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PUBLIC NOTICE

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As you may know the City of Coburg is undertaking several infrastructure projects at this time including the Water Master Plan improvement, and the repairs of the City streets in Coburg. City staff continuously attempt to combine projects in order to reduce costs to the taxpayers.

At this time we are in the planning stages of work that needs to be completed on Coleman Street which addresses the need to replace mainline water pipe, as well as repair to the roadway. This work reflects planning for the "Collector" portion of the street between Mill and Dixon.

A collector street is a low-to-moderate-capacity road which serves to move traffic from local streets to arterial roads (in Coburg arterials are Pearl & Willamette which are both Lane County roads). These streets may look the same as a residential road, however, they are often wider and busier. When considering the planning for collector roads, public safety and traffic speed are of the utmost concern and focus.

City streets are categorized in our adopted transportation plan as a local, collector or arterial. City development code addresses how roads will be developed and/or repaired according to categorization. The City of Coburg adopted the design standards for this code many times, but most recently in 2018.

Why is this important to you? The current code requires that sidewalks be placed on collectors when they are developed or repaired. This directly addresses the public safety issue. While the code does allow for other elements such as traffic calming roundabouts, islands, options for on-street parking, and width of the street, the sidewalk requirement offers less opportunity for design changes.

The Staff have requested the Council consider applying for grant funds in order to fund some of the required work on Coleman. This would be a regional grant that is funded by federal transportation dollars. This funding is reserved for projects such as collector streets that are improving the safety of citizens, and encouraging other modes of transportation such as biking, walking and transit. The

recommended repairs needed on Coleman involve both the water and street project. However, when the City agrees to receive these funds, we may be limiting our ability to change certain design standards. This is a difficult decision as federal transportation dollars are the only major funding opportunity for local streets in Coburg.

The staff and the City Council are very aware that this is an important issue to the community and therefore are inviting community input.

The Council will consider the request to apply for grant funding for this project at their meeting on January 14, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. The Public is invited to come to this meeting and provide comment on this matter.

Comments and questions regarding this matter may also be addressed directly to City Staff. You are very welcome to contact Planner Jeff Kernen at 541-682-7858, or City Administrator at Anne Heath at 541-682-7870 to receive more information.

Sincerely,



Anne Heath
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City of Coburg