

Crossing the Willamette River and other Waterways

- An easement from the State may be necessary for fiber optic line to cross the Willamette River. Easements can be across state land, water body, or the territorial sea. The Oregon Department of State Lands issues waterway authorization, including easements. For more information, visit this link:
http://www.oregon.gov/dsl/LW/docs/waterway_authorization.pdf.
- “In water work windows” for the Willamette River and other water bodies of the state or federal government should be considered when assessing all river crossing options that would impact the water body, wetlands, riparian areas, etc. Recent efforts by other public and private agencies have had success with completely boring under the river or attachment to existing structures that bridge the water way, and in both instances avoid sensitive lands adjacent to the water way, are your best options. In these instances the work is not subject to “in water” reviews, which are typically multiple state and federal agencies, along with City review – time consuming and multi-layered.
 - See In Water Work window link is found here for various rivers:
http://www.dfw.state.or.us/lands/inwater/Oregon_Guidelines_for_Timing_of_%20InWater_work2008.pdf