

The Honorable Elizabeth Steiner and Tawna Sanchez, Co-Chairs Members of the Joint Committee on Ways and Means Oregon State Legislature

Highway 101 Pipe Replacement

Amount Requested: \$3,663,000

Dear Co-Chairs Steiner and Sanchez, and Members of the Committee,

The City of Gearhart urgently seeks \$3,663,000 in Capital Construction Funding to replace deteriorating and undersized asbestos cement and PVC water mains along Highway 101.

This critical infrastructure serves as the backbone of our water distribution system and supports both daily use and emergency fire flow. Replacing this outdated pipeline will improve water reliability, reduce costly maintenance, and ensure adequate pressure for firefighting and new housing development.

A prior ODOT grant for this project was rescinded due to statewide budget constraints, leaving this high-priority replacement unfunded. Your support will help us safeguard public health and safety while building resiliency into our infrastructure.

Sincerely

Chad Sweet

City Administrator, Gearhart, Oregon