

APPROPRIATIONS REQUEST

CITY OF ST. HELENS CENTRAL WATERFRONT REDEVELOPMENT, PORTLAND HARBOR CLEANUP SUPPORT

The City of St. Helens is developing citizen-based, long-term goals for waterfront redevelopment. These aspirations can be fully achieved only through an economically viable pathway involving filling our wastewater treatment plant lagoon with sediment from the Portland Harbor cleanup and elsewhere. Our plan is:

- Revenue-positive
- Safe
- Environmentally sound

The plan is **in the interest of the State of Oregon** because it:

- Lowers cleanup costs for the state (as a potentially liable party [PRP]) and the other PRPs
- Keeps disposal revenues in the state
- Creates jobs
- Revitalizes underused industrial land
- Reduces greenhouse gas emissions
- Increases safety

Benefits to the City

- Achieves waterfront redevelopment aspirations
- Provides for community revitalization and access to the waterfront
- Generates revenue for redevelopment and other purposes

Benefits to the Region and State

- Significantly lowers transportation costs for the Portland Harbor cleanup, maintenance dredging, and Lower Willamette River navigation channel maintenance
- Significantly reduces costs (both financial and community impact) for a transload facility (construction, operation, maintenance, and closure), or possibly avoids these costs altogether
- Enhances environmental protection and public benefits relative to all other existing alternatives
- Significantly lowers greenhouse gas emissions as compared to all other available alternatives by eliminating ground-based sediment transportation and greatly decreasing in-water transportation distances
- Increases safety through avoidance of large-scale truck transport

These benefits, in combination, meet standard sustainability goals of an increased “triple-bottom line.”

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The City is seeking a \$1,544,500 grant from the State of Oregon to continue the feasibility evaluation, initiate permitting and site characterization with the Oregon departments of Environmental Quality and State Lands, and others, and to conduct proof of concept analyses. Details of the work scope are attached.