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Here we go with another attempt to connect.

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> In 2008 ODOT's Community Advisory Group endorsed Whilamut Passage as
> the theme for a new Willamette River Interstate 5 bridge shared by
> Springfield and Eugene. The purpose of the theme was to guide
> aesthetic enhancements related to the bridge, such as cultural and
> historical interpretation, naturescaping, and art. The name was coined
> by Douglas Beauchamp of the Lane Arts Council.
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> Whilamut is a Kalapuya word whose English translation is, "Where the
> river ripples and runs fast." Passage refers to the nexus of movement
> associated with the bridge: motorized vehicles on roadways; pedestrian
> and bicycle paths; the railroad; water and aquatic life in the river
> and riparian corridor; and the passage of time itself.
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> In October 2009, ODOT's Design Enhancement Panel voted to endorse
> Whilamut Passage as the name of the bridge. This was followed by
> endorsement votes from the Citizen Planning Committee for the Whilamut
> Natural Area of Alton Baker Park, and ODOT's Community Advisory Group,
> both to name the bridge Whilamut Passage.
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> In ODOT's informational video on construction of this bridge, the
> Whilamut name and translation is featured. From <
> <http://www.WillametteBridge.org> > please scroll down to view the short
> YouTube film.
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> To become more familiar with the relevance of this name to the
> parkland surrounding the north anchorage of the bridge, please consult
> the inter- active map at < <http://emc.rio.com/KalapuyaMap.html> >. By
> clicking on the various camera icons, you can see photographs of the
> 11 Kalapuya Talking Stones in the Whilamut Natural Area of Alton Baker
> Park.
> (ODOT, the park's
> Citizen Planning Committee, the Eugene Parks and Recreation division

- > and Willamalane Park and Recreation District are jointly installing
- > four more Talking Stones in conjunction with the bridge project.) By
- > clicking on the blue ovals, you will hear the Kalapuya name for each
- > Talking Stone, spoken by tribal elder Esther Stutzman. Ms. Stutzman
- > was an invited speaker at ODOT's bridge groundbreaking event on August
- > 11, 2009.