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Joint Committee on Ways and Means  
Subcommittee on Capital Construction  
900 Court St. NE  
Salem, OR 97301

**RE: Amity Railroad Waterline Replacement**

Co-chairs Girod and Nosse and Members of the Committee:

The City of Amity is requesting \$500,000 to support construction of three waterlines crossing railroad tracks that provide water to the Amity's commercial core.

Amity's downtown and commercial core are currently served by three aged and undersized waterlines that run underneath the railroad tracks. Two of the three waterlines are Asbestos Cement. One waterline is just 4" in diameter.

Amity's downtown has several open lots that are ready for commercial or residential development, but don't have sufficient access to the City's water system.

The City is actively designing these three waterline replacements, which will require boring under the railroad tracks. Amity will contribute \$1,000,000 to this project, but does not have sufficient funding to complete all three railroad crossings at this time. However, the design and permitting for all three crossings are already underway.

The City of Amity is requesting \$500,000 (32% of the total project cost) to support the construction of those three waterline railroad crossings. This is a shovel ready project that would be completed before June of 2026 and would remove a major barrier to the development of housing and commercial properties in downtown Amity.

Thank you for your attention and consideration of this request for the City of Amity.

Sincerely,

Nathan Frarck  
City Administrator, City of Amity