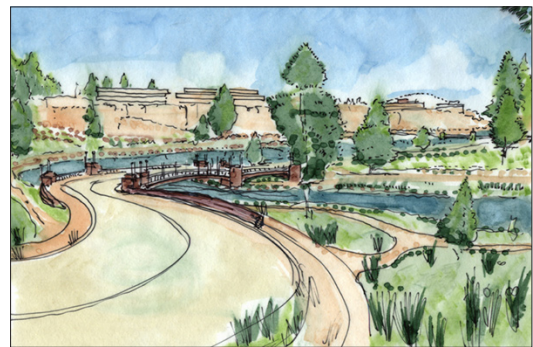
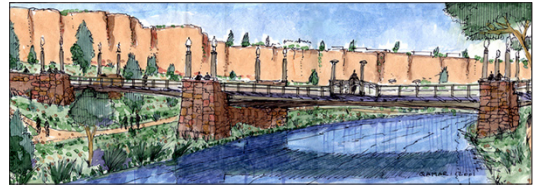




Southern River Crossing Bend, Oregon



The project team assisted the City of Bend and the Bend Metro Parks and Recreation Department in the design of a new arterial road and bridge that adds an east-west connection crossing the Deschutes River just south of downtown Bend, Oregon. The road creates access to a proposed public park on the river and was designed to alleviate the traffic impact on existing arterial roadways further north.

Led by the engineering firm W&H Pacific, the team was hired to facilitate an extensive public involvement process that culminated in a four-day design Charrette. The participation of many stakeholders and citizens informed the design and helped resolve many of the concerns and skepticism. Despite initially widespread opposition to the project, the citizens of Bend approved the project in a referendum in September 2001. The bridge was opened in October of 2003.