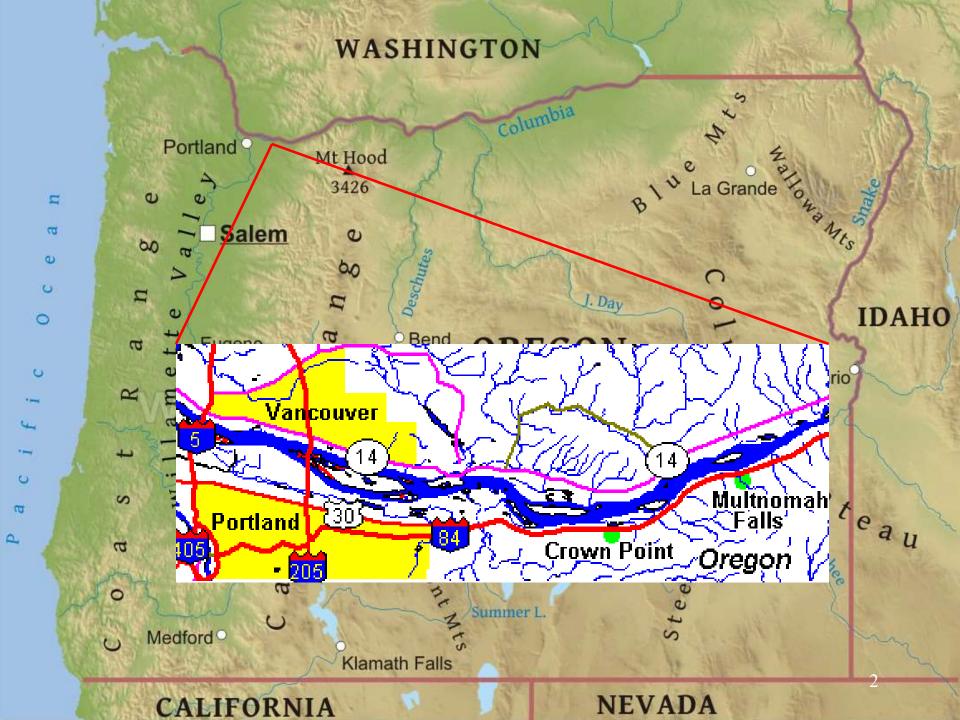
# Multnomah Falls Parking Management System

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### Background

- No. 1 tourist destination in the state
  - 2 million visitors per year
- Columbia Gorge National Scenic Area
- ODOT Interstate freeway and parking lot
- Forest Service Falls Area
- Vendor Lodge





#### Problem

- Vehicles queuing on exit ramp extending onto Interstate freeway
- Dispatching ODOT maintenance to close ramp (delayed response)
- Capacity of parking both freeway and old highway
  - Demand greatly exceeds capacity
  - Unfamiliar drivers

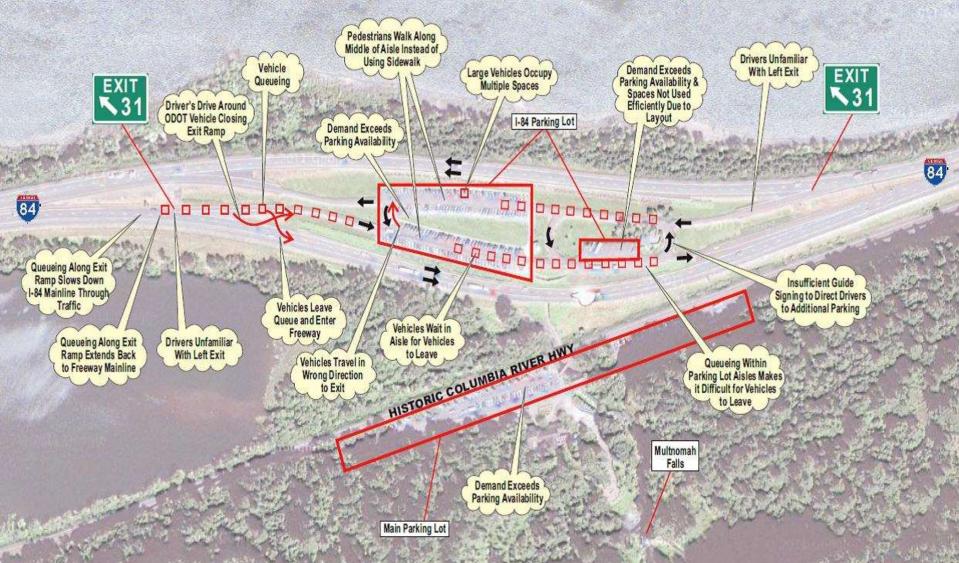
## Contributing Factors

- Direct freeway access to/from parking lot
- Parking lot over capacity
  - Limited to 186 spaces
- Left side exit/entrance
- Substandard left shoulder (4 feet)
- Short off ramp eastbound
- High speed
  - Posted speed 65 mph

#### Crash information

- Last 10 years 47 crashes
  - 70% eastbound
- 14 Injury crashes eastbound
  - 16 separate injuries
- 3 Injury crashes westbound

#### Columbia River



#### Previous Operations

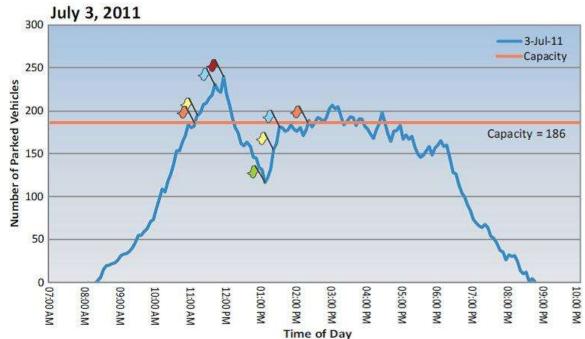
- State Police
  - Observes back up onto freeway and notifies ODOT
- ODOT
  - Maintenance forces (13 miles away)
     respond and close exit ramp











#### **LEGEND**

- Parking Lot Reaches Capacity
- Queue Forms on Exit Ramp but not onto I-84
- Queue Reaches I-84
- ODOT Closes Exit Ramp
- ODOT Opens Exit Ramp

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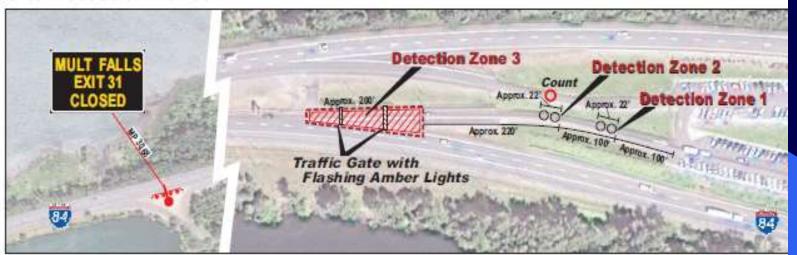
Figure

Multnomah Falls Traffic/ Parking Management System RELATIONSHIP OF PARKING OCCUPANCY TO RAMP QUEUE AND CLOSURES

Source: Data from 24-hour tube count on July 2 & July 3, 2011, Quality Counts

### Concept of Operations

#### Site Detection Zones





Detection Zone 1 is used to identify initial vehicle queuing along the exit ramp.

Detection Zone 2 is used to confirm vehicle queuing along the exit ramp and count vehicles entering the parking Detection Zone 3 is used to ensure that the gate closure zone is not occupied so that the gates can safely close.

Count Detectors are used to count vehicles entering and exiting the parking lot.

#### Concept of Operations

#### Criteria for Closing the Gate System

Logical Test Scenario	Test Result										
	Α	В	С	D	E	F	G	Н	1	J	K
Does parking occupancy exceed minimum threshold?	No	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Does parking occupancy exceed maximum threshold?	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes						
Is detection zone 1 occupied?	No	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes
Is detection zone 2 occupied?	No	No	Yes	No	No	Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes	Yes
Gate Closure System Response	Do Nothing	Do Nothing	Do Nothing	Do Nothing	Do Nothing	Do Nothing	Activate System	Activate System	Activate System	Activate System	Activate System

Scenarios A, B, C: typical off-season or off-peak conditions; low volume, low parking occupancy. Queuing on ramp indicates stuck detector or stalled/parked vehicle in one of the ramp detection zones. System will not be activated for any scenario that does not meet the minimum parking occupancy threshold.

Scenarios D, E, F, G: parking occupancy is above minimum threshold, but below maximum threshold. Indicates mid-level volumes and occupancy is nearing the threshold. Queuing on ramps within this threshold indicates vehicles are likely waiting for stalls to open in the south parking lot.

Scenarios H, I, J, K: typical busy season, high volume, high parking occupancy, queuing on the ramp and I-84 is imminent.

### **Proposed Project**



\*\*\*\* Proposed Guardrall

- Proposed Flashing Amber Warning Light

- Proposed Variable Message Sign

- Proposed Gale Closure Detector Zone

-Existing Sign Bridge Support

- Proposed Control Cabinet

with Flaining Ambor Lights

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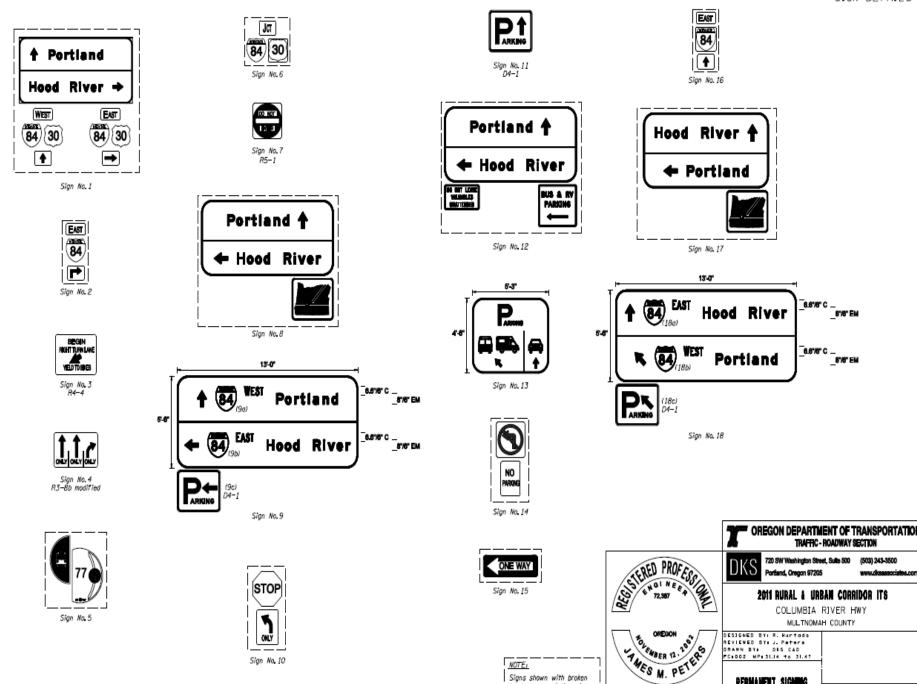
- Proposed Traffic Gate

PROPOSED SYSTEM

**FIELD DEVICES** 

### Physical Improvements

- Improved parking lot signing
- Illumination upgrade
- Parking management system
  - Vehicle counters
    - Entrance and exit loops, reset daily
  - CCTV cameras
  - Advance automated signing
  - Gate system



Signs shown with broken

borders are existing signs.

EXPIRES: DEC. 31, 2012

PERMANENT SIGNING

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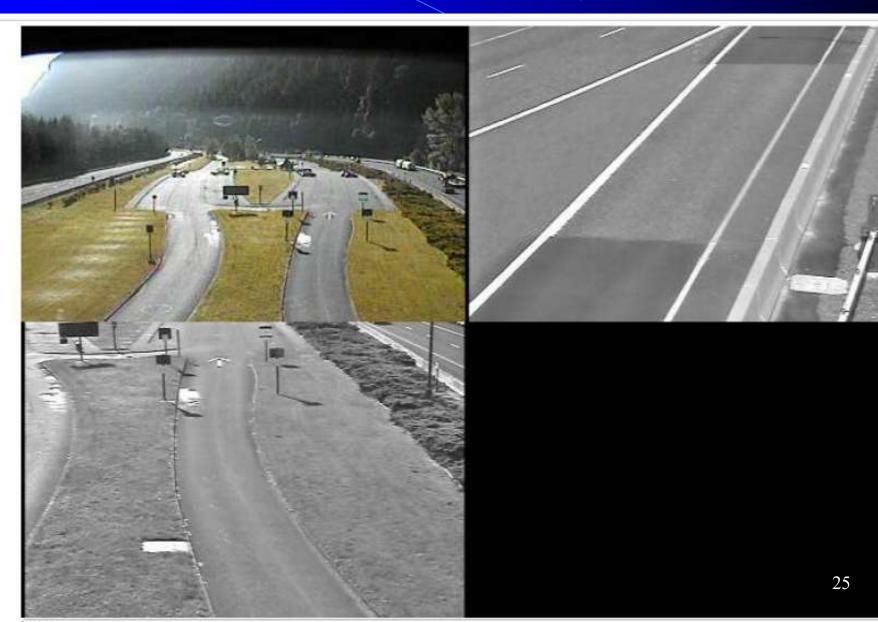
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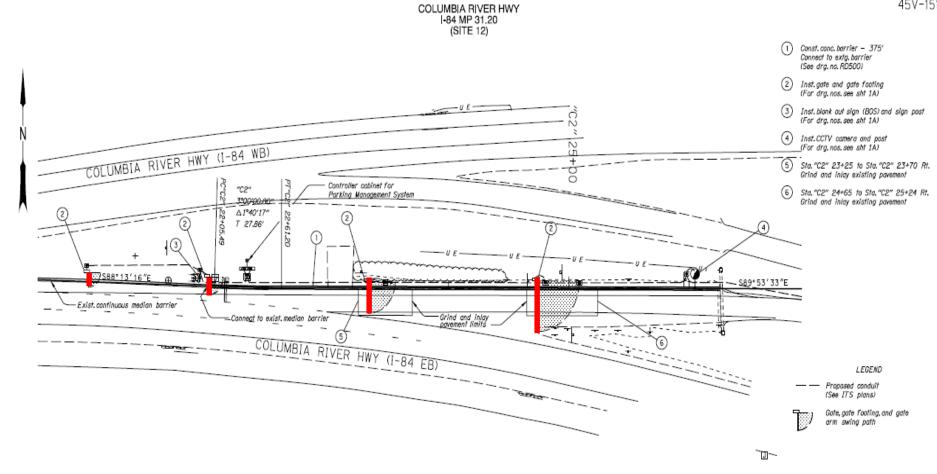
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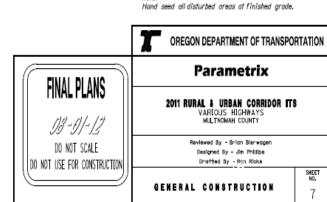
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# Camera Images











#### Central Software

- Informational signing leaving Portland
  - 14 miles prior to exit

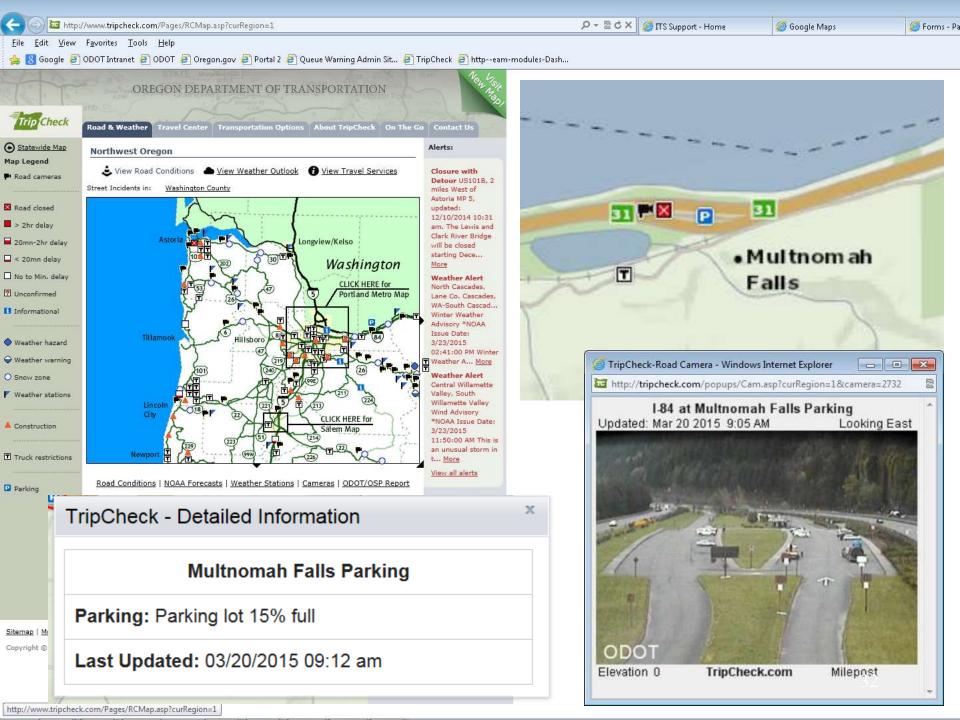
Notifications on TripCheck



#### Central Software

Informational signing leaving Portland

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# Design

- ITS Cabinet
- Gate Design
- ATC and Firmware
- System Software

### Cabinet – Front View



## Cabinet Layout

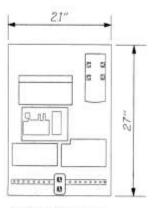
- Left Side Pushbutton panel, relays, terminal blocks, and circuit breaker panel.
   Manual control of gates for use by maintenance staff and electricians.
- Right Side Controller, detection, etc.

# Cabinet – Rear View

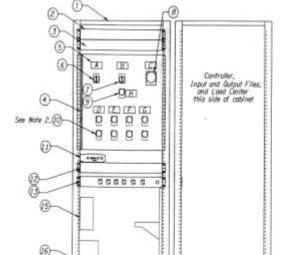


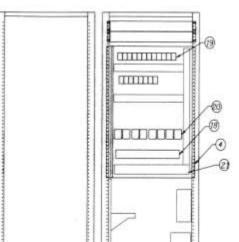
### Cabinet - ITS Side

	NAMEPLATE SCHEDULE
LETTER	ENGRAVING
A	AUTO/WANUAL/OFF
B	SIGNS ON/OFF
C	E-STOP
0	GATE 1
£	GATE 2
F	GATE 3
G	GATE 4
H	BENSON SIGN ON



Remate Processing Unit (RPU)



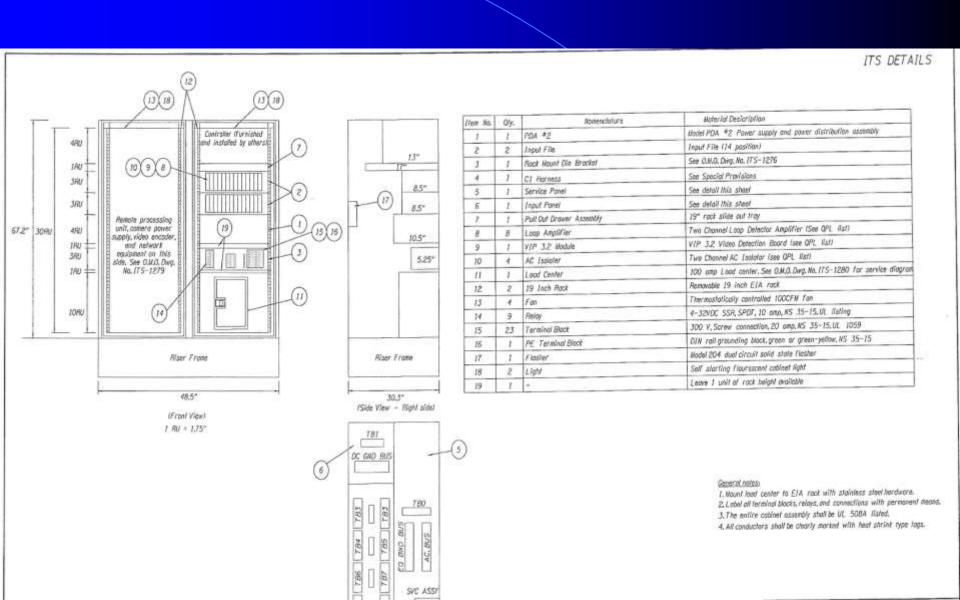


			WATERIAL/PARTS LIST
TEM	CTY	MOMENCLATURE	MATERIAL DESCRIPTION
1	As Rea.	ElA Rock	See Special Provisions.
2	1	Network Router	State Furnished and installed, Leave 2" of root height available.
3	1	Network Switch	State furnished and Installed, Leave 2" of rook height available,
4	2.	Backplane	Aluminum, Continuous piono hinge left side, Swings forward.
5	8	Nameplate	"Me" thick lominated plastic stock with white surface and black lettering
5	1	Switch	Three position selector switch, 30mm, with legend plate, 120V.
7	1	Switch	Two position selector switch, 30mm, with legend plate, 120V.
8	1	Emergency Stop Pushbutton	Two position push pull button, 30mm, red, with legend plate, 120V.
9	1	PNot Light	30mm, oil tight, 120V, green
10	8	Pushbuffon	30mm, sii fight, spring return, with legend plate, 120V
11	1	Video Encoder	See Special Provisions.
12	7.	Shelf/Tray	19" rock slide out troy,
13	1	Power Strip	19" rack mountable, 12 NEWA 5-20R outlets, 120VAC, TU height.
14	1.	Remote Processing Unit (RPU)	State Furnished, Contractor to mount in cobinet, OCCF will wire inputs.
15	1	DSL Demorpation	Provided by Telco, Contractor to coordinate mounting.
16	1.	Comera Power Supply	See Special Pravisions
17	1	Receptocle	General purpose, 5-20R, duplex, ivory, 120V, UL 498, 3 wire
18	As Reg.	Terminal Blocks	600V, Mock, berrier, rell, end. clamp, UL. 1059.
19	20	Relay	120V AC coil, SPOT, DIN rail mount, 10A contact rating, UL. listing.
20	8	Motor Contactor	Magnetic contractor, NEWA 43, sized per gate motor supplied
21	As Requ	Cable Management	Plastic, flexible fingers, dual hinged cover, wall report.

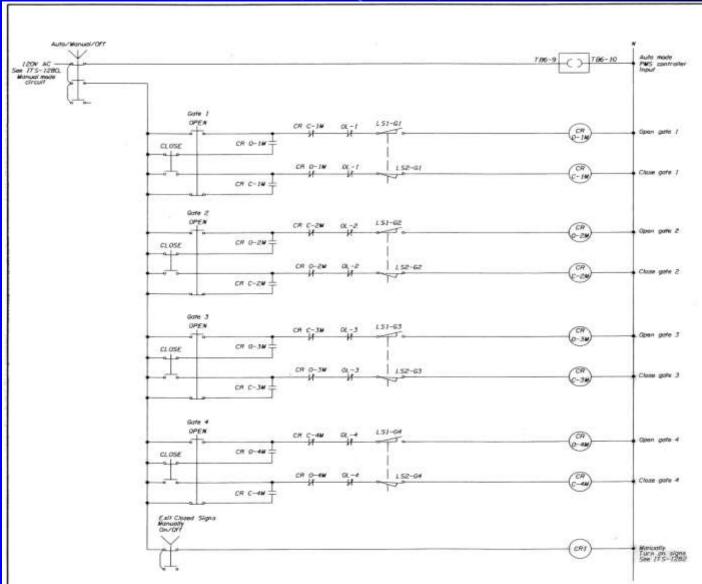
- 1. Namepiate text height shall be 1/4" minimum on plastic engraving.
- 2. Text shall be "OPEN" and "CLOSE" for pushbuffor legend plate.
- 3. Mount RPU backplane to ETA rack with stainless steel hardware.
- 4, "Open" pushbuffons shall be directly above "Close" pushbuffons.
- 5. The entire cobiner assembly shall be I/L. 508A listed. Submit to the Engineer product cutsheets, panel layout drawings, and wiring diagrams for approval prior to fabrication.
- 6. Cobinet layout may change due to dimensions of the parts supplied by the Contractor.
- 7. U.L. panel shop shall demonstrate manual functionality of the cabinet to the Engineer prior to installation in the field, Contractor shall coordinate with the Engineer on a time at least Z weeks in advance of festing,
- B. All conductors shall be clearly marked with heat strink type tags. Label on the conductors shall match the wiring diagram provided by the
- 9. Label all terminal blocks, relays, and motor contactors with permanent means, Lobeling shall match the construction drawings and the drawings submitted by the UE panel shop.

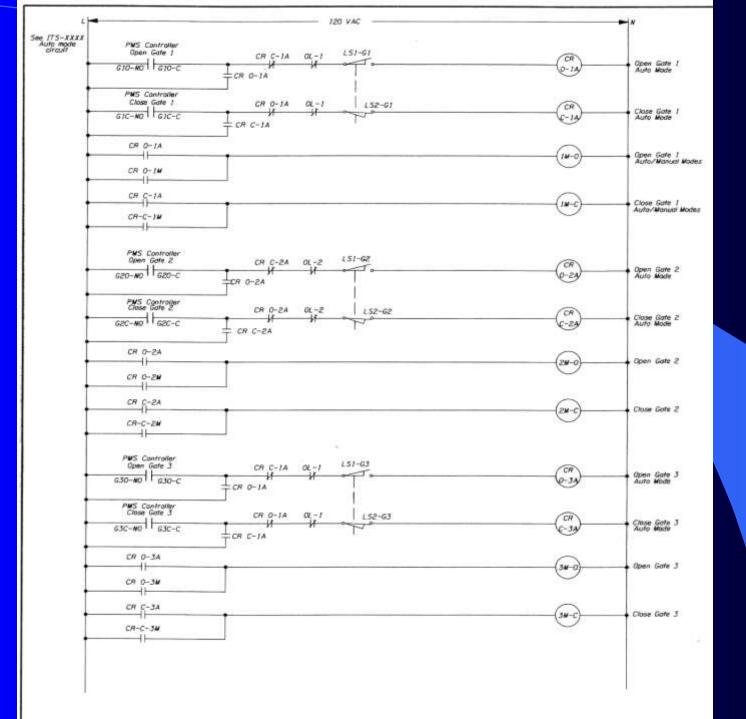


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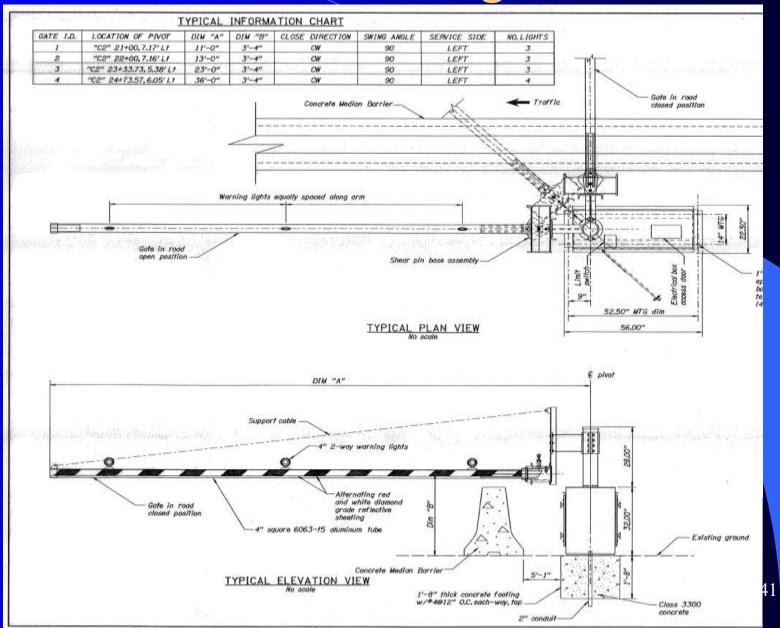


# Wiring Diagrams





# Gate Design



# ATC Firmware General Status Screen



# Home Manual Mobile ☐ Front Panel Emulator ☐ Status ☐ General Status

- Object Status and Alarms
   Manual Control
  - Input & Output Status
- ⊕ 🗀 Controller
- 🗉 🗎 Administration

#### Main Status

Operational Me	de Capacity	Percent Full	Cars in Lot	Lock Time	Lock Time Remaining	Status	Close Threshold	Open Threshold
Cabinet	150	0	0	300	0	Unknown	90	70

#### **Gate Status**

Gate ID	Description	Status	Open Fail Time	Close Fail Time	Detection	Open Switch	Closed Switch
1	Gate 1 - upstream	Unknown	20	20			
2	Gate 2	Unknown	20	20			
3	Gate 3	Unknown	20	20			
4	Gate 4 - downstream	Unknown	20	20			

#### **Exit Sign Status**

Exit Sign ID	Description	Position	Lag Time	Lag Time Left
1	Blank Out Exit Sign	Off	30	0

#### Queue Status

Queue ID	Description	Status	Time to Queue	<b>Queued Duration</b>	Detection	
1	Zone 1	Not Queued	10.0	0		
2	Zone 2	Not Queued	10.0	0		

#### **Detector Status**

			1					2					3											
Detector	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24
Occupied																								
Alarms	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•										

Figure 2: ATC Web Interface General Status

### Input Screen



#### Home Manual Mobile Front Panel Emulator 🖃 🧻 Status General Status □ 📵 Object Status and Alarms Gate Exit Sign Queue Detector Manual Control Input & Output Status 🖃 🥘 Controller System Parameters Manual Count Adjustment Gate Configuration Exit Sign Configuration Queue Configuration Detector Configuration ☐ ☐ Advanced IO IO Modules Input Points

Output Points

Administration

#### Input Points

IO Module: 1 ▼

io module:					
Input Point	Desc	ription	Input Control Type		Index
1	C1	-39	vehicleDetectorCall	•	1
2	C1	-40	vehicleDetectorCall	•	11
3	C1	-41	gateOpenStatus	•	1
4	C1	-42	gateOpenStatus	•	3
5	C1	-43	vehicleDetectorCall	•	2
6	C1	-44	vehicleDetectorCall	•	12
7	C1	-45	gateClosedStatus	•	1
8	C1	-46	gateClosedStatus	•	3
9	C1	-47	vehicleDetectorCall	•	5
10	C1	-48	vehicleDetectorCall	•	7
11	C1	-49	notActive	•	0
12	C1	-50	notActive	•	0
13	C1	-51	notActive	•	0
14	C1	-52	notActive	•	0
15	C1	-53	notActive	•	0
16	C1	-54	notActive	•	0
17	C1	-55	vehicleDetectorCall	•	10
18	C1	-56	vehicleDetectorCall	•	9
19	C1	-57	vehicleDetectorCall	•	8
20	C1	-58	vehicleDetectorCall	•	6
21	C1	-59	notActive	•	0
22	C1	-60	modeAutoSwitch	•	1
23	C1	-61	notActive	•	0
24	C1	-62	blankOutSignStatus	•	1
25	C11	1-10	notActive	•	0
26	C1	1-11	notActive	•	0
27	C11	1-12	notActive	•	0
28	C11	1-13	notActive	•	0
29	C1	-63	vehicleDetectorCall	•	3
30	C1	-64	vehicleDetectorCall	•	13
31	C1	-65	gateOpenStatus	•	2
32	C1	-66	gateOpenStatus	•	4



Next

### Main Control Screen



#### Home Manual Mobile Front Panel Emulator ☐ ☐ Status General Status Gate Exit Sign Queue Detector Manual Control Input & Output Status ☐ ☐ Controller System Parameters Manual Count Adjustment Gate Configuration Exit Sign Configuration **Queue Configuration** Detector Configuration ☐ ☐ Advanced IO □ ☐ Cabinet Configuration IO Modules Input Points Output Points Administration

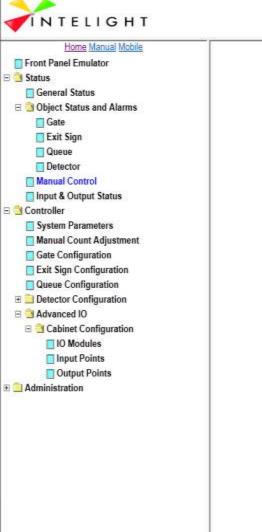
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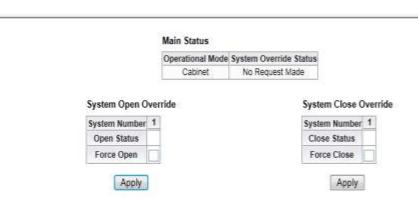
Operational Mode	Manual	•
Lot Capacity	186	
Min Closed Time	300	
Lot Close Threshold	90	
Lot Open Threshold	70	



### Manual Control Screen







#### Gate Status

Gate ID	Description	Status	Open Fail Time	Close Fail Time	Detection	Open Switch	Closed Switch
1	Gate 1 - upstream	Unknown	20	20			
2	Gate 2	Unknown	20	20			
3	Gate 3	Unknown	20	20			
4	Gate 4 - downstream	Unknown	20	20			

#### Gate Open Override

		- 1					
Gate ID	1	2	3	4			
Open Status							
Force Open		П		Г			

Apply

#### Gate Close Override

	1							
Gate ID	(1)	2	3	4				
Close Status								
Force Close								

Apply

#### Exit Sign On Override

	1
Exit Sign ID	1
On Status	
Force On	

#### Exit Sign Off Override



### Output Screen



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#### **Output Points**

IO Module: 1 ▼

IO Module:				
<b>Output Poin</b>	t Description	Output Control Type		Index
1	C1-2	closeGate	•	1
2	C1-3	openGate	•	1
3	C1-4	closeGate	•	2
4	C1-5	switchBlankOutSign	•	1
5	C1-6	openGate	•	2
6	C1-7	closeGate	•	3
7	C1-8	openGate	•	4
8	C1-9	openGate	•	3
9	C1-10	notActive	•	0
10	C1-11	notActive	•	0
11	C1-12	notActive	•	0
12	C1-13	notActive	•	0
13	C1-15	notActive	•	0
14	C1-16	notActive	•	0
15	C1-17	notActive	•	0
16	C1-18	notActive	•	0
17	C1-19	notActive	•	0
18	C1-20	notActive	•	0
19	C1-21	notActive	•	0
20	C1-22	notActive	•	0
21	C1-23	notActive	•	0
22	C1-24	notActive	•	0
23	C1-25	notActive	•	0
24	C1-26	notActive	•	0
25	C1-27	notActive	•	0
26	C1-28	notActive	•	0
27	C1-29	notActive	•	0
28	C1-30	notActive	•	0
29	C1-31	notActive	•	0
30	C1-32	notActive	•	0
31	C1-33	notActive	•	0
32	C1-34	notActive	•	0

Apply



## System Software - Central

Dashboard

Reporting

Application Parameters

**DMS Signs** 

Camera 1

ATC

#### Current Gate Conditions Dashboard

#### Lot Information

Lot Percentage Filled: 34

Car count for today: 194 Current car count: 9

#### Gate Information

Gate System Status: Unknown

Gate Status Close Threshold: 95 Gate Status Open Threshold: 85

Gate 1 Status Position: Open Gate 2 Status Position: Open Gate 3 Status Position: Open Gate 4 Status Position: Open

Gate 1 Alarm: Not Set Gate 2 Alarm: Not Set Gate 3 Alarm: Not Set Gate 4 Alarm: Not Set

#### **Blankout Signs**

Blankout Sign Position: Off

Gate 1 Blankout Sign Status Alarm: Not Set Gate 2 Blankout Sign Status Alarm: Not Set Gate 3 Blankout Sign Status Alarm: Not Set Gate 4 Blankout Sign Status Alarm: Not Set

#### Detectors

Gate 1 Detection Failure Alarm: Not Set

Gate 2 Detection Failure Alarm: 60

Gate 3 Detection Failure Alarm: Not Set

Gate 4 Detection Failure Alarm: Not Set

Gate 1 Detector Failure Code: Not Set

Gate 2 Detector Failure Code: Not Set

Gate 3 Detector Failure Code: Not Set

Gate 4 Detector Failure Code: Not Set

# Camera Images



### **Maintenance Manuals**

#### 1 ITS General Information

Quick references can be found here in order to find necessary information in the Maintenance and Electrician manuals for the Traffic/Parking Management System.

#### 1.1 Reference Material

The following is a description of where specific information can be located within the Maintenance and Electrical Manuals.

Maintenance Manual: This is a description of maintenance staff specific system components, and how to sustain them. Included in the manual are the following features:

Concept of Operations: General description of how the overall system operates.

Button Layout Description: Full manual control button explanation and use.

Main Circuit Breaker: Breaker box layout with descriptions of each breaker.

Procedure for Replacing Shear Pins: How to properly replace shear pins internally and externally.

Procedure for Replacing Gate Arms: How to replace the gate arms when damaged, it requires electrician assistance for final connection.

Procedure to turn off Blank Out Signs: How to cut power to signs when they are not responsive.

Maintenance Routine and Checklist: What maintenance staff needs to do in order to keep the system operational.

Maintenance Parts List: Part numbers and supplier contact for maintenance staff specific components.

Gate Manual: OEM manual for gates

Electrician Manual: Provides information for electricians to service the Parking/Traffic Management System. Procedures require input from maintenance staff, so maintenance manual is accessible to electricians. Included in the manual are the following features:

Primary Components: General descriptions of primary electrical components and their uses.

Camera Operations and Access: Links for camera access.

Detector Layout: Portrayal of how the detectors are placed and their concept of operation.

Procedure to Connect Gate Arm Light Cable: How to connect the lights after the maintenance staff replaces a gate arm.

Procedure to Reset Gate Position after Lockup: When the manual control buttons lock up the system, this procedure describes how to correct the unresponsive gate position.

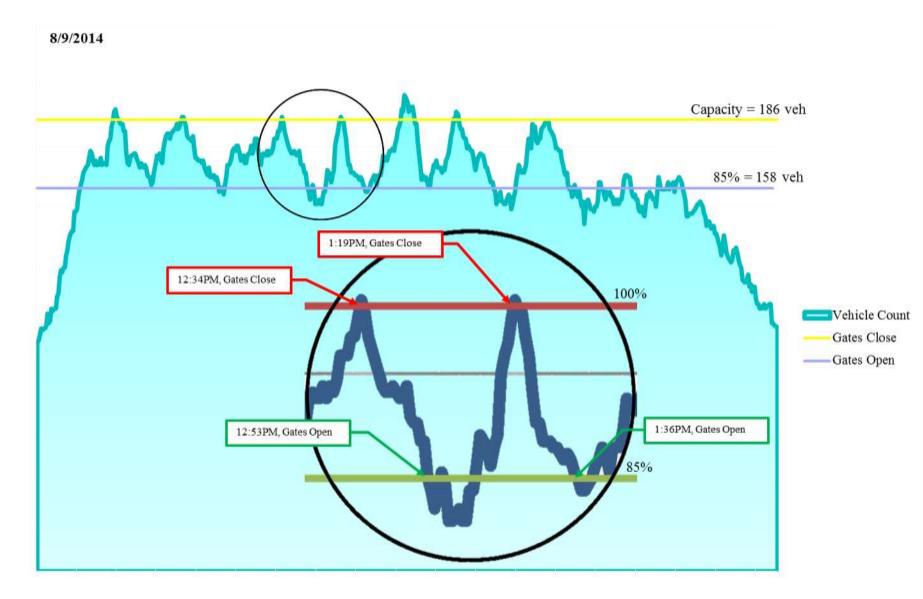
Electrician Parts List: Part numbers and supplier contact for electrician specific components.

Electrical Drawings: Wiring Diagrams, As-Build Construction Drawing, and control schemes specific to the Multnomah Falls Parking/Traffic Management System.

# Operational Experience

- Configuration
  - What percent lot full before closing and opening
- Multnomah Falls vendor concerns
- Observation of driver actions
- Gate damage

#### Parking Occupancy vs Gate Activations - Saturday, 8/9/2014



# Operational Experience

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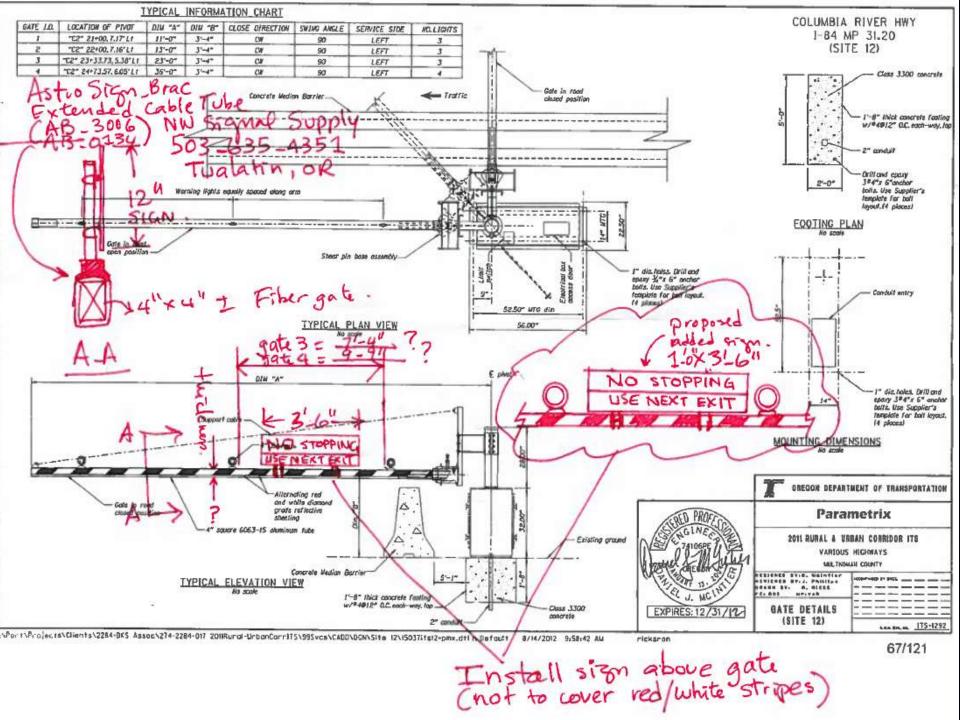
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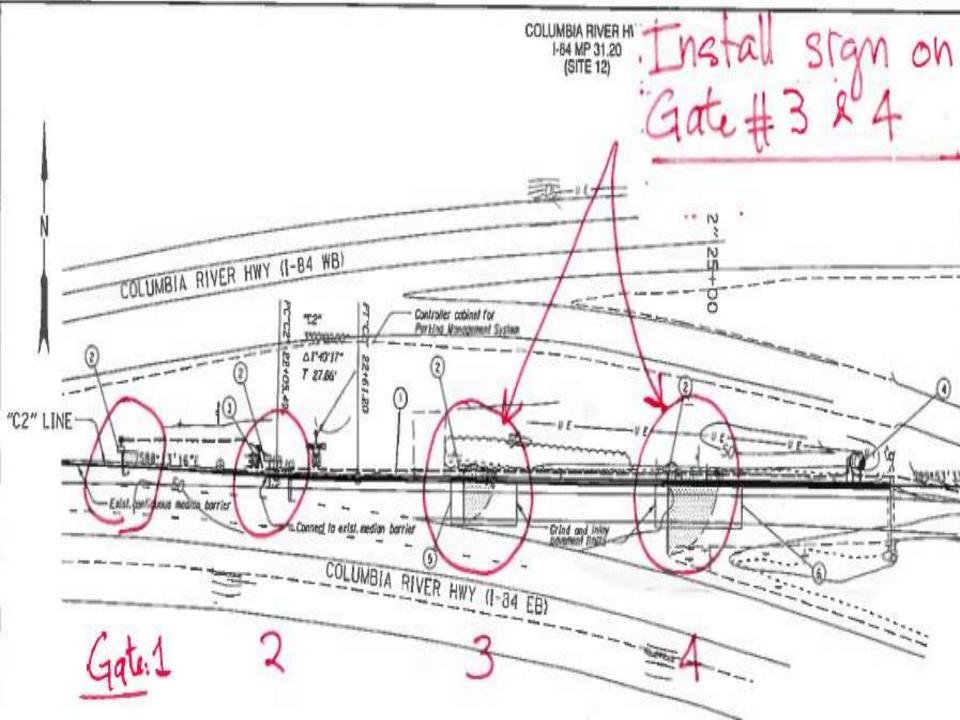
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Cable bracket







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### Cable Bracket

- Moved arm upward to clear barrier.
- Custom design and fabricated bracket to relocate cable attachment.
- To align with arm pivot and release pin in order to reduce arm twisting.





# Continuing Issues

Gate Damage

Claims







## Potential next steps

Brighter lights on gates

 Upgrade advance signs to VMS rather than blank out – can be used for other events in corridor

Upgrade exit sign to VMS to make more visible





- We recognize this as a new treatment for a rather unique safety and operational issue
  - Queuing on exit ramp
  - Dispatch ODOT to close ramp
- While we continue to improve the solution to the immediate problem, we did not address the root problem
  - Demand greatly exceeds capacity
  - Unfamiliar drivers

- Human Factors contribute to some of the ongoing problems we are experiencing
  - Tourists unfamiliar with area exits and options
  - Intent to try to wait until gate opens parking on closed ramp
  - Not knowing what to do/where to go
  - Unwillingness to conform to traffic messages - driving around gates.

- We do not yet have the necessary data to determine the effectiveness
  - B/C cannot be calculated at this time

- Takeaways
  - Software and Hardware installed and operating
  - Real time data collection and cameras have proven to be beneficial

- Takeaways (cont.)
  - Backups on the freeway have been reduced through a mechanical interface, drastically reducing involvement by ODOT and Police personnel and improving responsiveness
  - However, more time needed to be spent on anticipating driver reactions to the new system.