

# City of Hood River Priorities



## Information

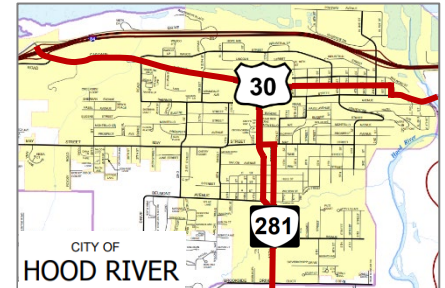
Permanent Population:	8,557
Summer Weekend Pop.	25,000+
Total Acres:	2,180
% Renters Cost Burdened:	43%
% Pop. Hispanic or Latino	24%
Median Home Value:	\$709,346

## Local Funding

Local Gas Tax:	\$340,000
System Dev. Charges:	\$240,000
Urban Renewal Borrowing Authority Planned for Transportation Projects:	
Heights District:	\$7.3M
Westside District:	\$37.6M

## Background

The City of Hood River is a thriving hub for the aerospace industry, outdoor sports, wineries and breweries. The City of Hood River is heavily impacted by seasonal tourism and faces acute workforce housing shortages common to destination communities. The City's primary constraint to housing development is inadequate roadway infrastructure. Hood River's two primary roads are both state highways. The City's transportation priorities center on supporting housing with improved roadways, ensuring existing roadways accommodate all users, and gaining local authority to manage the community's primary throughfares.



## Top Priority Investments

### Heights Jurisdictional Transfer of OR-281:

Hood River recently completed a four-year planning process to re-envision its Heights Business District. Realizing this vision will require the jurisdictional transfer of this section of state highway. ODOT's Jurisdictional Transfer Advisory Committee created by HB 2793 (2023) reviewed and recommended Hood River's transfer request for the 2025 Legislative Session.



### Roundabout at Hwy 30 and Mt. Adams:

This intersection serves the last significant reserve of undeveloped land within Hood River's urban growth boundary. Increasing its capacity is a precondition to any meaningful increase in the City's housing supply. A roundabout will add capacity for 1,500 new homes. A roundabout will also maintain operability during power outages which is crucial in the event of a wildfire evacuation. This area of town has had four wildland fires since 2008 and continues to be high risk.

### May Street Elevated Sidewalk:

This ODOT project will replace a crumbling sidewalk near the Hood River Middle School and Providence Hospital. ODOT STIP Enhance funding for this project was first announced in 2017. The City's local match requirement at that time was \$172,205. The project's local match requirement has since grown to \$1,740,362 and construction work has not started. The City is requesting reallocation of Enhance grants funds to lower local match requirements.

