

May 9, 2025

Joint Committee on Ways and Means

Subcommittee on Capital Construction

900 Court St. NE

Salem, OR 97301

RE: Amity Wastewater SCADA System

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

The City of Amity is requesting \$280,000 to fund the development and implementation of a Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition (SCADA) system for our Wastewater Treatment Plant. This request represents 93% of the total project cost.

Our existing Wastewater Treatment Plant was initially built in 2002 and underwent minor upgrades in 2012. However, with increasingly stringent Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) and National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit requirements, the City is finding it challenging to consistently meet current and anticipated limits. To this end, Amity has received a fine from DEQ and is currently working towards a Mutual Agreement and Order to proactively address future compliance and enforcement matters.

The current wastewater treatment system no longer adequately meets the City's needs regarding both capacity and treatment capabilities. As Amity plans for significant capital improvements and upgrades in the future, we require consistent data and control mechanisms to accurately assess the necessary improvements and determine the most beneficial course of action.

The City of Amity serves approximately 1,800 residents, which translates to just under 700 service accounts contributing to our water and sewer system. Given our limited rate revenue, it is financially unsustainable for us to keep pace with the escalating costs associated with expanding the existing system.

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

Sincerely,

Melissa Bojorquez

City Council President, City of Amity