



# AGENDA: JOINT WORK SESSION WITH CITY OF THE DALLES COUNCIL

WEDNESDAY, JULY 23, 2024

WASCO COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS, 401 E THIRD ST. THE DALLES or VIRTUALLY @

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5:30 p.m.	<p>Joint Work Session with City of The Dalles Council - Strategic Investment Program Funds Policy Discussion</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Survey Results</li> <li>- Listening session for comments</li> <li>- Possible New Ideas</li> </ul>
	ADJOURN

If necessary, an Executive Session may be held in accordance with: ORS 192.660(2)(a) – Employment of Public Officers, Employees & Agents, ORS 192.660(2)(b) – Discipline of Public Officers & Employees, ORS 192.660(2)(d) – Labor Negotiator Consultations, ORS 192.660(2)(e) – Real Property Transactions, ORS 192.660(2)(f) To consider information or records that are exempt by law from public inspection, ORS 192.660(2)(g) – Trade Negotiations, ORS 192.660(2)(h) - Conferring with Legal Counsel regarding litigation, ORS 192.660(2)(i) – Performance Evaluations of Public Officers & Employees, ORS 192.660(2)(j) – Public Investments, ORS 192.660(2)(n) –Security Programs, ORS 192.660(2)(n) – Labor Negotiations



## MEMORANDUM

### SUBJECT SIP SURVEY SUMMARY

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TO: BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

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FROM: STEPHANIE KRELL

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DATE: 07.17.2024

### BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

The 345 responses to the question of how upcoming funds should be allocated are diverse and reflect a wide range of community needs and priorities. However, several key themes emerge:

- **Schools:** A significant number of respondents advocate for allocating a substantial portion, if not all, of the funds to the school district. This includes upgrading existing facilities, building new ones, and addressing seismic safety concerns.
- **Tax Relief:** Many residents express a desire for property tax reduction, suggesting that the funds be used to pay down existing bonds or directly lower tax rates.
- **Infrastructure:** Several respondents highlight the need for infrastructure improvements, including road repairs, water system upgrades, and the development of recreational facilities like parks and sports complexes.
- **Public Safety:** Enhancing public safety is a priority for some, with suggestions for investing in police equipment, hiring more officers, and implementing crime prevention measures.
- **Economic Development:** Some respondents propose using the funds to attract new businesses, create tourist attractions, and revitalize the downtown area.
- **Housing:** Affordable housing is identified as a critical need, with calls for investments in land acquisition and construction to address the housing crisis.
- **Homelessness:** Some respondents emphasize the importance of addressing the homeless crisis by providing shelters, mental health services, and support for housing.

Other suggestions include investing in youth programs, supporting fire and EMS services, and establishing an endowment for the school district. The responses also reveal a desire for transparency and community involvement in the decision-making process regarding fund allocation.





## MEMORANDUM

**SUBJECT:** SIP Project TCA & CSF Distribution Data

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**TO:** BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS & THE DALLES CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS

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**FROM:** JILL AMERY, WASCO COUNTY ASSESSOR & TAX COLLECTOR

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**DATE:** 7/16/2024

### BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

The Strategic Investment Program project is located in a split tax code area of 97 and 1211. There are twelve taxing districts levying taxes in the two tax codes that the data centers are located in. The split code area was a result of the prior two school districts located in The Dalles. The school districts consolidated, the TCA's have not merged.

The Community Service Fee Distribution Agreement, taxing district percentages attached will provide you a view of how the CSF payments will be distributed to the taxing districts.

Also included are two presentations of the taxing districts levying tax in TCA 97 and 1211. Of the twelve taxing districts, just three are Local Government or Education Districts. The remaining nine districts are special districts. Voters approved by a vote the property tax rates of these districts.

I hope providing these data sets will assist you in your consideration of how to use these funds.



## Strategic Investment Program

### Community Service Fee Distribution Agreement Percentages

Receiving Entity	Percentage
City of The Dalles	17.3%
Wasco County	24.4%
Mid-Columbia Fire and Rescue	12.1%
Wasco County Library District	3.9%
North Wasco County Parks & Recreation	3.9%
Wasco County 4H and Extension	1.4%
Wasco County Soil and Water Conservation District	1.4%
Port of The Dalles	1.2%
North Wasco County School District 21	30.1%
Wasco County ESD	2.7%
Columbia Gorge Community College	1.6%

The Strategic Investment Program (SIP) provides for payment of an annual Community Service Fee (CSF). Oregon Revised Statute provides that the County shall distribute the CSF based on an agreement between the County, the City and local taxing district listed in ORS 198.010 or 198.180.

The percentages as shown are taken from the Intergovernmental Agreement and based on each jurisdiction's proportionate share of their non-debt tax levy or levies in the 2021-22 Tax Year. These figures represent the agreed upon distribution percentages of the CSF.

**Tax Code Area 97  
Taxing Districts**

**Government / Education Districts**

Wasco County  
City of The Dalles  
N Wasco School District

**Special Districts**

N Wasco Park & Recreation  
Port of The Dalles  
Mid Columbia Fire & Rescue  
Wasco County Library  
Col Gorge Education Service District  
4 H & Extension  
Wasco County Soil & Water  
Columbia Gorge Community College  
Urban Renewal

**Bonds**

Columbia Gorge Community College  
Mid Columbia Fire & Rescue  
N Wasco Park & Recreation

**Tax Code Area 97  
Taxing Districts with Tax Rates**

**Government/Education Districts**

Wasco County	4.0154
City of The Dalles	2.8475
N Wasco School District	4.9474
<b>Total</b>	<b>11.8103</b>

**Special Districts**

N Wasco Park & Recreation	0.6419
Port of The Dalles	0.1896
Mid Columbia Fire & Rescue	1.9834
Wasco County Library	0.6422
Col Gorge Education Service District	0.4418
4 H & Extension	0.2361
Wasco County Soil & Water	0.2361
Columbia Gorge Community College	0.2553
Urban Renewal	0.9701
<b>Total</b>	<b>5.5965</b>

**Bonds**

Columbia Gorge Community College	0.2726
Mid Columbia Fire & Rescue	0.1379
N Wasco Park & Recreation	0.182
<b>Total</b>	<b>0.5925</b>

**Combined Total** **17.9993**