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At the Monday, February 9 hearing, many opponents mentioned that TLT funds are used for marketing, they are also used for tourists facilities, events and services. In Cannon Beach they are used for the Information Center, public restrooms, Haystack Awareness Program, Code Enforcement and events such as Sandcastle Contest, Stormy Weather Arts Festival, Spring Unveiling, Get Lit, and Fat Tire Bike Festival. Without the 70/30 split these funds could be used for infrastructure which property tax makes more sense.

Changes in how TLT funds can be used opens the door for avoiding holding elections for tax increases and requires the hotels to do the heavy lifting. This takes rights away from the votes to have a say in how money is collected and spent.