



CITY OF MOSIER
small enough to make a difference
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Co-Chair Sen. Fred Girod
Co-Chair Rep. Rod Nosse
Capital Construction Committee

**Re: Testimony to Joint Committee On Ways and Means
Subcommittee On Capital Construction - Mosier Center**

The community of Mosier, Mosier Fire District and the City of Mosier respectfully ask for the legislature's support of \$4.5m to close our funding gap and allow us to finally construct the Mosier Center, a combined fire station, city hall, and community safety center.

Why fund us?

1. Our existing facilities are woefully antiquated and inadequate to meet contemporary needs. We have suffered numerous emergencies in recent years including the oil train derailment in 2016 and six wildland-urban interface fires in the past 5 years alone.
2. We are shovel ready with final design and construction permits in hand.
3. We have skin in the game. We have raised \$4million over the last 6 years including contributions of \$1m each from the City and Fire District and several hundred thousand \$ from local citizens. Our request today is the final piece of the funding puzzle. Your support will allow us to build a new emergency services facility now, eliminating the risk of losing funds from grants and permits that sunset this year; and the risk of relying on unsound facilities during future emergencies.
4. Benefits will accrue for the coming decades to a wide swath of north central Oregon and the population within. In addition to providing critical fire and emergency response capability, the facility will serve as community meeting and training room, office space, a food pantry and emergency shelter.

Now is the time to get this project done and we urge you to include Mosier's request for a lasting community safety solution in the state budget.

Thank you,

Witt Anderson, Mayor
City of Mosier

Rob Miller, Board Member
Mosier Fire District



Proposed New Fire Station (east side)

MOSIER CENTER

FIRE STATION | COMMUNITY CENTER | CITY HALL

A facility to support regional safety & economic vitality in the heart of the Gorge



Mosier Oil Train Derailment

Regional Fire & EMS Support Mosier currently supports The Dalles, Hood River, and Rowena via Mutual Aid agreements. We also provide emergency support along I-84. However, we currently function out of a dilapidated 1950s garage with no insulation, training or post fire clean up space. This facility will provide much needed protection for our equipment and volunteers and improve local and regional fire and medical training.

After the 2016 oil train derailment, 2018 Memaloose I & II fires, 2020 Mosier Creek, Seven Mile fires, and 2025 Microwave Fire, the City of Mosier and Mosier Fire District have recognized a dire need for community resilience. We are now more determined than ever to build the “Mosier Center” with state of the art emergency and public services.



Interior New Fire Station

Ability to serve as ‘Incident Command’ for Emergencies

Mosier Fire has hosted several conflagrations in the last decade including the Oil Train Derailment in 2016, Memaloose fires in 2018, Mosier Creek fires in 2020 and five subsequent fires. With increased fire dangers in the area we are likely to host more in the coming decades. The location is also a key communications check point in local emergency plans.

CONSTRUCTION COST:
\$8.5 million

COMMUNITY FUNDS:
\$4 million

NEED:
\$4.5 million

CONSTRUCTION START: Summer 2026



Existing Fire & City Hall

Regional Tourism / Economic Development Located on the Historic Hwy, the new center will provide information, restrooms & services for the 2 million tourists who travel through the Gorge each year. These numbers have doubled since the Eagle Creek Fire pushed hikers and bikers East to our area.

History Museum / Community Gathering Space for Wider Valley & Regional Partners Mosier is the civic and social hub for over 2000 residents and many community organizations in the wider Mosier valley. The new building will include a home for the Mosier Valley Historical Society’s collection of photos and artifacts as well as visitor center, meeting spaces and kitchen use.

Food Pantry & Emergency Shelter After Covid-19 economic impacts, food insecurity is an issue in the Gorge and 98% of the region’s food is shipped in by truck. These facilities provide the public with a **Resiliency Hub** in case I-84 is closed off for an extended period.

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Existing Apparatus Bays



MOSIER EXISTING CONDITIONS

