

My name is Lynn Ewing and I am the Mayor of Maupin. As a City Councilor for over 25 years and now as the mayor, I have been deeply involved in the City's goals for many years. The City of Maupin has put forth two projects for consideration. However, these two projects are intrinsically tied together.

One is for the completion of a fiber-to-the-premises network. The other is for a new Civic Center containing a The Southern Wasco County Library, City Hall, and a public meeting and library program space.

These two projects are inter-dependent in their genesis and in their future uses. The Library requires high-speed Internet to function as a 21st century educational space. The high-speed fiber network connections will require education of the users for best and effective use. Each will benefit the other. We already have a Business Facilitator who works with our local businesses and entrepreneurs to improve their chances for success. The Civic Center provides the appropriate space for this to be accomplished.

Why is this needed in a city of 425 people? We are the hub of South Wasco County. Our library district, health district, and school district serve a population of 2700 in South Wasco County, an area of 600,000 acres. All facilities for those districts are in Maupin. Installing the fiber network in Maupin enables better and faster wireless service to the surrounding communities. Then there are the over 80,000 visitors that come to our community every summer. They expect free, fast WiFi. Our library also hosts those people who need to use a computer or WiFi to get online.

We are not asking for complete financing for either project.

Our high-speed broadband fiber project was conceived in four phases. Through an investment of over a million dollars in private funds, local funds, and a portion of the previously invested state funds, Phase 1 is complete. Phase 2 is 75% complete and should be done within two months. All engineering, easements, and other needs are in place to complete the rest. Because of the frontier location, attracting competitive bids has been a challenge. Your investment of \$500,000 will see the completion of the project by summer of this year.

The Library and Civic Center project has been carefully planned over the course of several years. Maupin was instrumental in the formation of a county-wide, voter approved, taxing authority that is our Library District. This put operational funding in place for now and into the future. The city has invested well over \$200,000 in property, architectural work, and engineering to get ready for the project. Over 500 local citizens and businesses from throughout the South Wasco County service area have contributed to a Library fund that is now over \$130,000 and growing. We need your investment of \$1 million in order to attract and receive grant funding for this \$2.1 million project.

We have skin in the game on both of these projects and need them both to move forward into the future.

CONCLUSION – WRAP UP

We need your investment of 1.5 million dollars to complete these vital projects to serve our citizens, South Wasco County, and our tens of thousands of visitors.

MAUPIN FIBER PROJECT

PHASE 1	COST	FUNDER		STATUS
Feasability, Interest Survey, Interviews with major	\$25,000.00	Google	\$25,000.00	Complete
BPA Substation to Maupin. POP building on City Property. Connection to	\$513,710.00	LS Networks	\$513,710.00	Complete
SUB-TOTAL	\$538,710.00		\$538,710.00	
PHASE 2	COST	FUNDER		STATUS
Backbone: POP through town and across bridge. Active line POP to school.	\$474,783.60	State of OR-Regional Solutions	\$221,660.50	Complete
		State of OR-Special PW Fund	\$28,504.00	Complete
		Q-Life	\$73,329.10	Complete
		LS Networks	\$151,290.00	Complete
Backbone: POP to Medical & Senior Living.	\$57,265.00	Gorge Health Council	\$44,765.00	Committed
		Q-Life	\$12,500.00	Committed
SUB-TOTAL	\$532,048.60		\$532,048.60	
PHASE 3	COST	FUNDER		STATUS
Laterals from backbone to every home & business in community.	\$829,940.00	State of OR-Regional Solutions	\$188,339.50	Committed
		Q-Life	\$126,671.00	Committed
		City of Maupin	\$5,000.00	Committed
		STATE OF OREGON	\$500,000.00	GAP
Individual connections	\$142,000.00	Gorge.Net	\$45,000.00	Committed
		LS Networks	\$97,000.00	Committed
Free Public WiFi Access	\$87,880.00		\$87,880.00	Committed
SUB-TOTAL	\$1,059,820.00		\$1,049,890.50	
PHASE 4		FUNDER		STATUS
New wireless routes to outlying communities.	\$30,000.00	Gorge.Net	\$30,000.00	Committed
SUB-TOTAL	\$30,000.00		\$30,000.00	

TOTAL \$2,160,578.60

\$2,150,649

FUNDING GAP:

\$9,929.50

The City of Maupin has not expended funds directly to the project. We have been doing "in-kind" work toward the project.

Final gap will be made up by City of Maupin & Q-Life

SAVINGS

Obtain Easements:	\$5,000.00	City elected officials and city staff. Waived Notary fees.
renching and placing conduit	\$25,000.00	Pre-bid work done with city staff and equipment
Protecting phone lines	\$4,000.00	city equipment and employees assisted construction crews.
Waived fees	\$200.00	Waived city permit fees for POP building
Land for POP	\$10,000.00	Provided secure site and land for placement of POP bldg
TOTAL IN-KIND	\$44,200.00	

MAUPIN CIVIC CENTER PROJECT

EXPENSES	COST	FUNDER	AMOUNT	STATUS
Purchase Property	\$165,000	City of Maupin	\$165,000	Completed
Architecture & Eng (To Date)	\$40,000	City of Maupin	\$40,000	Completed
Soils Engineering	\$5,200	Local Engineer	\$5,200	Donated
Architecture & Eng (Future)	\$60,000	City of Maupin	\$60,000	Committed
OTHER COSTS SUB-TOTAL:	\$270,200	EXPENDED:	\$270,200	

Building Cost Estimate-Library	\$1,354,500	Local Donors	\$132,000	Collected
3000 sf Library and 67% of public meeting/program space and common space.		Sale of City Rental	\$155,000	Proposed
		Sale of Existing Library	\$110,000	Proposed
		OR Comm. Foundation	\$27,500	Proposed
		Swindell's	\$60,000	Proposed
		Ford Family	\$100,000	Proposed
		Collins Foundation	\$90,000	Proposed
		Meyer Memorial	\$80,000	Proposed
		STATE OF OREGON	\$600,000	Proposed
LIBRARY SUB-TOTAL	\$1,354,500	SUB-TOTAL	\$1,354,500	

Building Cost Estimate-City	\$746,000	Sale of City Hall	\$130,000	Proposed
City Hall and 33% of public meeting/program space and common space.		Existing City Funds - Bldg	\$116,000	Committed
		STATE OF OREGON	\$400,000	Proposed
		LOAN	\$100,000	Proposed
CITY HALL SUB-TOTAL	\$746,000	SUB-TOTAL	\$746,000	

BUILDING TOTAL: \$2,100,500

COST TOTAL:	\$2,370,700	TOTAL:	\$2,370,700
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Joint Committee on Ways and Means Sub-Committee on Capital Construction
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RE: Maupin Fiber Project and Civic Center

Dear Co-Chairs Sen. Girod and Rep. Holvey and Committee Members,

Wasco County supports the City of Maupin's request for \$1 million for their Civic Center and \$500,000 to complete the Maupin Fiber Project. These two projects build on a long, successful history of coming together to move their community forward in Maupin.

Currently access to high speed internet in the South Wasco County area is limited due to the significant costs of building and serving rural and remote areas with broadband. This lack of connectivity impedes economic opportunity, as well as access to education, workforce training, and health most Oregonians have at their fingertips. Completion the Maupin Fiber Project will not only meet current business and community needs for broadband services but will lay the foundation for a strong future. Development of a fiber network in The Dalles approximately 15 years ago has been the platform for enhanced economic opportunity and a critical factor in attracting and growing businesses in the northern part of Wasco County. Providing the last dollars needed for this project will bring access and those same opportunities for Maupin as well as the surrounding rural communities that make up South Wasco County.

Strong libraries and civic spaces are integral to today's communities. A new Civic Center in Maupin would build on the improved broadband access provided through the fiber project to develop a place where the community can come together for to access information, conduct trainings, and plan for their community's future. The current library facility is one of the smallest in Oregon, and does not have room for modern technology and gathering space to support the role libraries play in today's communities and economies. The proposed Civic Center will provide a place where local fire districts can access necessary online training to enhance the skills of their volunteer first responders, it will ensure that children have a place where they can access the internet to complete their homework, and it will be a location where small businesses can come to access databases and training via the internet to complete market research and expand.

As a County, Wasco County is focused on pioneering pathways to prosperity for all of our residents, and investing in these projects will promote the vitality of our communities into the future.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,
Wasco County Board of Commissioners

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February 22, 2018

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RE: Maupin Fiber Project and Civic Center

Dear Co-Chairs Sen. Girod and Rep. Holvey and Committee Members,

The Wasco County Economic Development Commission wishes to express our support for Maupin's Request for \$1 million for their Civic Center and \$500,000 to complete the Maupin Fiber Project.

The EDC is a body made up of representatives throughout Wasco County and is focused on supporting community capacity and job creation. As part of this focus, the EDC has prioritized addressing broadband connectivity in our rural communities as a lynchpin for economic development throughout the County. This critical infrastructure challenge has been incorporated into our Wasco County Economic Development Strategy and Action Plan and we are actively engaged in efforts to address this need. Funding of the Civic Center and Fiber projects would enhance access to broadband and economic opportunity throughout South Wasco County.

Due to challenging terrain, long distances between communities, and small populations, building broadband infrastructure to serve South Wasco County is incredibly difficult for a private provider. The proposed fiber project would develop an open access, fiber-to-the-premises network that will bring gigabit speeds to the Maupin community and enable competition between several service providers, ensuring that services continue to meet needs moving forward. In addition, it will allow for significantly improved fixed wireless services in the surrounding areas.

This access is critical to the local economy because of the significant numbers of teleworkers and home-based businesses located in the rural areas. Surveys conducted in the area found that 30% of respondents are already participating in this part of the economy but struggling with their productivity and to access opportunities for expansion without additional service.

The Civic Center builds on this connectivity foundation by providing a space where local entrepreneurs can access necessary research to grow their businesses and online training can be offered. In addition to supporting a stronger business climate, it will also provide a place for students to access the internet regardless of income, for workforce training resource access, and as a place for the community to come together to move forward.

We look forward to working with you.

Sincerely,

Kathy Ursprung
Chair
Wasco County Economic Development Commission



QualityLife Intergovernmental Agency

Chris Tamarin
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Portland, Oregon 97204

RE: Maupin Fiber Project Application

Dear Mr. Tamarin,

I am writing to express support for the City of Maupin's application to the Rural Broadband Capacity Pilot Program to complete the Maupin Fiber Network.

The Q-Life Network is an intergovernmental agency formed by the City of The Dalles and Wasco County to support increased economic development in our community. To do this, Q-Life developed a fiber ring in The Dalles that has been a foundation for enhanced economic opportunity over the last 15 years and was a critical factor in attracting and growing businesses in the north part of Wasco County.

There is currently limited access to high speed internet in the South Wasco County area due to the significant cost of building and serving rural and remote areas with telecommunications infrastructure. Q-Life is committed to addressing this challenge in partnership with private service providers in South Wasco County as it has in The Dalles area. The proposed project will build on initial investment in planning, engineering, and construction already committed. It will build a fiber to the premises network in the City of Maupin that will provide true broadband services to businesses, critical institutions, and residents. This investment will also allow for improved wireless services for the areas surrounding Maupin. With the significant number of home-based businesses and teleworkers that bring resources to our local economy, this comprehensive network is critical to economic development in the South Wasco County area.

Q-Life is committed to providing \$126,671 in funding to support construction of the Maupin Fiber Network. Additionally, Q-Life is committed to utilizing \$87,880 in grant funding from Google to develop a public wireless network and maintain it for three years to come as part of this effort. In addition, the project has received almost \$45,000 from the Gorge Health Council to support connecting the Deschutes Rim Health Clinic and the Canyon Rim Manor senior living facility. Q-Life is also committed to administering and maintaining the network into the future.

I encourage Business Oregon's investment into the construction of this local, publically owned broadband network to retain the over 500 jobs in this rural area and expand local employment. With the critical role broadband plays in economic development for rural areas, this project will provide the necessary infrastructure to sustain current businesses as well as provide opportunities for expansion in Maupin and South Wasco County.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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Tyler Stone
QLife Administrator



February 20, 2018

Dear Members of the Oregon Legislature,

I would like to offer this letter of support for the City of Maupin in their attempt to get high-speed internet service to their community. As someone who supports small business development in a very rural region of Oregon, opportunities for economic growth come at a premium. Still, enterprising individuals in small communities can create innovative solutions to the marketplace if they have remain connected to national and global markets.

The CGCC SBDC currently holds business development classes in the Civic Center for Maupin business owners. On a number of occasions, we have tried to show cloud based videos or bring in guest speakers via video conferencing, but the current bandwidth is not available. Given high speed access, we would be able to offer more training opportunities.

My first-hand experience with this was a former position in a rural community (population under 3,000) in Oregon for a company that had over \$4M of annual Oregon payroll. With that company, 99% of our business came from providing specialized accounting services to companies outside of the State of Oregon. We had clients all across the nation and in global markets. None of that would have been possible in this community without access to the high-speed internet service for data transfers and communications.

The City of Maupin has most of the infrastructure necessary for economic development with its natural beauty, a State Highway and quality utilities. The only barrier to economic growth is the current lack of high-speed internet access to keep the community connected to global markets with 21st century communications.

My hope is that the State of Oregon will invest in a project that will likely yield dividends for years to come by offering better connectivity opportunities for the City of Maupin. There are already some very enterprising members of that community and improved communications will further enhance the likelihood of economic growth.

Sincerely,

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Rick Leibowitz, Regional Director



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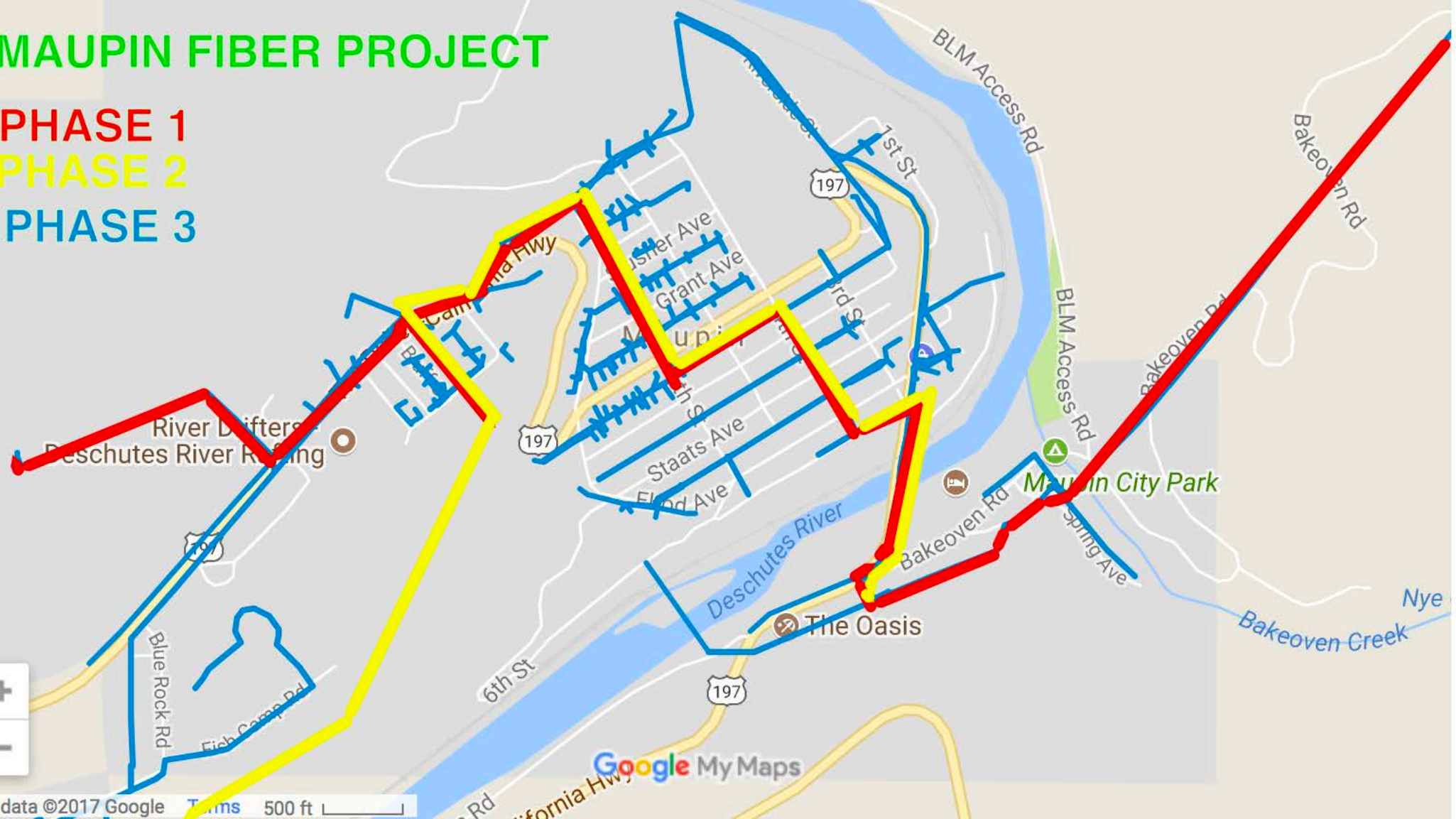


MAUPIN FIBER PROJECT

PHASE 1

PHASE 2

PHASE 3



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Joint Committee on Ways and Means Sub-Committee on Capital Construction
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RE: Maupin Fiber Project and Civic Center

Dear Co-Chairs Sen. Girod and Rep. Holvey and Committee Members,

Mid-Columbia Economic Development District has worked closely with Maupin to support their efforts around developing the Maupin Fiber Network as well as the Civic Center. These projects will have a significant impact on local community vitality and provide additional infrastructure for the region to continue to grow and diversify the economy.

Broadband has been identified as a priority through development of the region's Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy. It is essential infrastructure that provides the necessary foundation for community and economic development today. However, the region's rural nature and challenging and diverse terrain make building broadband infrastructure extremely costly and nearly impossible for private sector investment alone to meet needs.

The proposed fiber project will bring gigabit speeds to the Maupin community but also enable competition between several service providers, ensuring that services continue to meet needs moving forward. In addition to the broadband this network will provide within Maupin, it will also allow for significantly improved fixed wireless services in the surrounding areas.

With these improvements, the community will be able to better support business development, improve access to telemedicine and distance learning capabilities, and provide more robust use of many other critical applications for businesses and communities.

The Civic Center builds on this connectivity foundation by providing a space where local entrepreneurs can access necessary research to grow their businesses and online training can be offered. In addition to supporting a stronger business climate, it will also provide a place for students to access the internet regardless of income and for workforce training resource access.

Sincerely,

Amanda Hoey
Executive Director
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To Whom It May Concern:

I have been operating a business in Maupin, Oregon since 1998 and have faced many challenges over the years. A few of these include working with several government entities, seasonality, remote location, labor shortage and many others, but the largest single challenge has been fast reliable internet.

Many of us that live and work in such a rural place accept these challenges as paying our dues for where we live, but fast and reliable internet is something that we cannot live without. Internet is available with the only local phone company but service is interrupted several times a year and in extreme cases (Fall of 2016 service was out for several days). Our business has to rely on obtaining daily access to the internet, if we have a service disruption we are essentially out of business that day. All of our phones, credit card processing, reservations, payroll & daily permits all are accessed online. Without it we are essentially out of business.

We have been told for years that high-speed access was right out our front door (Fiber and T1 connections ran through main street, but we could not connect). And now it was available for a select few I signed a service agreement 3 years ago and have never been connected. I can see the fiber cable right out side of my house and even at my business, but I cannot connect because there are "no more connections available at this time".

The lifeline for small communities is the ability to work and access the internet like most any other place. Maupin just needs the final stage of the project completed to not only keep small businesses alive, but to attract remote workers and improve the educational opportunities of the students and residents as well.

Thank you for your time

Tim Thornton – River Drifters

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Dear Sirs and Madams,

Hello, my name is Ryan Wraught, I serve as district superintendent of schools in South Wasco County School District #1, located in Maupin, Oregon. I am writing this letter of support for the funding that is currently being requested from you to build a Civic Center and to finish up the Fiber Optics project for the city of Maupin.

I have lived in Maupin for 18 years now, as a teacher, as a principal and currently as the superintendent of schools. In this time, I have noticed that there is truly no functional city center. We have a fairly dated and dilapidated set of buildings that serve as city hall, library and a garage for fire trucks and ambulances. These buildings were most likely originally a break room or office for the fire department, and they show the wear and tear of decades of use.

Having a Civic Center with room for public works, offices for staff, a library and community meeting rooms all in one facility would be a huge addition for our small community. It would truly be the center of the community, additionally, giving Maupin a main street facelift and an identity of pride in our community. It would also give those who work for our community a productive place to do so. Please seriously consider this funding.

The school district was lucky enough to get connected to the fiber optic network last summer, and we have seen considerable stability in our internet this year. No longer do we need to limit teachers using multimedia platforms in their instruction during our state testing window due to the fear of freezing up the testing computers – which happened from time to time. We now have the internet speed which allows students and staff the freedom to explore the many positive uses that technology has to offer. Better preparing our students to be productive workers in their futures.

I believe that the funding and installation of fiber optics in our community will be of paramount importance in attracting new small businesses and families who work via internet to Maupin. Over the years, I have had many conversations with people who want to do exactly that but did not have the internet capability to do it. This is a great place to live, with all of the outdoor activities anyone could wish for. Give us the capability to grow our town into a place where people can have the great outdoors in their backyard, and at the same time, be able to make a living as well. This would be huge for the city of Maupin.

Thank you for your consideration,


Ryan Wraught, Superintendent
South Wasco County School District #1

February 20, 2018

Members of the Capital Projects
Subcommittee
State of Oregon Legislature
Salem, Oregon 97301

Subject: Maupin Civic Center

Dear Subcommittee Members;



Our firm provides architectural design, urban design/planning and project services. During our twenty-one years in private practice, we've focused on community-building projects, assisting our owners in "realizing bright and sustainable futures" in fifty-eight cities in Oregon. Needless to say, we have a strong focus on our rural communities!

In particular, we've had the good fortune and pleasure to work continuously for five years in Maupin, Oregon, with a very energetic, dedicated and spirited group of supporters of a new Maupin Civic Center. Their Civic Center will feature fully accessible new facilities including Southern Wasco County Library, new City of Maupin offices, and shared facilities including a Community Meeting Room as well as a south facing entry terrace overlooking the town-square Kaiser Park and suitable for outdoor events and lounging.

The commitment, continuous energy and perseverance of the Maupin Civic Center supporters has been incredible. Just watching the working together of Mayor Lynn Ewing (present) and recent past Mayors Ross and Kay toward this project is unique in my experience. Likewise the tireless energy of recent and new Library Directors Stephenson and McPhearson and as well as longtime supporter and Maupin school Librarian Beechler, not to mention three of the best and brightest high school students in South Wasco County, speaking for the entire school system.

Like many projects, the Maupin Civic Center has been a slow process since well before our initial involvement in their site selection study in 2013. This pace is entirely due to the challenges of gaining funding. The community support has been there from the start and far from waning as often is the case when funding must be sought, in Maupin the support just continues to build, including an incredible community effort gaining very significant community matching monies and pledges.

I'll add here that an underlying theme of the project is its' ideal site, in the heart of a small city that exemplifies the principles of the Oregon Plan and smart growth. Overlooking the town square Kaiser Park (also targeted for significant enhancements) and the compact and active downtown business district, and right on well-traveled pedestrian and bicycle routes, the Civic Center will serve as a community magnet for Maupin and South County residents and Maupin's 80,000 plus annual visitors.

Please do feel free to contact me if and as I might offer any other information and perspectives on this valuable and incredibly community-supported project and major building block of Maupin.

Sincerely,
Seder Architecture + Urban Design LLC

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Mark A. Seder RA, LEED ap, Principal



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To: Capital Building Sub-Committee

February 20th 2018

Re: Fiber Project

To whom it may concern:

As the Wasco County Sheriff one of my top priorities is making sure our schools are safe for students and staff. As part of keeping our schools safe, the use of web-based video surveillance systems in schools is a top priority. The primary benefit of a web-based system is the Wasco County 911 Center's access to school surveillance cameras in the event of an active shooter or crisis incident. Furthermore, this type of system has the capability to provide real time information for responding law enforcement, ensuring a quick and effective response.

The City of Maupin Oregon is in the process of developing a Fiber Network to assist the Maupin School system with the aforementioned project. The implementation of a Fiber Network will give the school system the much needed internet backbone capabilities ensuring these schools have the ability to make their schools safer.

As the Wasco County Sheriff I would strongly urge the Capital Building Sub-Committee to financially support this import infrastructure for our students and local communities.

Sincerely,

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Lane Magill
Wasco County Sheriff



February 21, 2018

To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing on behalf of the Maupin Oregon Area Chamber of Commerce in support of the City of Maupin's Civic Center/Library Project and Fiber Optic Project.

In the past few years, the City of Maupin has experienced revitalization. We have new sidewalks and street lights, renovated store fronts and added several new business. The proposed Civic Center/Library project will be located in the center of our town and will play a vital role in our community. Our current library is one of the smallest in Oregon. It does not meet ADA standards nor does it provide any space for activities/events. It houses only two, very small computer stations.

In order for our community to grow and sustain year around businesses and jobs, we need to provide a place of learning that is modern, well equipped and accessible to all. We need a place that offers ample space for community activities and cultural events. The new Civic Center/Library complex will benefit not only our local families but our many year-round visitors. It will be a sign that Maupin is open for business!

The Fiber Project is not just an enhancement to the Civic Center/Library project. Having high speed internet will bring much needed jobs to Maupin. People who can telecommute, will come. Businesses that need and utilize high speed fiber optic will come. Ultimately, it will directly influence better housing and provide a more sustainable economy.

The Maupin Area Chamber whole heartily supports these three projects. Thank you for your consideration!

Regards,

Allison Bechtol, President
Maupin Area Chamber of Commerce
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February 21, 2018

Re: Support of Grant Funding for Maupin Library/Civic Center, and Fiber Optic expansion.

To Whom It May Concern;

The purpose of this letter is to state our complete support for seeking resources necessary to rebuild our inadequate library and city hall facilities. Planning for a new “Civic Center” that will house our library and city hall is nearly complete thanks to the hard work of many citizens and businesses in our community. We strongly urge you to help us make our vision for the future a reality.

Maupin Market was established in 2010 – a time when our nation’s economy was just beginning to show signs of improving after a major recession. The decision to invest in this community was based on both emotions and logic – we love Maupin, and want to see it grow. We also identified a real need that could be financially rewarding. There are many more opportunities for individuals and businesses to find a home in Maupin and help grow its economy.

Clearly, these two major projects will not only make Maupin more appealing to individuals, families, and businesses, but they will also greatly improve the quality of life for all of our current residents and visitors. It’s important to remember that Maupin’s economy is primarily based on tourism – tourists that visit by the thousands to enjoy the many activities that the Wild and Scenic Deschutes provides. Therefore, an investment in Maupin supports a far greater population than just the town itself.

In closing, Maupin Market is one of the few businesses in town that is able to sustain year-round employment for 12 individuals in our community – we’re also one of the largest employers in town. However, our ability to maintain that record is at risk, and these projects would greatly improve our chances of sustaining or even growing employment opportunities.

Please invest in a real success story – Maupin, OR.

Sincerely,

Randy & Allison Bechtol

Owners & Operators – Maupin Market



To our Honorable Legislators:

I am writing in support of South Wasco County's need for fiber optics to improve South County communications. I am the District Manager for White River Health District, which encompasses over 750 square miles of South Wasco County and can attest to the poor internet speeds at our Maupin medical clinic and the lack of communication availability at my home 20 miles away. I am unable to join online meetings or communicate with my patients in a timely fashion due to insufficient speeds. Special accommodations have had to be made for fire and EMS in our area as well. Fiber optics increase in the Maupin area will decrease the number of repeaters needed for the rest of South Wasco County, improving communications for police, fire and medical.

I am also in support of Maupin's Civic Center project as it will improve the tiny local library so programs for young people will have a place to happen, as well as providing much needed meeting space for the public and area organizations. Currently my board has to meet in the waiting room of the medical clinic, and the city council meets in a park building with limited space and very poor acoustics. It is difficult to hear what the council says.

We, in South Wasco County, would like our legislators know that we are one community of many small communities, all pulling together for the growth and betterment of our area.

Thank you!

Sincerely,
Sharon DeHart, District Manager
White River Health District dba
Deschutes Rim Health Clinic
Maupin, Oregon



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Dear Co-Chairs Sen. Girod and Rep. Holvey and Committee Members,

Q-Life Network supports the City of Maupin's request for \$1 million for their Civic Center and \$500,000 to complete the Maupin Fiber Project. Maupin has a track record of building upon investments like these to move the community forward.

Q-Life Network, an intergovernmental agency formed by the City of The Dalles and Wasco County to support increased economic development in our community, developed a fiber ring in The Dalles that has been a foundation for enhanced opportunity over the last 15 years and is a critical factor in economic growth and business development in Wasco County. Despite this success, there is currently very limited access to high speed internet in South Wasco County due to the significant costs of building and serving rural and remote areas with broadband. This lack of connectivity impedes economic opportunity, as well as access to education, workforce training, and health care that is vital to a community's ability to prosper.

The proposed project will build on significant initial investment in planning, engineering, and construction already committed to laying fiber to the premises network in the City of Maupin. This investment will also allow for improved wireless services for the areas surrounding Maupin. With the significant number of home-based businesses and teleworkers that bring resources to our local economy, this comprehensive network is critical to economic development in South Wasco County.

Q-Life has committed to providing \$200,000 to the Maupin Fiber Network. Additionally, Q-Life is committed to utilizing \$87,880 in grant funding from Google to develop a public wireless network and maintain it for three years as part of this effort. In addition, the project has received almost \$45,000 from the Gorge Health Council to support connecting the Deschutes Rim Health Clinic and the Canyon Rim Manor senior living facility. Q-Life is also committed to administering and maintaining the network into the future. With these local investments, the project is seeking the final funding to complete construction of this project.

A new Civic Center in Maupin would build on the improved broadband access provided through the fiber project to develop a place where the community can come together to connect. The current library facility is one of the smallest in Oregon, and does not have room for modern technology and gathering space to support the role libraries play in today's communities and economies. The proposed Civic Center will provide a place where local fire districts and community groups can access necessary online training, it will ensure that children have a place they can access the internet to complete their homework and where job seekers can go to fill out online applications, and it will be a location where small businesses can come to access databases and training via the internet to complete market research and expand.

These projects will bring access to 21st century economic opportunities to Maupin and we hope you will join us in investing the future of Southern Wasco County.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink that reads 'Tyler Stone'.

Tyler Stone
QLife Administrator

February 21, 2018

Silas Lewis and Amy Pallari-Lewis
All Star Rafting
405 Deschutes Ave
Maupin, Or 97037

To the Congressional Construction Subcommittee : About the Fiber Optic Completion Project and the Maupin Library/ Civic Center.

My name is Silas Lewis. My wife Amy and I are homeowners in Maupin, Oregon. We also own a rafting business on main street. Our children are enrolled in the local grade school. We are writing today to express our very keen desire to see the completion of the fiber optic project in town, and the funding of an expanded library and town civic center.

As business owners, our internet service is integral to the running of our business. And reliable access to internet service is expected from our customers! At this point, if our service is slow or, as happens from time to time stops because of issues beyond our control, our day comes to a grinding halt, throwing off schedules and causing headaches, or even worse, losing customers and income. It's hard to explain to customers why we can't process their reservation or payment, often trying to smooth things over with, "well, that's one of the charms of living in the country!" But it's not charming. High speed internet would be a boon to us, and the whole town, and would be instrumental in bringing in new businesses and people who can work remotely.

As residents of Maupin, an expanded library would greatly increase the quality of life here. I have two emergent readers in my house, ages 6 and 8, and we work hard to encourage their reading. They love our current library but it's just not big enough. Already they comment on how they've read most of the books in their age range, and the kids story time is quickly too crowded. If we want our community to grow, we need to be attracting families, and having a nice modern library is a feature that could help to do that. Also, having a nice library and civic area communicates to our residents and visitors that Maupin is an open and progressive town that values community and knowledge. A place I'd like to live and raise a family.

Thank you for your consideration.

Silas Lewis and Amy Pallari-Lewis

February 22, 2018

City of Maupin Oregon
PO Box 308
Maupin, OR 97037

Attention: Lynn Ewing, Mayor

RE: Maupin Fiber and Civic Center and Library Projects

Dear Mr. Ewing,

I am writing to express support for the funding to complete the Maupin Library/Community Meeting Room/Civic Center and the Fiber Network Projects. These projects are much needed additions for all of South Wasco County. Not only will the new Maupin Library/Community Meeting Room/Civic Center add much to the appearance of the downtown community of Maupin, the addition of this project combined with the Fiber Network will provide the foundation for continuing education and economic growth of the region.

I am currently a "semi-retired" consulting engineer. In 2003, my wife and I completed construction of our home in Maupin and I was able to gain access to the internet through CenturyLink's DSL service. Although the speed, capacity, and reliability was limited, I was able to do some work from Maupin "remotely." However, as the files that I needed to access became larger, it was difficult to accomplish many tasks.

As background, GRI, the consulting engineering firm I co-founded in 1984, currently has 49 employees, the majority of which have advanced degrees. The firm's focus is in geotechnical, pavement, geological, and environmental engineering, and the firm has completed over 6,000 projects throughout the Northwest and many projects overseas. GRI currently has offices in Beaverton and Brookings, Oregon, and Vancouver, Washington. Members of GRI staff routinely work "remotely" from home.

There is currently limited access to high-speed internet in the South Wasco County area due to the significant cost of building and serving rural and remote areas with telecommunications infrastructure. The Maupin Fiber Network project will build on the significant amount of local and state investment in planning, engineering, and construction to build a fiber network in the City of Maupin that will provide true broadband services to businesses, schools, health facilities, and residents. This investment will also allow for improved wireless services for the rural areas surrounding Maupin. With the significant number of home-based businesses and teleworkers that bring resources to our local economy, this comprehensive network is critical to the future economic development in the South Wasco County area.

I strongly encourage the State of Oregon's investment into the construction of this local, publically owned broadband network to retain and expand local employment. In addition, the new library and civic center project would clearly improve and strengthen the community of Maupin and the surrounding area. I'm sure that there are hundreds of jobs in this rural area impacted by these projects. Not only will true broadband service and significantly improved library and community meeting facilities provide opportunities for local businesses to more effectively and efficiently connect with customers, new markets, suppliers, and service providers, they will also allow residents to work remotely or access critical workforce development resources.

With the crucial roles broadband and improved library and community facilities play in the economic development of rural areas, these projects will provide the necessary infrastructure to sustain current businesses, as well as provide opportunities for expansion in Maupin and South Wasco County. In my opinion, without these vital services to rural communities like Maupin, the future is severely limited. However, I am confident that when Maupin gains quality, reliable broadband and significantly improved library and community facilities, this will provide the avenue needed for economic and social advancement of our community.

Sincerely,



Stan Kelsay, PE, GE
PO Box 218
Maupin, OR 97037

Dear Senator Monroe,

Recently, I learned of a situation that seems implausible for an Oregon community well into the 21st Century. The small Central Oregon town of Maupin — which hosts most of South Wasco County's K-12 school system — hasn't got a fully functioning library or high-speed Internet system for its residents, businesses and visitors. Having worked as an educator and school administrator in similar rural communities during the '90s and '00s, I have seen the before-and-after differences that well appointed libraries and expanded access to the WorldWideWeb can make for young minds.

Families in all rural Oregon communities are seriously disadvantaged without these amenities. My own family resides in East Multnomah County, and we often take our relatively high quality local libraries and Internet access for granted.

On a personal level, these points were made abundantly clear during a visit to Maupin. I tried to receive and discuss my children's health insurance forms by smartphone and laptop. The local phone system could not handle transmission of those important documents, and the local library's hours of operation and Internet connectivity were woefully inadequate. Result: I had to drive nearly one hundred miles back to Portland through a snowstorm to complete a ten-minute phone conversation and communicate properly with healthcare and insurance providers.

After speaking with leaders in the Maupin community, my family learned such 'connectivity issues' were common concerns among residents and visitors alike. Local efforts to improve the library and install a high-speed fiber optic network had started several years ago. But due to prevailing wage requirements and other factors, grants received to date have been insufficient to complete the tasks at hand.

Senator, during the January 8th Candidate's Forum held at SE Portland's Rosewood Initiative Building, your responses to community members' questions demonstrated tactful leadership skills and a track record that your peers clearly respect and challengers to your Senate seat will be hard pressed to duplicate. Please work with the Joint Ways and Means Committee membership to help find solutions for Maupin's funding needs. Helping this small Wasco County community is a hugely important step towards bringing modern social amenities to rural Oregon.

Sincerely,

John M. Bildsoe
Land Use Chair, Rockwood Neighborhood Assn.
Land Use Chair, Northwest Neighborhood Assn.
Vice President, Coalition of Gresham Neighborhood Assns.
Friend, Grant Butte & Wetlands
Mediator, East Metro Mediation
[503-250-2584](tel:503-250-2584)
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Dear Sub-committee Members,

These are difficult times for small towns and communities and Maupin is no exception. For businesses to flourish and development to increase, the playing field needs to be level and the opportunity for the installation of fiber optics would give a huge boost to do just that; for tourism to be the life blood of our community high speed internet is a necessity.

In addition, the community of Maupin has come together to raise money and support for a new library and civic center. This would be located in the heart of downtown Maupin, near schools and a park, and provide unlimited connections and resources to the entire community.

Our small historic town is deserving and would benefit greatly from this modern civic addition complete with fiber optic communication.

Respectfully yours,

Jim and Marsha Kitchen
1517 Fishcamp Rd.
Maupin, OR

We have lived in South Wasco County for 35 years. Rural living is great but there are limitations. We have needs equal to those in urban areas. Therefore I support funds from the Capital Building Sub-Committee for the following projects

- 1) Completion of the Fiber Project to everyone,
- 2) The Civic Center/Library/Community Meeting Room . This much needed space will not only provide a wonderful new, updated library but also a meeting space for many civic and community groups in an accessible, attractive location.

THANK YOU in advance for your help.
Beverley and Douglas Froemming
Tygh Valley, OR

I am the grandparent of a child here in Maupin, I want you to know the children of Maupin deserve to have the same access to learning tools as the big cities have. Our Library is too small and cannot support the interests of such a diverse group of children.

We have children who are looking to excel in all areas of study .. be it government, on our tribal community lands, or regular politics. Also learning the best possible way to continuing their family ranches ,with the best education on current ranching and farming practices and procedures. Also many of our children set their sights on College. They all deserve a fast reliable internet for all their pursuits, and a Library , learning space where they can begin their futures.

Sincerely, Deb Quinn
deb.quinn@yahoo.com>

Feb. 21, 2018

Members of the Capital Building Sub-Committee

I am a retired educator from the Gresham, OR. school district. I moved to Maupin in 2005. I moved to Maupin for the remoteness and flyfishing on the Deschutes.

I have found that being remote has limited my access to the outside world some what as our internet service in Maupin is limited today as to larger towns. The Fiber Network will greatly help me and the other residents and business in Maupin. We appreciate all the support you can give us on this account.

Also I hope that you are aware that Maupin has been noted for it being a fishing town. Since 2011 Portland General Electric and the Warm Springs Power Enterprises have been operating the Pelton Round Butte Hydroproject under a series of annual "interim water quality agreements" that have relaxed water quality standards in the lower Deschutes. Our fishing and river habitat have been damaged greatly and all local business' are being affected negatively. Please ask Gov. Brown to see that the interim agreements end between the Department of Environmental Quality and Portland General Electric.

As a property owner in Maupin, (Wasco Co.) I feel that my property value has gone down greatly because of the negative things happening to the lower Deschutes because of the present operating agreements.

Also I feel that our property values will be increased when Maupin gets the Fiber Network and I thank you in advance for your attention on both matter. And do keep up the good work that you are doing.

My best:

Ron Walp
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623-680-9724.

To: Members of the Capital Projects Sub-Committee,

My husband and I have been coming to Maupin two to four months a year in our RV to stay in the RV park for over 15 years to stay! We come there with 4/6 other couples who stay in the park as well! We have always loved it there!

We all are fly fishermen! We love it there and feel good about helping this little community thrive by spending money in it! Maupin has done such a good job improving their cute little town by getting a beautiful market, several restaurants, rafting companies, and fishing stores! But, I know they struggle to make ends meet and anything you can do to invest in their future will help them succeed!

One thing that is hard is that we need a good internet, all of us do, and Maupin has worked hard to try to get that, but still it isn't good!

It would help them so much to have a good internet, a good library, (this is the smallest one I have ever seen), and a Community Center to help this little paradise continue to improve! They need your help!

Thank-you,

Karen & Mike Brice
mandkbrice@yahoo.com

Dear Mr. Ewing,

My wife and I are moving to Maupin in the next month and have recently found out that the fiber optic line we that we were expecting to hook up to is not completed. This puts us in a very poor position as we are both self-employed and access to high speed internet is essential to our work. This is especially troubling for my wife Nancy who is a CPA and needs reliable communication and the ability to file large tax returns electronically. Please keep me informed if there is to be any progress on getting this line into Maupin as it may affect our ability to remain in the area. Thanks in advance on your input.

Sincerely,

Kenneth Hein
503 756 2709

February 21, 2018

Lynn Ewing, Mayor
Maupin, OR

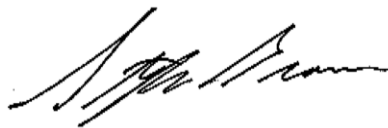
Dear Mayor Ewing,

I am writing in support of Maupin's Fiber Network project that will bring high-speed internet service to every home and business in town. I am a property owner in Maupin and am in the process of building a home there. I am also the owner of the consulting firm Evergreen Economics in Portland and plan to telecommunicate at least part time from Maupin once my home is completed.

Oregon needs a diverse economy, both in terms of business activity and geographic location. One way to accomplish this is to provide funding for infrastructure projects that facilitate telecommunication in rural areas. In this digital age, access to high-speed internet is a basic requirement for businesses, especially for those involved in the virtual economy. Not only will high-speed internet access help existing small businesses such as mine, it will also provide critical support for rural communities by making them more attractive both for business location and telecommunicating. Having a viable option for telecommunicating provides an opportunity for workers to stay in rural communities rather than moving to Portland or other urban areas.

For these reasons, I urge the Oregon Legislature to support Maupin's Fiber Network project. Funding projects like these will strengthen rural economies and allow them to flourish, as well as make Oregon's overall economy stronger and more diverse.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Stephen Grover". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Stephen Grover, PhD
President, Evergreen Economics

I am writing in concern for the need for high speed internet in our community.

We have been promised for years, only to see it pass us by once again. Our current service providers are not adequate. Neither company we currently have service with find it necessary to upgrade, therefore leaving us paying high costs for poor service.

The fiber is already going right by my house yet I can't hook up to it. This service with the speeds we are promised will help out little town stay current. We can get small businesses to come to our area and provide badly needed jobs but our internet sucks. No new business wants to come to a town with slow, unreliable internet speeds.

I implore you, help us out. This is what used to be a thriving timber town. Now with timber funds promised by the State dried up and gone, give us one last boost of money so we can continue to build a future for our families.

Thank you,
Chad Raeger

I have been a resident and business owner in Maupin for over 20 years. I am voicing my support to complete the fiber optic project. Connectivity has always been a challenge in our area. We often get a weak signal, intermittent signal, or things will just shut down altogether; doesn't bode well for operating a business!

Fiber optic would be a tremendous asset for the businesses as well as residents of Maupin, and would lend itself to economic growth in our community. We all would benefit.

Thank you for your continued efforts.

Mark Malefyt
mmalefyt@centurytel.net

February 21, 2018

To the Capital Building Sub-Committee

Re: Fiber Optic Funding

I am a longtime Maupin property owner and have a high end short term rental property.

One of the first questions potential clients ask is "is there fast and reliable internet access?"

As you know, many people in the work force require this service and it is difficult to operate any business without it. Such service helps rural communities compete and stay connected in today's world.

I support the proposed Fiber Optic Network in Wasco County as it would be a considerable boost to productivity and local business.

Many thanks for your consideration of this project.

Randall Kaufmann

Dear Committee Members,

My husband and I have worked and lived in Maupin 33 years. We have used our Library quite often. It has been a place where students and visitors alike can access computers. There have been children's summer programs too. The facility has difficulty maintaining the functions of a Library.

Lastly, Maupin needs to continue to improve and grow its infrastructure to complete in the 21st century.

Thank you for your time and consideration in helping to fund these projects.

Sincerely,

Dr. Lee and Sharon Balentine

TO_ Members of the Capital Projects Sub-Committee

These projects are not luxury items, these are needed to keep our town healthy and alive.

We have been living with a library and city hall that is closer to a storage shed than a functioning building for public use. Our internet speed is erratic and slow which makes home business and living in a technology based world difficult at best and usually impossible.

The Health Clinic that continues to try and serve our community is busting at the seams and needs to be larger and updated. The demand for local health care continues to grow and there is no room with the existing building to do that.

The last issue is close to my heart because I have been on the Kaiser Park committee from the beginning. We have a ideal spot in the middle of town that needs TLC and improvements. We have so many guests in our town and this space is used for picnics, gathering of friends, a real outdoor living room. It has no lighting, good water system or needed renovation to make it what it should be. We have tremendous pride in our town and locals have given much from their own personal money, through fund raising and Grant writing but it isn't enough. We need your help.

Again, these are not luxury items. These projects have been deferred for years. Maupin is a lovely community on The Deschutes River that needs financial help now. Our local fund raising activities can only do so much, it's time for the State to acknowledge and support us with funds.

Hoping for support,
Medy Gant

PO Box 92, Maupin, OR 97203
February 21, 2018

This letter is in support of the request for 1.5 million dollars from the state to fund the building of a much needed library and city hall, as well as for funding the broadband to the City of Maupin

The citizens of Maupin know that the current library and city hall are pitifully small and inadequate for the needs of the community.

Because of the small size of the current library, there is limited space for for updated computers. The current two are outdated. With a modern library and the broadband, technology can move into the 21st century.

Because the library is so small there is no room for activities, such as children's hour or programs for adults. Six children or adults around the one table fill the library and make it difficult for other patrons to use the library.

The current City Hall is a cramped facility. The mayor and two assistants are crowded into a small space providing little privacy for any of them in their work.

Maupin considers itself the Gateway to the Deschutes River and in the 17 years we have been part of the community, we have seen more people moving to Maupin, as well as coming to Maupin for the river. The Maupin Market has added a positive dimension to the community. In addition, the main street and lighting has been updated, adding to the attractiveness of the community.

The citizens have raised \$130,000 towards building the combined library and civic center and we have contributed to that fund. The city has purchased property for the future library and civic center.

Maupin's citizens have an active and involved city council and mayor. Every mayor that has been elected in our memory has worked to bring more services to the community and is always available to meet with the residents.

Sincerely,

Don Jacklin

Carol Beatty

To Whom It May Concern

I am writing in STRONG SUPPORT of the efforts made by our local citizens and local government to improve internet communications and connectivity in South Wasco County. It is long overdue & The Fiber Network is a great way to accomplish this. This letter is asking for the STRONG FINANCIAL SUPPORT of our state and even federal government for both the Fiber Network & the Library Civic Center.

Being a rural community, it is a challenge to be on the front edge of growth or technology, but the residents of South Wasco County are making an effort through our time, our money and our support to meet that challenge. Any financial investment our representatives could give to help us in this effort would be greatly appreciated.

As a local Realtor with many years of experience, I have personally seen the access to the Fiber Network promote 2 new businesses in our community in the last 6 months.

By supporting the expansion of our Fiber Network project, you support providing limitless potential for economic growth and a bright future for all of South Wasco County.

I am also writing in STRONG SUPPORT of the Library/Civic Center. It is a true representation of our local community values of progress and community. And a natural partner for the expansion of the Fiber Network.

Growth is coming faster and faster and by building our Library and Civic Center we are sending a strong message that South Wasco County supports education, the power of words, and open technology.

The Library/Civic Center offers ALL residents of South Wasco County the opportunity to come together to improve understanding of whatever ideas or problems or goals we may want to explore. It also provides access to technology that will benefit our community in all aspects of life, social, education, economic, arts, reading & much more.

February 22, 2018

Lynn Ewing, Mayor
City of Maupin
P.O. Box 308
Maupin, Oregon 97037

Re: Civic Center/Library and Broadband Projects

Dear Mayor Ewing,

My husband and I are writing to voice our support of the proposed civic center project. Having been home owners in Maupin for eighteen years, we have been enthusiastic users and now supporters of the Civic Center/Maupin Library project. Despite the fact that our current library is small and has limited capacity, it is run as a first-class facility, used regularly by a high percentage of residents in town and in the surrounding communities. It could benefit from relieved crowding in the form of space to increase the breadth of materials offered and ancillary services such as modern computers and meeting rooms to support its 900-plus users.

Through a capital campaign, area residents and supporters of this project have contributed over \$130,000 seed money, as well as purchasing a site for the facility. We believe this shows how strong area support runs.

In addition, the advent of Maupin high speed broadband services both in support of the business community and residences is a much sought improvement. We believe it is a necessity to promote the area's improving economy, and enhance everyday life in the City of Maupin. Lack of broadband services will stall economic growth and community expansion.

Broadband in Maupin would also provide a huge boost to technology delivery in the library. For many lower income residents in the area, it is the only way to access the internet and the larger world.

It would be a shame to see momentum stalled for this visionary project which could offer so many benefits to a strong rural community.

Sincerely,

Susan W. Wright

It is only through the efforts of so many local residents that we are within reach of our goals. And I would like to acknowledge and thank them for all that they do.

So please, support us in this endeavor now! Our fundraising efforts have brought us this far, but only your financial investment can help us go further. Just know that The Fiber Network & Library/Civic Center will bring so much, to so many, of all ages, in South Wasco County, and it will provide opportunities that extend onward into the future!

And your support made it all possible.

Sincerely

Tammy Creel, Business Owner/ Wasco Realty, Local Resident

John Creel, Local Resident, Retired Lt. Hoodland Fire

Varryl Creel, Local Resident, Retired School Teacher

February 20, 2018

To Whom It May Concern:

My name is Kathi Ringo, my husband Joe and I live in Maupin and have lived here since 2002. Because there is only one Internet service provider, I have to use Century Link, which has extremely low mgs, in fact we pay for 40 mgs and we only are getting 1.2 mgs!! We have a business in Beaverton, OR and I do all my financial work through the Internet with our accountant and use QuickBooks, but it is so slow and time consuming, it's not "Quick" at all! I struggle all the time and have to wait until the wee hours because that's when there are fewer people online. We love our community and love being here, but if high speed Internet is not available, this little town will disappear! There is so much opportunity to have people move here and work from their home, but until we get high speed internet, it will not happen.

My husband and I also would love to see the Civic Center with a library be available to not only us, but all the many, many travelers who come through here and stay in the RV park and the motels that are here. The library we have right now is one of the **smallest** in the state and is used by the many communities around us, not just Maupin. The civic center would be so nice to have a gathering place for events. Every spring, we celebrate "Maupin Daze" and our Maupin Dig & Hoe Garden Club has a plant sale and many other businesses participate. This event is the garden club's only fund raiser where we give back to the community. In fact our club donated \$2,000.00 to the library fund as we realize how important it is to educate our youth. Maupin Market has only been here just 10 years, but we are so lucky to have it here as it keeps us from having to go 45 miles for our food and staples. If they are forced out of business because of people not staying in our area then that would be devastating for our community!

I urge you to please help keep this community thriving so we can move forward and raise our children and grandchildren here in such a wonderful school with amazing teachers who love and nurture the children.

As I sit here writing this letter, I am looking out my office window at the beautiful Deschutes River, which is what keeps us here, and feel so blessed to be in a community that cares about each other. I just spent 2 hours on the phone with Century Link trying to figure out how I am going to get my 40 mgs, I would be happy just to get 10!! Thank you for helping our community.

Sincerely,

Kathi Ringo
jkringo@gmail.com

EMAILS AND LETTERS FROM STUDENTS OF SOUTH WASCO COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL
To the Capital Projects Subcommittee Members:

I work with the school Technology Coordinator to help keep computers throughout the school district up and running. This has been great hands-on experience. The fiber project has already connected the school to Gigabit fiber. The benefits of this connection are:

- The Increased bandwidth has made our school's tech coordinator and my own job much easier.
- The increased internet speed has also allowed us to administer online tests with fewer problems or interruptions due to network limitations.
- Many of the services students and teachers use on computers are now cloud based software.
- Since we are a very small school and thus have limited resources, many of students take online courses. The new internet speed is vital to this.
- The new internet speeds have also granted teachers easier access to online teaching resources.

The school already has access to this to gigabit, and the changes it has brought are immense, but the rest of the community is missing out on this great resource. Establishing a fiber connection to the rest of Maupin will not only enhance the civic center project and the residents of Maupin..

Internet speeds in these areas are currently below 5 Mb and often below 1 Mb. These speeds are not effective for research for school assignments and projects. For those of us taking advanced placement courses and college courses online, the time to do an assignment can easily triple due to waiting for a page to load.

- Not only will this new bandwidth enable a more effective learning environment at our school, it will enhance our new library and civic center. Incredibly fast, broadband internet will be a vital amenity to this new community place.
- We plan to utilize our new broadband connection to enhance the our town library that we plan to build.
- Smaller towns around Maupin such as Pine Grove, Wamic, Shaniko and Tygh Valley have had to deal with internet as slow as dial-up, so new internet infrastructure will bring us closer to changing that.

These same slow speeds prevent telecommuting and home-based businesses from being able to effectively operate. Even existing traditional businesses have trouble when they must process credit cards, purchase boater passes or supplies, or update their websites. Add in customers who are used to free Wi-Fi and all can come to a screeching halt at current speeds.

This project will provide amazingly fast speeds to everyone in Maupin. It will also allow for immediate improvement in wireless Internet capabilities to surrounding communities. Having this high-speed network will make it easier for businesses to succeed and for home-based businesses and telecommuters to become viable. Most who graduate here leave after high school and few of the top students return to make careers in Maupin. This would make it possible, and more likely, that a technology entrepreneur, an engineer, or many other professionals to operate in this community. It provides an incentive and a reason for graduates to return after getting a degree or training outside the community.

Matthew Gragg, SWC ASB Treasurer

To the Capital Projects Subcommittee Members:

Our school, South Wasco County, is small but highly effective in providing us with educational opportunities. The community supports the schools and, in turn, supports us in achieving all that we can.

A vital part of our South Wasco County Community is the Maupin City Library. Being a part of the Maupin Public Library's Youth Advisory Council has been a valuable learning experience and a great way to connect with our community. Maupin has provided me and my fellow students with great opportunity, and I want to do what I can to show my appreciation.

When we are participating in sports, particularly basketball, we often have a couple of hours between school ending and practice beginning. The library is a helpful resource for student-athletes. I have spent many hours in our tiny town library working on homework and using books to research for projects. Unfortunately, online research and large group gatherings are not possible in our current facility due to the poor internet connection and limited space. As President of four of the clubs at our school, I am constantly trying to find places for meetings. Funding and a new, updated library would offer children, students, and adults a beautiful, functional space to gather, research, learn, and connect.

The new Civic Center will be a great location to hold community events in Maupin. As of now, it is difficult to find large indoor spaces, but this building will provide the town a place to hold events, meetings, and even dances. It would be used for multiple functions and would benefit every member in our community.

The interaction with other communities is also significant and important to me. The library provides a safe environment where I can meet and converse with people ranging from toddlers to young parents to the elderly in our community. Not only is the Public Library a place to do work, it is a place of gathering and connections, which is necessary in a town like Maupin.

Sincerely,

Allie Noland, SWC ASB President

To the Capital Projects Subcommittee Members:

We have an opportunity to take a huge step to improve the City of Maupin and the communities of South Wasco County for the betterment of the citizens. It's an opportunity that is vital to the growth of our south county area - in the forms of business prosperity and community services.

We are on the verge of being ready to expand our medical clinic which serves the entire region. This expansion will provide space for more practitioners, visiting health professionals, and allow the clinic to be open more hours every week.

The Library and Civic Center, in the middle of town, will become a center for many activities and better serve the people in our library district, which includes all of South Wasco County. Having this beautiful facility next to our downtown Kaiser Park will be of a benefit to our current residents, new residents, and even serve the 80,000 visitors who come every summer.

The Fiber Project ties it all together. It will not only allow businesses to flourish and grow, but also benefit all of the residents with ease of access to millions of resources that relate to their everyday lives. The clinic will be able to connect patients through tele-medicine, benefits not currently available. The library will become a hub for online activity and research for students as well as other community members. The community meeting room will serve as program space for the library activities, meeting space for the City and other local organizations, and a community learning space.

I foresee students actually becoming the teachers for other community members. It could be a space for teaching other community members how to use their smartphones and how to stay in touch with family via Facebook or face-to-face video phone calls. It could be a space for students to interact with younger community members to help them plan for their own bright futures. It could be a space where business owners meet to learn how to best use the new broadband to improve their bottom line.

It can be a space for all of our citizens to become an even more tightly knit community, and a space to enjoy for years to come. Receiving 1.5 million for these projects would enable us to begin building as soon as next fall, allowing us to provide a place for our upcoming generations to thrive alongside the generations before them. And I look forward to seeing all of you at our ribbon cutting ceremonies for these projects.

Yours,

Anastasia Popchok, SWC ASB Vice-President

Members of the Capital Projects Sub-Committee:

The most important thing when considering the Civic Center and Fiber Optic projects is to have perspective. Maupin, Oregon has a few hundred people, and in total we have zero opportunity for community buildings. There is no community center, no gym. All we have is our library. The library that has room for 4 rows of books, and one table. We find this little library a home. It's our single window of opportunity. I have been involved in the library since I was ten years old (I am eighteen.) I want a future in teaching, and I want to form an activity with the library to have fun, educational science programs for children. But how could I do that without a projector? How could I gather everyone inside on rainy, cold days? Our only seating is a single table with 4-5 seating spaces. Our total library storage space is one 3x3 closet. How can our community keep up with the current times, strive for advancements if we have- to put it lightly- less-than-desirable internet? For many, the internet is our only escape from this town, our chance to connect with online schooling, home-grown business websites, find tax forms, etc... However, the internet at the library (our only public computer access) can hardly handle one person online at any given time? Good luck printing that tax form! The current City Hall serves as nothing more than an office, a one-stop-shop for dropping off paperwork. The new Civic Center could change that in very obvious ways.

This is my appeal, my plea to the boards and people in power to help our little town.

We have pride in our home, we have love for this community.

We need these grants.

Sincerely,

Oliver R. Rocha (Student)

615 Deschutes Ave

Colton Barley <coltonbarley1947@gmail.com>

It would be nice to get a new Maupin library because we need a bigger library that has fast internet and more space for more books and new computers with nice chairs.

Oscar Thomas <22oscart@swasco.net>

Hey it's Oscar that goes here at South Wasco County high school. I would love to have a new public library and new high speed internet. The new library would help because we can actually have computers to work and more space. The old public library was really small and really tight. High speed internet would be great for companies here in Maupin and great for families that live here in town. This is an e-mail saying that these projects would be a great idea.

A S <salex.22.03@gmail.com>

In my opinion I think the new library could be very important to are education. New books can give us new information. The new high speed internet can be essential to education because it can be useful for research and tests writing projects.

Jade McCoy <21jadem@swasco.net>
To whom it may concern

Hello my name is Jade McCoy, and I am a freshman at South Wasco County High School. As you know as a freshman I have lots of homework and free time, I also play basketball for the varsity team. So as you can tell I have tons of uses for high speed internet and a new library! I would use the new library all the time for homework and just chilling out with my friends. Then I would use the high speed internet to work on my game, look up film and learn about all the other things in the world. The internet would help me get outside of my small town of rednecks. Also it would help so many other people as well because the high speed internet would help the high school students stay up to date and also keep them from wasting paper because we could do all of our work internet based. Also the library would support the high school students were they could stay out of trouble and hangout with their friends. Another problem that could be solved with a new library is space, our library now is very small and if we had a larger library more people/ students would come a enjoy books and the internet. This would educate our town, make us aware of our surroundings, and cause less issues in small towns. In conclusion we as a small town could really benefit from high speed internet and a new library!

Sent from my iPod

Roeder, Linnae <21linnaer@swasco.net>
Hello there,

My name is Linnae Roeder and I am a Freshman at the South Wasco County Jr. Sr. High, High school. This e-mail is about the speedy internet for the town of maupin and more for the businesses and the community's around that are close. I think that the decision for the high speed internet is very beneficial and that people will productively use it. It will also be very nice for the school also because with the internet that we have now, it gets really annoying when you are trying to do something and you get kicked off of it because the internet connection is very poor.

I hope that you have taken some serious thought and consideration about the new South Wasco County Library. I promise that it will be very, very, VERY beneficial for the community because a lot of people will use for research, studying, and much more that most large libraries are used for. I can promise you that I will definitely use the new library for studying my Math, Language Arts, Biology and much more. I hope that the business executives, or Senators that you will be talking to, will fully understand and get what I am saying in this long 2 or more paragraph statement. I really hope that you get this in time and thank you, Thank You, THANK YOU for your time. I and a lot of other high school students really appreciate what you are doing today. Thanks again so much.

Sincerely,

Linnae Anne Roeder- South Wasco County Sr. High, High School Freshman.

Wilson, Tashina <21tashinaw@swasco.net>

Hello my name Tashina Wilson, I am a Maupin civilian, but I am from Warm Springs, but I would love to use this beautifully nice library with the high speed internet. I am supporting and voting what our community wants. I am very supportive about this decision because I would like to go to a quiet place with all the great books of imaginative authors that gave us a mind to discover and go beyond our imaginations of reading at this beautifully planned library that need supports and care from you and our community.

Genesis Rosas <21genesizr@swasco.net>

Sent from my iPhone

Hola, hello!

My name is Genesis Rosas and I am a freshman, Actually I'm new in this school and I really like to read books, sow when I heard that you we're gonna do a new library I got really excited!! I'm a freshman at the South Wasco Country Jr. Sr. High, High School. And this email is on the high about speedy internet for the town of Maupin and more for the businesses and the community's around that are close. I think that the decision for the high speed is very beneficial and that people will productively use it.it will also be very nice for the school also because with the internet we have now, it gets really annoying when you are trying to do something and you get kicker off it because the internet connection is very poor. Thanks for everything, I really hope that you get this in time and thank you! For your time. I and a lot of the high school students really appreciate what you are doing today. Thanks again!!

Sincerely:

Genesis Rosas ☒

Genesis Rosas~South Wasco country Sr. High, High School Freshman.

Ferguson, Sydney <20sydneyf@swasco.net>

To whom it may concern,

My name is Sydney and I am a sophomore at South Wasco County High School. At my school, the internet is very slow and our library is very small. It would be beneficial if we could somehow enhance the resources we have to make our education the best it could be. Not only does my high school suffer from slow internet, but my whole town does, and this can be frustrating for our few businesses and residents. Please consider giving our town of Maupin money so we can improve our internet speed and expand our public library. This generous contribution would make our town spotlight of what a small community could become in the future.

Respectfully,
Sydney Ferguson

February 22, 2018

Lynn Ewing, Mayor
City of Maupin
P.O. Box 308
Maupin, Oregon 97037

Re: Civic Center/Library and Broadband Projects

Dear Mayor Ewing,

My husband and I are writing to voice our support of the proposed civic center project. Having been home owners in Maupin for eighteen years, we have been enthusiastic users and now supporters of the Civic Center/Maupin Library project. Despite the fact that our current library is small and has limited capacity, it is run as a first-class facility, used regularly by a high percentage of residents in town and in the surrounding communities. It could benefit from relieved crowding in the form of space to increase the breadth of materials offered and ancillary services such as modern computers and meeting rooms to support its 900-plus users.

Through a capital campaign, area residents and supporters of this project have contributed over \$130,000 seed money, as well as purchasing a site for the facility. We believe this shows how strong area support runs.

In addition, the advent of Maupin high speed broadband services both in support of the business community and residences is a much sought improvement. We believe it is a necessity to promote the area's improving economy, and enhance everyday life in the City of Maupin. Lack of broadband services will stall economic growth and community expansion.

Broadband in Maupin would also provide a huge boost to technology delivery in the library. For many lower income residents in the area, it is the only way to access the internet and the larger world.

It would be a shame to see momentum stalled for this visionary project which could offer so many benefits to a strong rural community.

Sincerely,

Susan W. Wright