

Hood River's waterfront stormwater line replacement was slated for \$1.7 million in lottery bond proceeds through HB 5030 (2019) prior to the COVID-19 pandemic. The City of Hood River requests that this project be included in the 2021-23 budget and funded with lottery bond proceeds. The City completed phase 1 of the project on an emergency basis with local funds. Completion of the remaining phases is essential to the protection of two large commercial facilities and the City's wastewater treatment plant.

The 24"-36" corrugated metal pipe was installed in the 1960's at the same time the Hood River Waterfront was created from fill dirt from dam construction by the Army Corps of Engineers. Over the next five decades the Hood River Waterfront developed into a statewide recreational asset and now houses companies with national reach, like Hood River Distillers, Turtle Island Foods (aka Tofurky), and Ryan's Juice. The failed stormwater line is threatening nearby buildings and needs immediate replacement.

The City dedicated all remaining waterfront district urban renewal funds to the project, however, funds are insufficient to cover the cost of the project. Urban Renewal funding displaced other waterfront district development priorities, such as development of Lot 1, Nichols basin habitat restoration, and pathway improvements. The City is continuing to search for alternative outside funding to augment State of Oregon Bond proceed, if awarded. Alternatives include assessing waterfront district properties for the cost of the project, saddling business with multi-million dollar tax assessments on the heels of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Design and permitting work for Phase 2 is currently underway with construction planned to begin in summer 2021 and end in fall 2021. Construction for Phase 3 is due to start in summer 2022 and be completed in fall 2022. Construction for Phase 4 is due to start in summer 2023 and be completed in fall.

Thank you for your consideration.