interstate 5, that reflect the Willamut Passage theme by illustrating the art and culture of the Kalapuya Tribe and local history for the enjoyment of future generations; and

WHEREAS: The Oregon Department of Transportation seeks to further acknowledge and honor the historic and cultural significance of the Kalapuya Tribe as the first occupants of the Willamut Natural Area.

NOW THEREFORE: I, Sonny Chickering, Oregon Department of Transportation Region 2 manager, hereby proclaim the official name of the new bridge carrying Interstate 5 over the Willamette River to be the

Willamut Passage Bridge

in honor of the rich historic and cultural contributions of the Kalapuya Tribe to this region.

In witness whereof, I hereunto set my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Oregon to be affixed on this

25th day of September, 2012.

Sonny P.A. Chickering
Sonny P.A. Chickering, ODOT Region 2 Manager







