



# St. Helens Public Safety Facility





# Discovery

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## CURRENT FACILITY (1971)

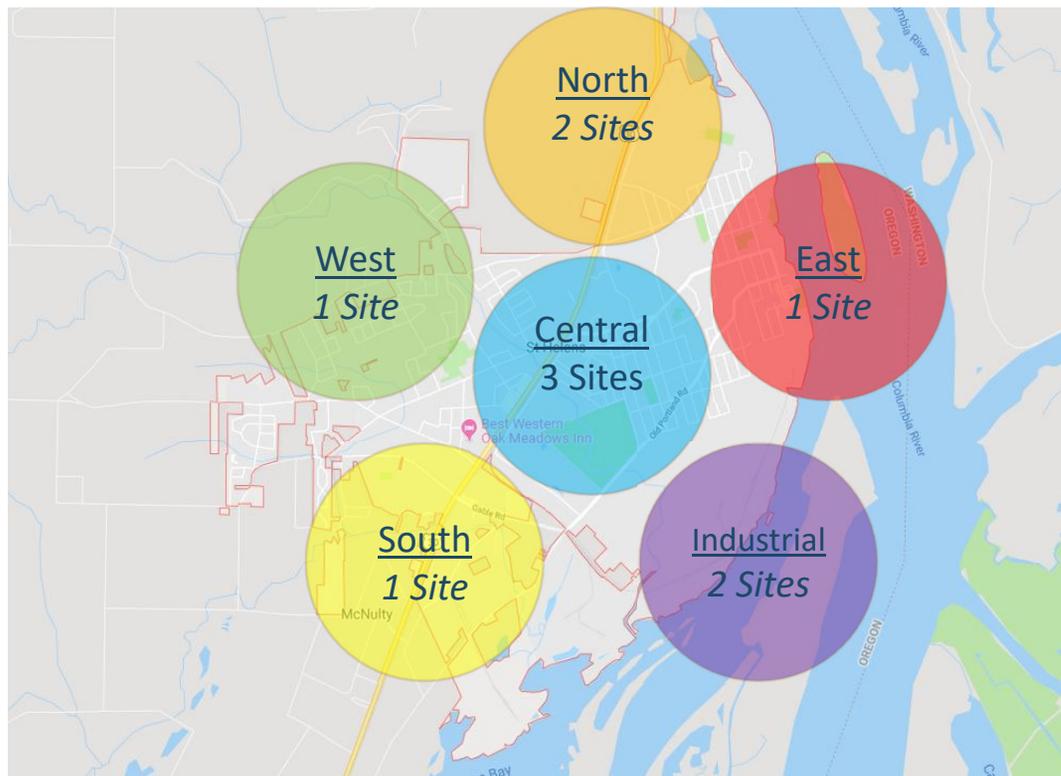
- Built in 1971 – 48 years old
- Facility Size
  - 2,200 Square Feet
- Failures
  - General office space needs
  - Private meeting & interview rooms
  - Training space
  - Briefing room
  - Evidence storage space
  - Locker Rooms
  - Break Room

## NEW FACILITY (2021)

- Potentially in 2021 – 50 years later
- Facility Size
  - 22,000 Sq. Ft. estimated need
- Opportunities
  - Community Rooms
  - Municipal Court
  - Council Chambers



# Potential Site Areas



## Location Considerations

- Safety & Security
- Functionality
- Efficiency
- Public Experience
- Transit Access
- Quality
- Price



# Site Selection

## INDUSTRIAL SITE 2

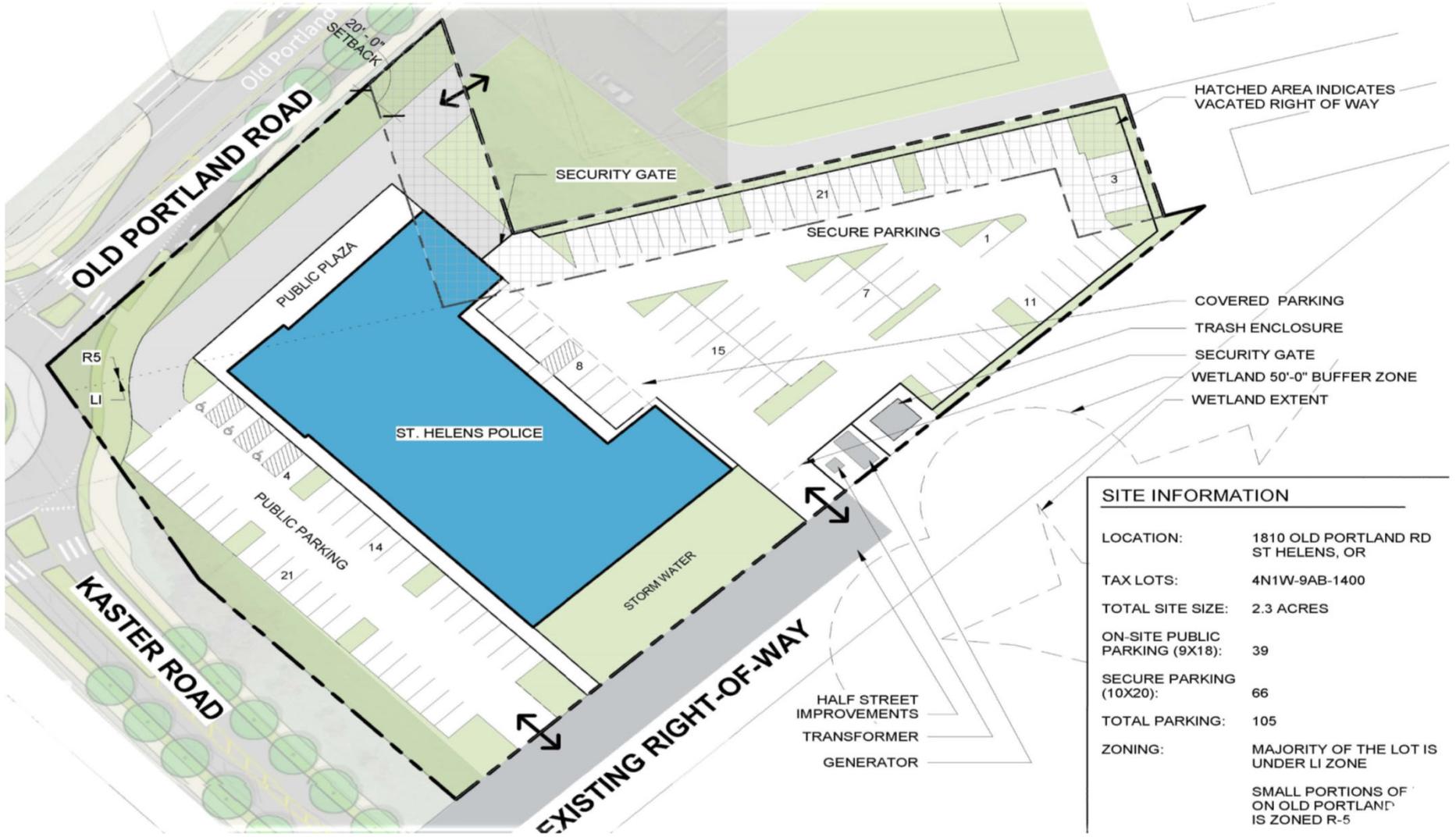
### Initial Facts:

- Owned by City
- 1-Story Size Potential – 66,000 Sq. Ft.

### Deciding Factors:

- City ownership
- Expansion Space
- Access ease to Hwy 30
- 1<sup>st</sup> Choice from Police Officers
- Staff Recommendation





SITE INFORMATION	
LOCATION:	1810 OLD PORTLAND RD ST HELENS, OR
TAX LOTS:	4N1W-9AB-1400
TOTAL SITE SIZE:	2.3 ACRES
ON-SITE PUBLIC PARKING (9X18):	39
SECURE PARKING (10X20):	66
TOTAL PARKING:	105
ZONING:	MAJORITY OF THE LOT IS UNDER LI ZONE  SMALL PORTIONS OF ON OLD PORTLAND IS ZONED R-5







# Funding Considerations

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## General Obligation Bonds

- 20 Years
- 30 Years

## Bond Characteristics

- Must be voter approved
- Increases property taxes
- Limited to construction costs
- User disparity (high value properties pay more)
- Renters may not directly contribute
- Impact to other jurisdictions



# Funding Considerations

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## Public Safety Fund

- 20 Years
- 30 Years
  
- Multiple User Based Models

## Public Safety Fund Characteristics

- No affect on property taxes
- Allows more financial flexibility
- Voter approval optional
- Rate may decrease with city growth
- Renters directly contribute
- User based rate model





# Ad-Hoc Committee Members

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Jeff Auxier - Columbia County District Attorney

Alen Becker – CERT Member

Jonathan Bouchard – Industry (Cascade Tissue)

Gerald Cummings – St. Helens Baptist Church

Michelle Damis – Budget Committee Member

Diane Dillard – Local Business Owner

George Dunkel – Former CRFR Fire Chief

Carmin Dunn – Parks & Trails Commission Chair

Jennifer Herbert-Pugsley – Planning Commission  
& Local Business Owner

Russ Hubbard – Planning Commission &  
Local Business Owner

Dave Innocenti – Local Business Owner

Chris Iverson – Local Business Owner

Todd Jacobson – CCMH Executive Director

Bob Kunders – Retired St. Helens Principal

David McDaniel – UA Local 290 Rep

Janine Norris – CERT Member

Steve Pegram – County Emergency Mgmt.

Erin Salisbury – Local Business Owner

Eric Smyth – Interim CRFR Fire Chief

Scot Stockwell – SHSD Superintendent

Judy Thompson – NAMI Member



# Ad-Hoc Committee Recommendation

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- A. Robust Community Engagement Period
- B. Additional Polling after engagement period (if necessary)
- C. Increase funding for utility assistance programs
- D. Creation of Public Safety Fund
  - Ramped up fee (determined by City Council & staff, start low then increase)
    - IDEA > Start @ \$7, then increase yearly as/if needed
  - Creation of Public Safety Fund as “Administrative Action” by Council after community engagement period
- E. Sale of current police station to pay down debt
- F. Continue researching potential grants and other funding opportunities



## Next Steps...

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1. Discuss/Accept Committee Recommendation
  - Resolution on 1/20/20
2. January 20<sup>th</sup> City Council Meeting
  - Revisit Ad-Hoc Committee Recommendation
  - Discussion and decision on community engagement period