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TRANSPORTATION + PRESERVATION
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The iconic Caveman Bridge and Redwood Empire neon sign, in Grants Pass, before and after their “facelifts” in 2019.

COURSE INTRODUCTION

Planes, trains, and automobiles…and preservation? This course will engage you to think critically about the field of historic preservation within the transportation nexus through a combination of readings, discussions, field exercises, and group and individual assignments. In addition, the material you will read, course assignments, and class discussion will facilitate your ability to tackle the challenges and opportunities that transportation development has on historic preservation (and vice versa). The hope is to expose those taking this course to a side of preservation (and resources!) often overlooked (despite utilizing and interacting with them daily), and to offer a hands-on experience to understanding and navigating pertinent preservation laws! Let’s bridge historic preservation and transportation and show how those faculties can be linear.

As with every course in this program, we aim to prepare students for work in the professional world of heritage conservation. As such, coursework will be evaluated not only on content but also on presentation. Additionally, grammar, syntax, punctuation, spelling, and overall coherence will be graded along with content.

COURSE GOALS

• Think deeply about the transportation network that is stitched into our lives
• Build a skill set discerning how preservation and transportation can be synergistic
• Know what good government (and community) partnerships can look like (i.e. best practices)
• Understand how transportation impassioned the historic preservation movement
• Gain a comfort and fluency with these two Federal laws: Section 106 and Section 4(f)
• Work on your presentation and problem-solving skills as a consultant team
• Learn about Oregon’s, and the Nation’s, transportation history and roadside influence
• Improve analytical, writing, and verbal skills while having fun (that’s always the intent)
• Utilize desktop scoping resources to explore some distant places in Oregon as well as experience some of the goodies Portland (and vicinity) has to offer