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Senator Elizabeth Steiner Hayward, Co-Chair  
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Joint Committee on Ways and Means  
Oregon State Legislature  
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Salem, OR 97301

April 16, 2021

Co-Chair Johnson, Co-Chair Steiner Hayward, Co-Chair Rayfield and Members of the Committee:

On behalf of the Port of Hood River Commissioners, I write to support the Port's \$3.59 million request for American Rescue Plan funds to construct crucial infrastructure on a key 12-acre part of the Hood River Waterfront known as "Lot #1".

Lot #1 is the last significant undeveloped light industrial property on the waterfront. Our local community envisions future development there that will include a mix of light industrial and commercial uses that generate local jobs, and a demonstrated commitment to sustainable design, generous bicycle/pedestrian corridors and active public spaces. The greatest hurdle for achieving this vision is the cost of basic street and utility infrastructure. Preliminary engineering plans to build N. 1<sup>st</sup> Street and E. Anchor Way, and relocate underground utilities are estimated to cost of \$5.09 million. The Port is able to fund \$1.5 million of this total. The balance represents the Port's ARP request of \$3.59 million.

The development potential of Lot #1 is enormous for a community the size of Hood River—over 150,000 s.f. of construction and 400-500 jobs. It would also help fulfill an enduring community vision for the Hood River Waterfront— active, sustainable, walkable, and connecting downtown with the Columbia River. There are many long-term community benefits in achieving this vision.

The Port Commission respectfully requests your support for \$3.59 million in American Rescue Plan funding to develop critical infrastructure for Lot #1. The completed project would deliver significant economic development and job creation, while also bringing significant quality of life benefits to the Hood River community.

Thank you for your consideration.

Michael S. McElwee, Executive Director  
Port of Hood River

CC: Rep. Tina Kotek, Speaker of the House  
Sen. Peter Courtney, Senate President  
Sen. Lee Beyer, Co-Chair of the Joint Committee on Transportation  
Rep. Susan McLain, Co-Chair of the Joint Committee on Transportation

# LOT 1 - PUBLIC INFRASTRUCTURE FRAMEWORK PLAN

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## ***Illustrative Perspectives***

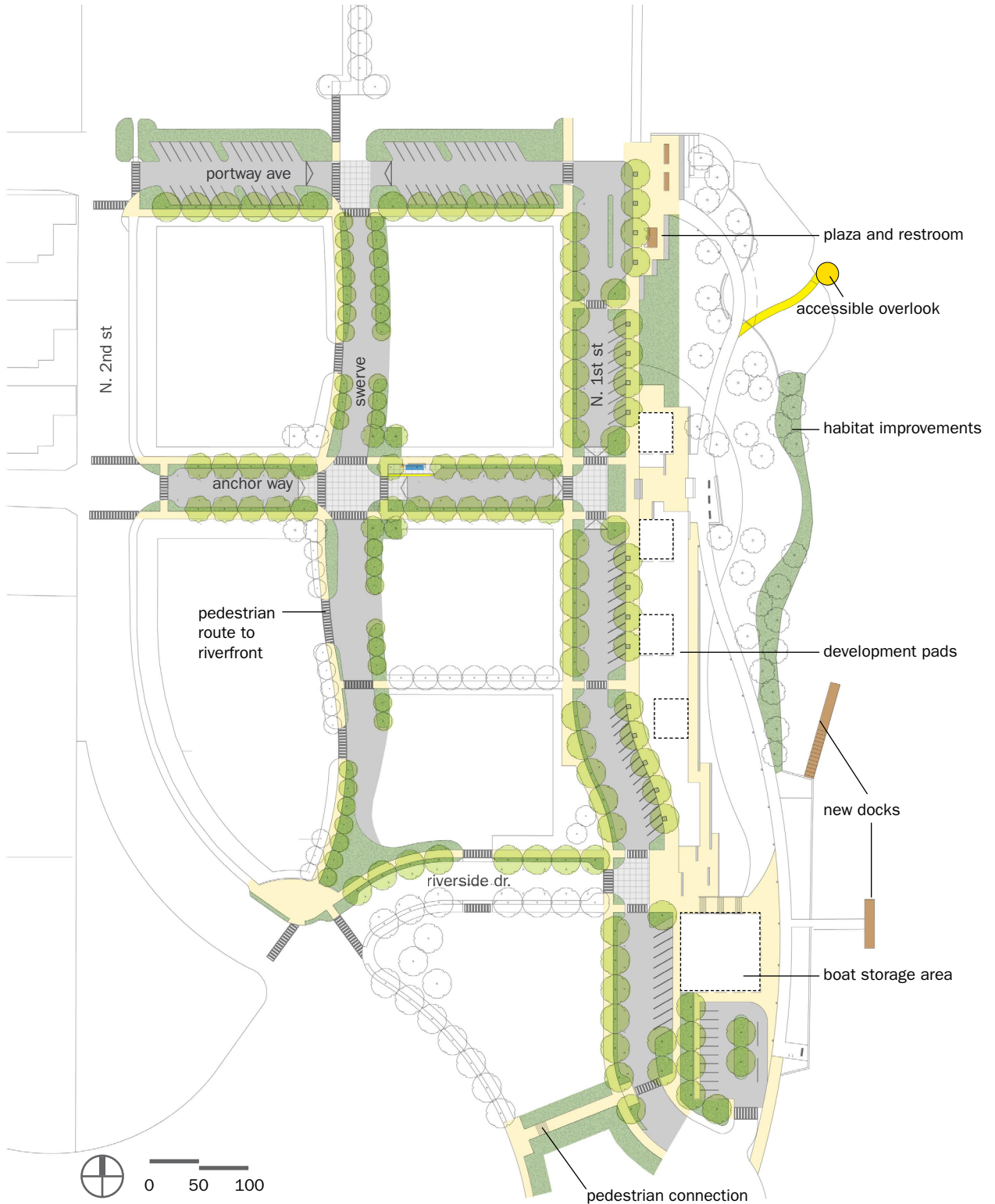
### **Description**

In 2015 the City Council provided significant direction for the development of Lot 1 by adopting a Waterfront Refinement Plan and a Waterfront Overlay zone. Following this direction, the Port provided the 2016 planning effort completed by the Walker Macy team (Lot 1 - Development Plan) which outlined further refinement for future development. This report builds on the previous plan's concepts and further refines the potential appearance and development of Lot 1. The Port believes that Lot #1 should be developed in a manner that continues the high standards of design and construction quality that has been carried out on the riverfront in recent years and seeks a mix of uses that will add to this vital and active waterfront district.



## Comprehensive Infrastructure & Enhancement Plan

This plan illustrates the physical improvements proposed for Lot 1 to support development. These improvements are further described in the report.



# Comprehensive Utility Plan

This plan illustrates the new and existing utilities needed to support development of Lot 1. These improvements are further described in the report.

