

May 4, 2023

Joint Ways and Means Committee  
900 Court Street NE  
Salem, OR 97301

Dear Co-Chairs Steiner and Sanchez, Co-Vice Chairs Girod, Gomberg and Smith and Committee members:

I am writing to express my support for the City of Stayton's Ida Street Sewer Upsizing Capital funding request.

The existing Ida Street sewer line is undersized to properly handle existing capacity and is projected to surcharge manholes during 5 year storm events. The City is actively working to upsizing the pipe, however does not anticipate having sufficient funds for approximately 5 years to complete all necessary upsizing. As a result, they are faced with the inability to approve any new development that would increase demand on the system. This impacts housing supply as well as business development.

Having been involved in the revitalization of our downtown, I have first hand knowledge of the current desire to improve that area both physically and economically. This funding will remove physical barriers from a growing, prospering downtown area. I assure you that these funds will be a well-spent investment in a vibrant small town "Gateway to the Santiam Canyon".

The City's funding request of \$2,685,418 will help them complete the necessary upgrades to existing infrastructure and allow for new development to occur, opening up multiple areas within the Stayton downtown area to residential, commercial and industrial development or redevelopment that are currently restricted due to the capacity issues.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Steve Parn", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.