

City of St. Helens
RESOLUTION NO. 1912

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF ST. HELENS CITY COUNCIL AUTHORIZING
APPLICATION FOR AN INFRASTRUCTURE FINANCE AUTHORITY LOAN TO
DESIGN AND CONSTRUCT RIVERFRONT DISTRICT PUBLIC INFRASTRUCTURE

WHEREAS, the Business Oregon Infrastructure Finance Authority is accepting applications through their Special Public Works Fund for a low-interest loan to develop and construct public infrastructure projects; and

WHEREAS, the City of St. Helens desires to participate in this loan program as a means of furthering redevelopment of the Riverfront District by providing design and construction of: the St. Helens Riverwalk boardwalk and trail, the Columbia View Park stage, Strand Street and S. 1st Street extensions to Plymouth Street, public utility extensions, and key downtown intersection improvements; and

WHEREAS, redevelopment of the Riverfront District is identified as a priority in the City of St. Helens Strategic Workplan 2020-2022, Goal 4 Economic Development to promote and encourage development of the Riverfront District as a vibrant, accessible economic center and destination for residents and tourists; and

WHEREAS, the need for design and construction of the St. Helens Riverwalk Project and the street and utility extensions were identified as a top priority in multiple long-range planning and community engagement efforts, including: the Parks & Trails Master Plan (July 2015), the St. Helens Waterfront Framework Plan (2016), the St. Helens Urban Renewal Plan & Report (2017), and the St. Helens Riverfront Connector Plan (2019); and

WHEREAS, the City of St. Helens Urban Renewal Agency has available funds to fulfill its obligation related to this loan application should the funds be awarded; and

WHEREAS, the City of St. Helens will provide adequate funding for on-going operations and maintenance of these new public infrastructure facilities should the funds be awarded; and

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY OF ST. HELENS RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The City Council authorizes a loan application to the Business Oregon Infrastructure Finance Authority's Special Public Works Fund to fund design and construction of public infrastructure related to the Riverfront Redevelopment Project.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED by the City Council on March 17, 2021 by the following vote:

Ayes:

Nays:

Rick Scholl, Mayor

ATTEST:

Kathy Payne, City Recorder