# Semi-Annual Planning Department Report

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**Council Update** 

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# Project Management, Etc.

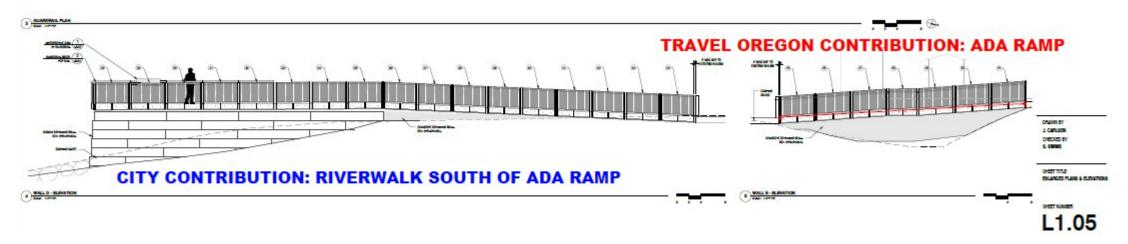
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## Riverwalk Project Phase I

- Applied to Travel Oregon Competitive Grants Program for accessibility improvements behind lighthouse replica
- 100k grant award successful!
- Redesign work to rebid project without stage, playground, picnic pavilion
- Incremental approach for improvements to park
- Possible to pursue additional grant funding for other park elements

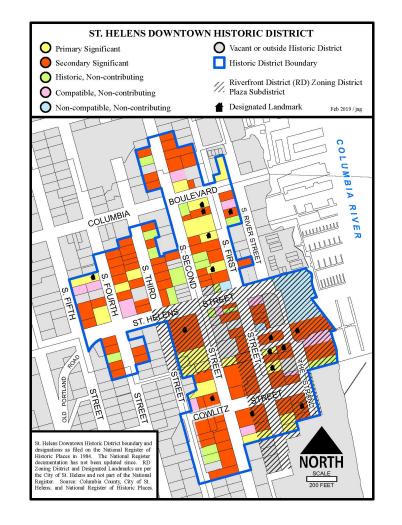


## ODOT Community Paths Program St. Helens Scappoose Trail Refinement Plan

- 7.7-mile regional trail between St. Helens and Scappoose
- \$300k grant award successful!
- Convene stakeholders with County and Scappoose to develop 3 trail route alternatives, narrow to preferred route, develop 30% plans and present to County, Scappoose, and St. Helens
- Delay in receiving our ODOT contracts (was supposed to be Oct. 2023)
- Reviewing initial draft statement of work from ODOT

## Certified Local Government Grant (6<sup>th</sup> Cycle)

- Received \$17k instead usual \$12-\$15k
- City's competitive pass-through program for eligible property owners in the nationally registered St. Helens Downtown Historic District
- HLC selected 135 S. 3<sup>rd</sup> Street for exterior restoration work on the front and side facades
- State approved work plan!
- Project to be completed by August 31, 2024



## State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) Veterans Memorial Grant

- 7 branches of service flag/monument expansion at McCormick Park
- \$33k grant request successful!
- Public Works contributed in-kind labor with concrete work on walkway and pedestals
- VFW donated flagpoles/hardware
- LCE contributed design/engineering in-kind
- Granite slabs will be installed week of 12/4 (weather permitting)!



## Other Project Management Support

#### Special Public Works Fund (SPWF) Loan Program

- Riverfront District Streets & Utilities Project under construction
- Undergrounding Utilities Project design & bidding in process

### **Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)**

- Engineering/Design Application for Sanitary Sewer Capacity Improvements
- \$2.5 million grant award successful!
- Received 3 proposals for engineering/design contractor
- Shortlisted 2 contractors and held interviews on 11/17
- Consor Engineers scored highest



## Other Project Management Support

#### **Oregon Safe Routes to School (SRTS) Grant**

- Columbia Blvd. Sidewalks from Gable Road to Sykes Road
- Construction of sidewalks complete! Roadway reopened!
- Landscaping in progress
- Working to receive grant reimbursement and closeout the project before the deadline February 2024



### Other Project Management Support

#### **DLCD/ODOT Transportation Management Grant (TGM) Program**

- Planning assisted in reviewing application Engineering Dept. prepared for new Transportation Systems Plan (TSP)
- \$300k grant award successful!
- Engineering to lead project, planning to support
- Kicked off project by providing comments on statement of work and meeting with prospective consultants

### Urban Renewal Agency Support

- Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) between Council and URA in April 2022 to cover SPWF loan obligations
- No required URA meetings because of 2-Year budget approval
- URA meeting only required if expenditures are planned
- LOC offers URA training for elected officials and oversight boards
- Cascades closure revenue projection impacts

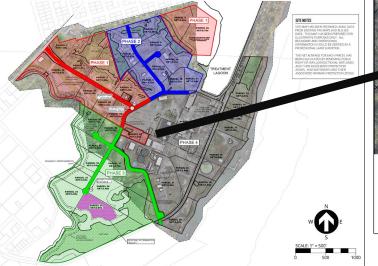
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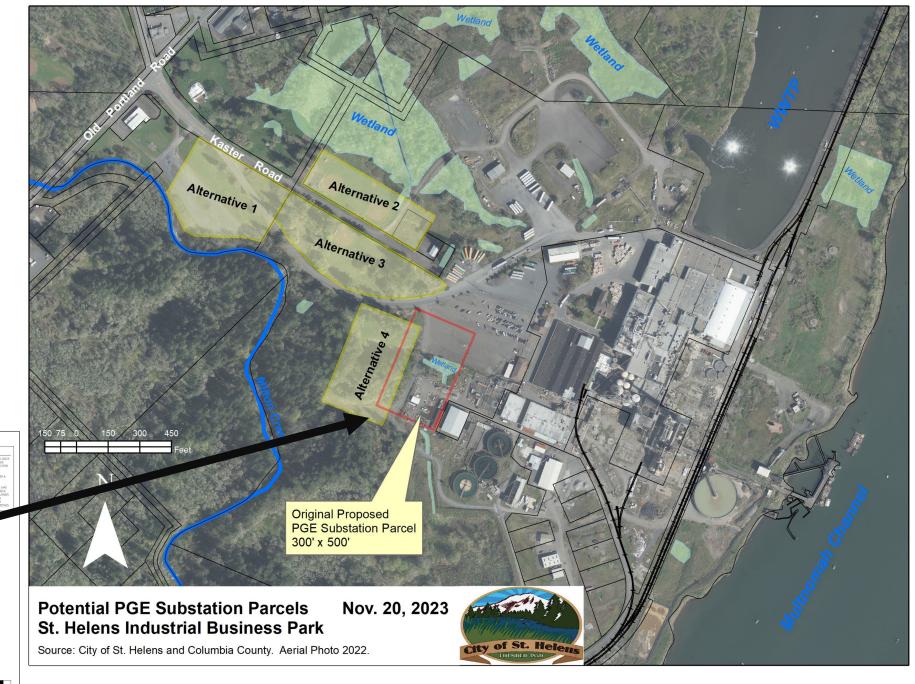
**Urban Renewal Agency** 

2022-2023 PROPOSED BIENNIAL BUDGET JULY 1, 2022 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2024



St. Helens Industrial Business Park







#### Last report: No vacancies expected in 2023

- Resignation on PC and Council
- Two vacancies in 2023 after all!!!
- HB 3115 efforts into June!!!
  - Planner with lead role? What?!?

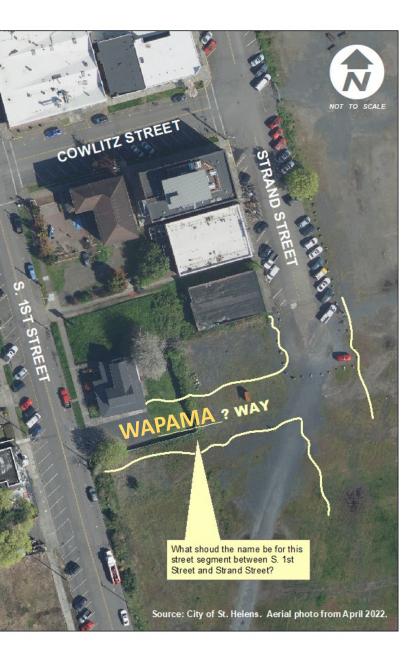


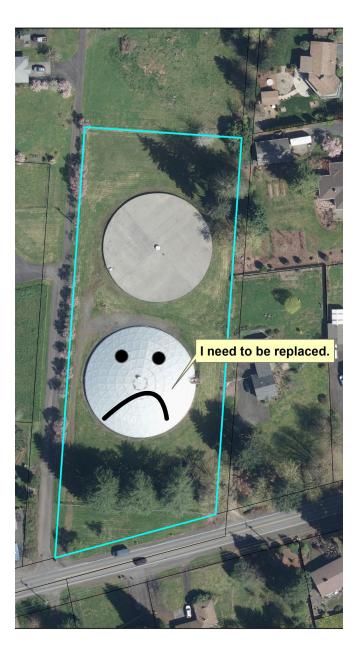
#### **Planning Commission Membership Handbook**





Thank You Safety Committee







#### **EXHIBIT B**

(Depiction of Donated Property)



National Flood Insurance Program

# Elevation Certificate

### and Instructions

2022 EDITION



#### Records Coordination:

- Double Address Conflict
- Zoning Info

#### Technical Assistance:

Road jurisdiction transfer





#### Mercury TMDL

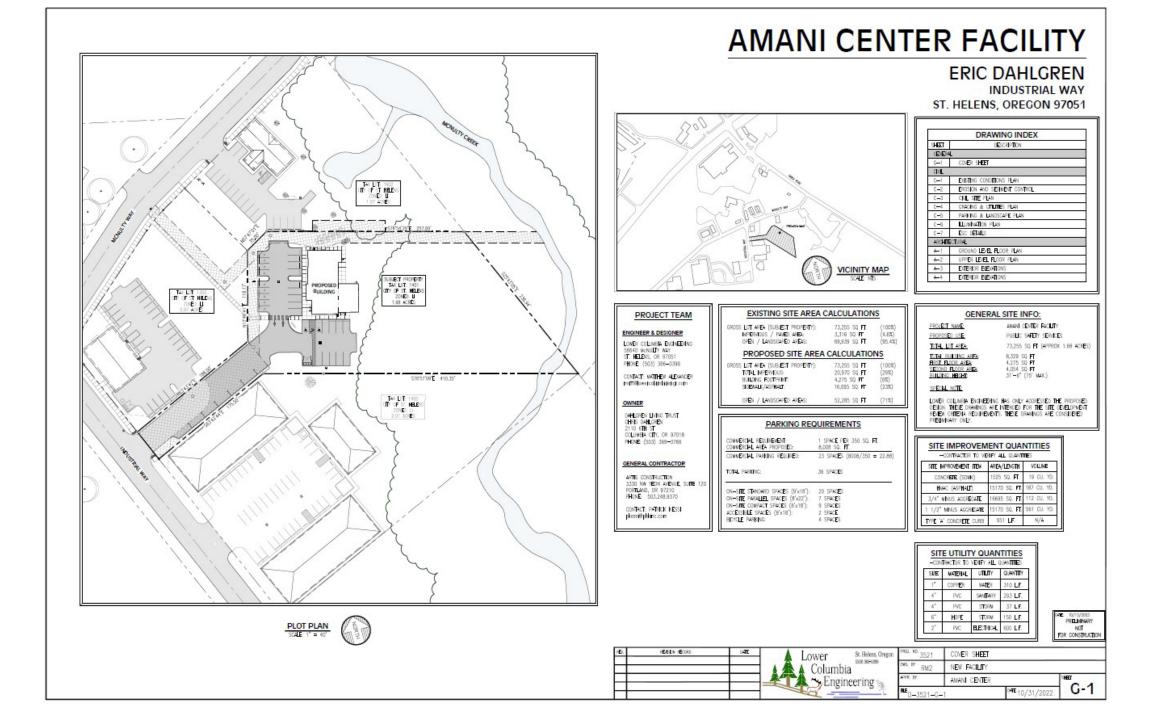
- Engineering's Report
- Community Event

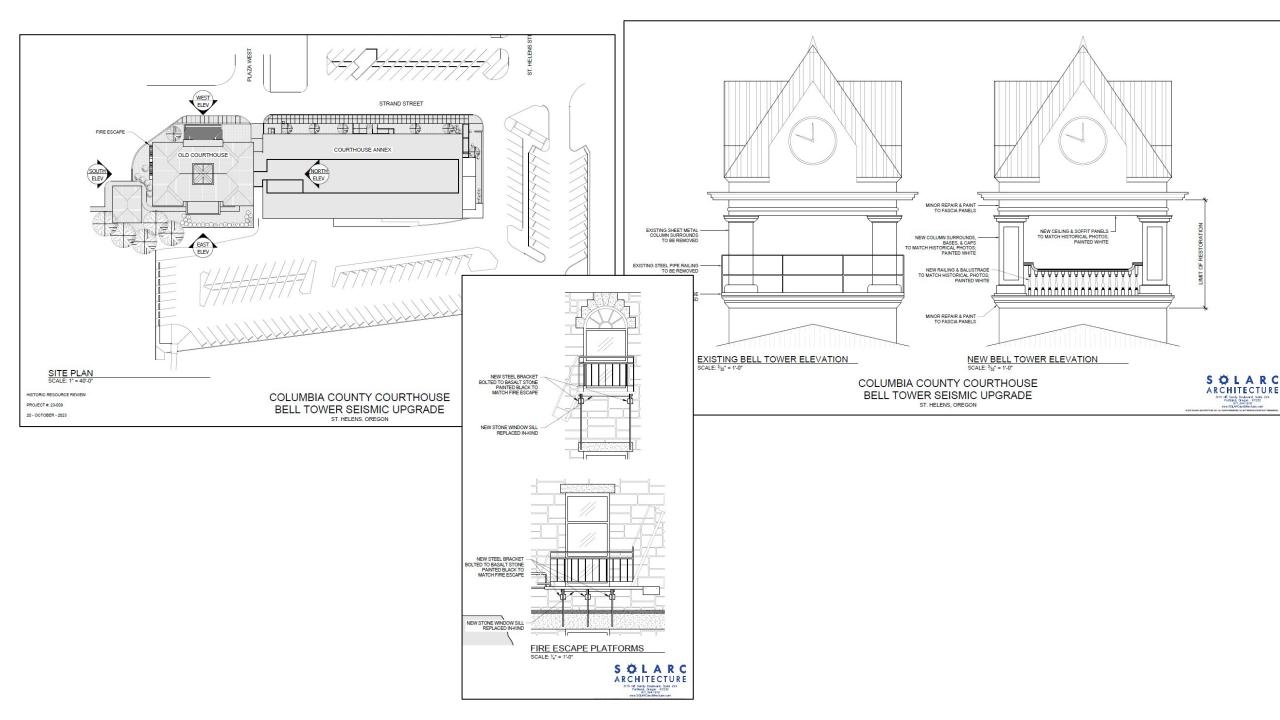
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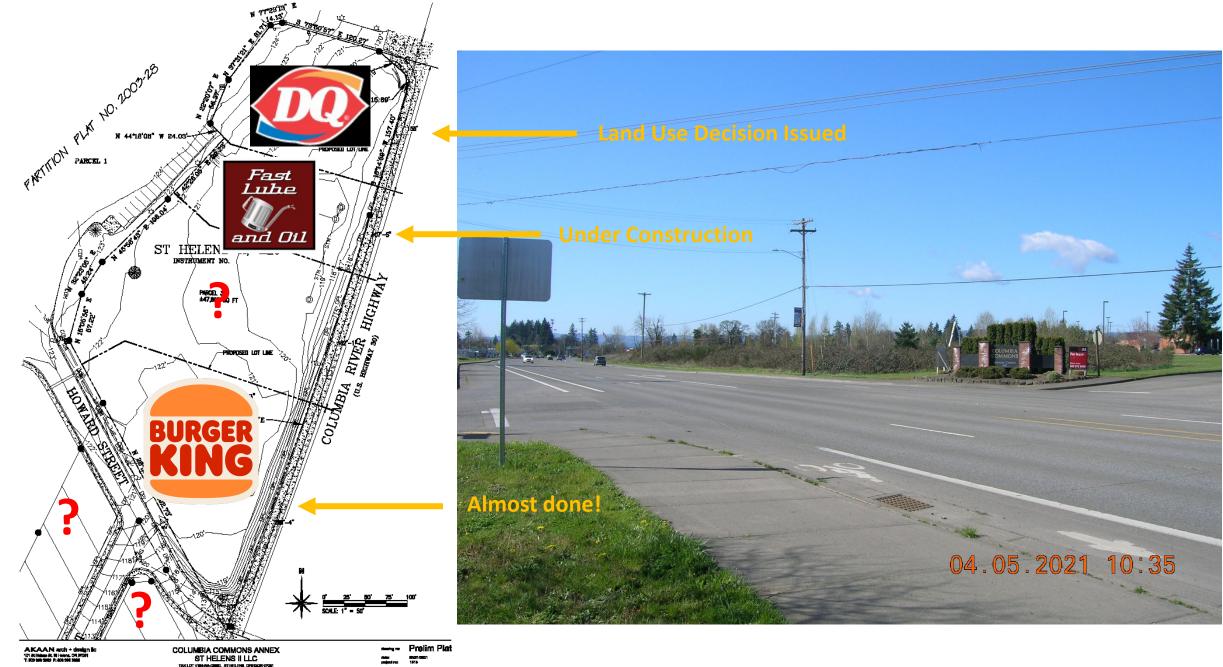
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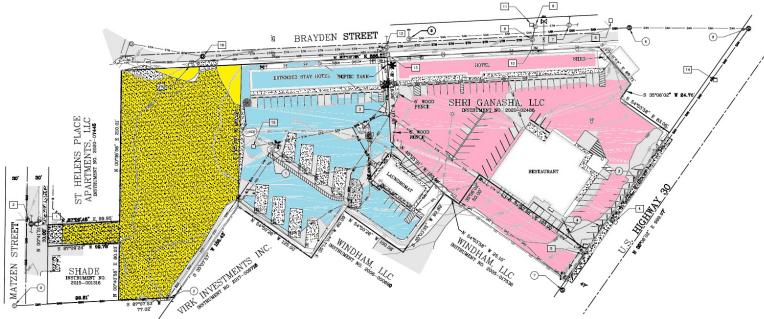


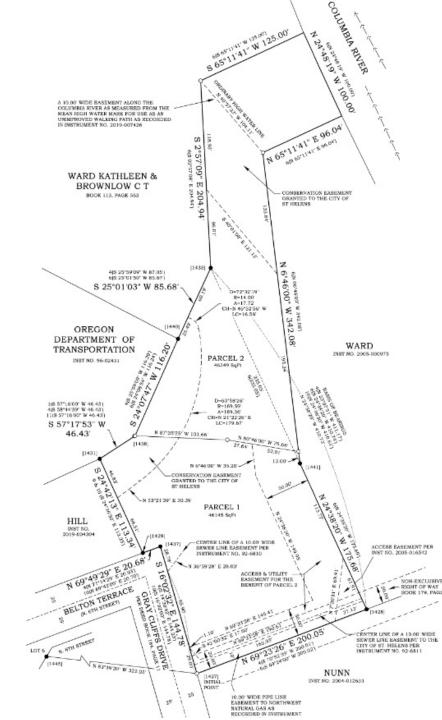














# 3 Annexations Done

2 New Annexations

Fairground Midget Racetrack (County)

Boulder Ridge

Comstock

Millard Road (County)

Code Enforcement (Sheds)

## Rext 6 months?

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		PROJECT TITLE	In '22-'24 Strategic Plan?	
d Essential		CURRENT PLANNING!!!	No	
		CUSTOMER SERVICE	No	
	'★	Mercury TMDL Code Efforts	No	
	$\star$	HB 4064 (2022) Code Amendments (Manf. Homes)	No	
		CLG Grant	No	
	$\star$	ODOT Community Paths Grant	No	
	*	Development Code residential amendments, part 2	Yes	
		Riverwalk Project Phase I	Yes	6 Mo
		Columbia Blvd. sidewalks from Gable Road to Sykes Road	Yes	6 Mo.
		St. Helens Industrial Business Park Planning	Yes	— Grab
,ar		Riverfront Redevelopment Request for Qualifications/Development Solicitation	Yes	Bag!!!
Wild Card		Riverfront Streets & Utilities Project	Yes	Dag
ii	*	Economic Opportunities Analysis (EOA) Update	Yes	
$\geq$		Managers Attend Professional Development Opportunities	Yes	
		New Transportation Systems Plan	Yes - Long Term	
		Development Code Amendments related to Sanitary, Storm and Water Master Plans	Yes - Long Term	
		Measure 109-Psilocybin Code Amendments	No	
		Grey Cliffs In-water Facility Planning	Yes	
		Urban Rewewal Management	Yes	
		Planning related FAQ phamplets/videos	Yes - Long Term	
		Residential design standards	Yes - Long Term	
		Right-of-way street vacation policy	Yes - Long Term	
		Food cart/truck/trailers rules	Yes- Long Term	
		S. River Street to N 2nd Street "micro" transportation systems plan	Yes	
		Revisit UGMA with County	No	
		Parks & Recreation Master Planning	Yes	
		Update city Charter for no-vote annexations	Yes - Long Term	
		Addressing policy update	Yes - Long Term	
		Housing Production Strategy (related to HNA but not a land use action)	Yes - Long Term	
		Locally significant wetland updates (buffer zones, etc.)	Yes - Long Term	
		Flood code amendments related to BIOP (Endangered Species Act)	Yes - Long Term	
		Develop incentives for designation as a local historic landmark	Yes - Long Term	
		Housing Needs Analysis Update per 2019 HB 2003	Yes - Long Term	
		Historic resources inventorying	Yes - Long Term	
		Millard Road Entry Sign	Yes - Long Term	