



CITY OF SALEM

Meeting Agenda

City Council

555 Liberty St SE
Salem, OR 97301

Monday, October 25, 2021

5:15 PM

Virtual Meeting

City Council Work Session - Resident Perspective on Infrastructure Need

1. OPENING EXERCISES:

Call to Order

Roll Call

Pledge of Allegiance

1.1 APPROVAL OF SPECIAL MEETING AGENDA

1.2 APPROVAL OF ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA

2. DISCUSSION: RESIDENT PERSPECTIVE ON INFRASTRUCTURE NEED

2.a. [21-471](#) Infrastructure Bond

Ward(s): All Wards

Councilor(s): All Councilors

Neighborhood(s): All Neighborhoods

Result Area(s): All Result Areas - Good Governance; Natural Environment Stewardship; Safe Community; Safe, Reliable and Efficient Infrastructure; Strong and Diverse Economy; Welcoming and Livable Community.

Recommendation:

Information only.

Summary:

The Finance Committee is recommending to City Council a comprehensive bonding strategy (Attachment 1). A community engagement plan was part of the recommendation and the City contracted with DHM Research to conduct initial focus groups on the potential bond measure and priority spending areas (Attachment 2).

The City has approximately \$2 billion of infrastructure assets that need routine maintenance, improvements and expansion. Due to several previous bond issues' debt service expiring over the next several years, the City is in a unique position to seek this large bond measure **without** increasing the estimated FY 2022 bonded tax levy rate of \$1.28 per \$1,000 of property assessed value.

The City is planning a long-term, comprehensive bonding strategy for the November 2022 ballot, pending Salem City Council approval of the up to \$300 million for General Obligation bonds. Large City infrastructure investments have previously been accomplished through single bond issues whose passage depended more on the economic environment than the need for fiscally responsible maintenance of the City's infrastructure.

The most urgent need is replacement of the City's fire trucks and apparatus. Following the investment in fire protection, project categories are streets, bridges, and sidewalks; parks and recreation facilities; affordable housing and shelter; and public facilities and information technology infrastructure

On the October 25, 2021 agenda, Salem City Council will consider whether to direct staff to begin outreach and engagement on the bond, to transfer funds to support the outreach and engagement, and information about the appointment of a Steering Committee of Council to support this work.

Attachments: [Finance Committee Staff Report - Salem Maintenance Bond.pdf](#)
[City of Salem - Infrastructure Bond Focus Groups - September 2021.pdf](#)
[Public Comments received by 5:00 p.m. 10-25-21.pdf](#)

Add - Written Testimony.

3. ADJOURNMENT

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