Hello Chair Senator Fred Girod , Co-Chair Rep Rob Nosse and Members of the Joint Ways and Means Committee on Capital Construction.

For the record my name is Karen La Bonte and I am the Public Works Director, for the City of Cannon Beach. I am here today to ask for your support for the ***Transmission Backbone – Water Resiliency Project*** in the amount of ***$7.3M***.

This project is the *final phase* of our Water Resiliency project that is part of our City's Masterplan SRAMP (Seismic Risk Assessment and Mitigation Plan) that seismically hardens our drinking water infrastructure.

The city of Cannon Beach has been identified as Level *X* on the DOGAMI Oregon plate number 7 for earthquake and tsunami damage. This is the *highest risk category* for damage in the State of Oregon.

The 2013 Oregon Resilience Plan (ORP) has set a 50-year planning goal for cities to attain the capability to restore critical services within a one-week period after an earthquake/tsunami event, and to be able to restore all services within three to six months. It is recognized that services will be considerably more difficult for coastal communities to restore and could take up to 3+ years to restore complete services after a seismic event.

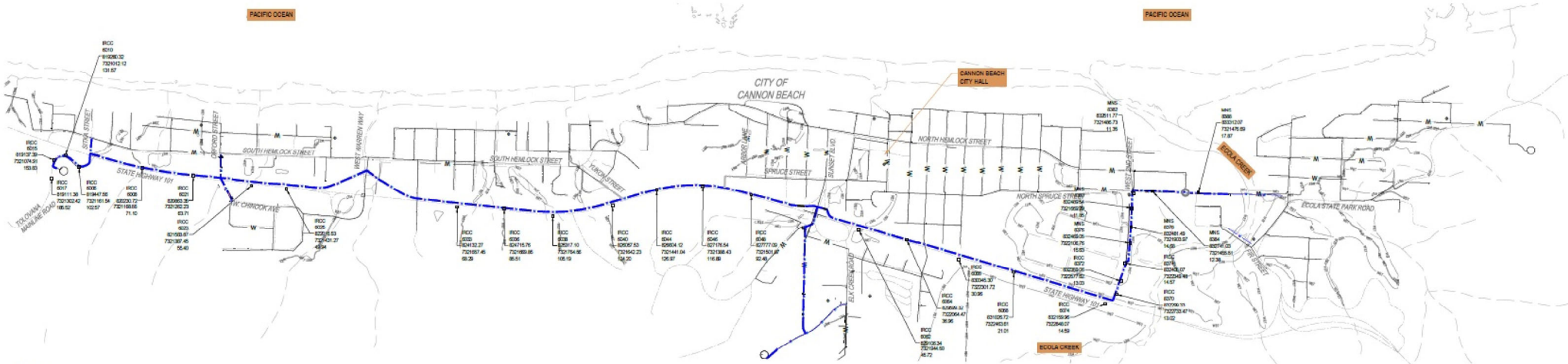
Revenue to operate the utility system and fund capital improvements identified in the Masterplan is derived largely from utility rate payers. However, City Staff has aggressively pursued Federal and State grant funding, as well as low interest loans to help fund projects and reduce the burden that ratepayers' shoulder via their utility bills.

The total Water Resiliency project consists of three large phases with a total dollar amount of $17.3M. To date, the city has successfully secured all funding necessary *except* the $7.3M needed to construct this *final phase*. Phase 1 and 2 of the project is constructed to deliver a reliable, secure water supply to the ***Transmission Backbone*** which is the final phase of the project. This phase constructs an HDPE ***Transmission Backbone*** along HWY101 ensuring we can get water to the community within 72 hours of an event. This transmission line will create a redundant path to our current aging infrastructure and provides the resiliency needed should we experience a seismic event. This phase is shovel ready and can be constructed as quickly as funding is secured.

I have uploaded a 1-page project detail with a map showing the area of construction that this funding will enable to OLIS to support our project ask.

In closing, this ***Transmission Backbone – Water Resiliency Project*** in the amount of ***$7.3M*** will complete the final phase of the City's Masterplan SRAMP project that will seismically harden our drinking water system ensuring we can get water to our community and any visitors that are here should a seismic event occur in Clatsop County.

I'd like to thank the Committee and Chair for allowing me to present our project today.



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