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Water System Improvements

The City completed a Water System Master Plan in 2022. Short- and long-term water improvements are estimated to cost \$9.7 million. The City is pursuing funding through the Safe Drinking Water Revolving Loan Fund and USDA to focus on the major priorities that will ensure the reliability of the water distribution, safety of the drinking water, and increased fire protection. These include replacing the above-ground main transmission line from the springs to the main reservoir that is aging and extremely vulnerable to failure and damage. The plan also recommends making critical line replacements to increase fire protection in one of the most vulnerable neighborhoods along the Lower Deschutes. The City will launch a campaign to communicate the extensive needs of the water system with residents to explain the needs of the system and the costs. The current water rates will need to more than double in order for the City to qualify for state and federal funding. Priority Projects include:

- Spring Booster Pump Station and Main Transmission Line replacement
- Lower Reservoir Booster Pump Station replacement
- Upper Reservoir Rehabilitation
- Distribution System Improvements to replace problematic and damaged transmission lines, eliminate dead ends, increase pipe sizes, and install additional fire hydrants
- Total water system improvements cost: \$9.7 million

Wastewater Facilities Improvements

The Wastewater Facilities Master Plan was completed in 2022. The City has an estimated \$10.9 million in short-, medium-, and long-term improvements to the facilities that were originally constructed in 1972. Many important improvements are needed to continue to meet the requirements of the NPDES permit. Critical equipment and components have surpassed their expected useful life, are showing significant signs of deterioration, and have become obsolete. The existing treatment plant is becoming increasingly more difficult to operate, maintain, and continue meeting NPDES Permit limitations. The wastewater treatment plant is lacking redundancy and the remote monitoring and control capabilities required for modern sewage treatment facilities. All these shortfalls combine to create a situation that leaves the receiving waters of the Lower Deschutes River vulnerable to contamination. The current sewer rates will need to slightly increase to qualify for funding. Along with the water improvements, the sewer investment will place a significant cost burden on the City of Maupin and its residents.

Priority Projects include:

- Repairing collection system deficiencies
- Replace existing lift station in East Maupin with new submersible-type lift station
- Install new headworks, secondary treatment package plant, disinfection, sludge drying beds, and convert existing plant into digesters
- Total wastewater facilities improvements cost: \$10.9 million

In the last four years, Maupin completed significant projects that demonstrate the City's commitment to progress and growth, including the completion of a new City Hall and Library, a \$2 million project that also received support from the state. Other milestones include:

- In 2023, successfully completed an Oregon Main Street Revitalization Grant and a Rural Opportunity Initiative grant (totaling \$350,000 in state investment) to transform the old City Hall and Library buildings into a rural entrepreneurial hub, coworking, and manufacturing space.



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- In 2023, received a second Oregon Main Street Revitalization grant for \$200,000 to repair and improve the historic and only gas station in town and keep it as an important center of services for South Wasco County.
- With Federal Lands Access Program funds, ODOT is completing a riverwalk project that will provide better access to the Deschutes River. Construction is expected to begin in 2025.
- In 2022, the City received a \$120,000 Transportation and Growth Management program grant that will explore multi-modal pathways and active transportation options in town, including planning for the long-held vision of the Donkey Trail, a paved walkway that would connect all three sections of town.
- In 2023, the City received a \$95,000 Community Wildfire Risk Reduction Grant from the Oregon State Fire Marshal to launch a community cleanup effort that will mitigate wildfire risk in the city
- In 2020, the South Wasco County School District passed a \$4 million bond and is currently completing construction of a new gymnasium and modern upgrades to the school facilities.
- In 2022, the White River Health District completed construction of a \$2.7 million medical and dental care facility
- In 2022, the Deschutes River Athletic Complex completed major construction and hosted the first district-wide track meet

With these projects and more, Maupin is attracting growth at a rate that has not been seen since the Mill closed in the 1990s. There are currently eight homes under construction in city limits and four more in the planning stages, surpassing the projections of our 2021 Housing Needs Analysis. Some of Maupin's greatest achievements would not have been possible without the contributions from our state legislators. The support contributes to the livability and growth of our rural town and makes these projects possible.

2nd and Staats Neighborhood Development

Maupin has seen building and population growth that is exceeding the projections of our 2021 Housing Needs Analysis. One neighborhood has seen a rise in new residential construction, and the City needs to make a significant investment in infrastructure to support the development. Water and sewer line extensions are in the engineering stages of development with construction anticipated in spring of 2024. The utility extension will allow for five more homes to be built in this neighborhood. The area is platted but lacks a standard road. The City has plans to complete the road and connect it to existing neighborhoods, which will make the area more livable, accessible, and safe for active transportation. The utility extension will also increase fire protection in an area that is vulnerable to wildfires. The road development will create better access for emergency services. Estimated cost: \$500,000

Maupin City Park Boat Ramp

The City Park Boat Ramp is a publicly accessible boat ramp that provides access to the Lower Deschutes River for boaters. The surrounding park includes an RV and tent campground, picnic area, flush toilets, showers, and a SCAT system. The boat ramp has been in disrepair for a number of years due to its age, damage from flooding, and the amount of use. The City received a grant from OSMB and hired a consultant to design an environmentally sustainable solution to improve the boat ramp and make it more accessible for all river users. The boat ramp is a critical part of Maupin's outdoor recreation economy used by outfitters and the public year-round. The boat ramp can also be used in case of emergencies on the river. The project partners include OSMB, BLM Prineville, and state agencies. The City has received a



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\$50,000 grant from Oregon State Marine Board for a consultant to design solutions for the boat ramp. Funding will be needed to move the project forward. We will apply for a second grant to fund the engineering and permitting, and then will need to apply for for a third grant funding for construction.

Highway 197 Riverwalk Project

With a Federal Lands Access Program awarded in 2018, ODOT is designing and constructing a pedestrian access walk in East Maupin from the bridge to an upriver access road along Highway 197. The project will help slow traffic and increase pedestrian safety in the area. ODOT anticipates completing the design in 2024 and beginning construction in the spring of 2025. ODOT received about \$700,000 from the FLAP grant in 2018. ODOT will need about \$500,000 in additional funds to complete the project. Project support will also be needed to present the information to the public and work with private landowners who will be affected by the riverwalk.

American Legion Hall

The Legion Hall in Maupin was built in the late 1920s and has served as a community meeting place for decades. The Legion Hall has been used by the local school for extra classroom space, by the community for plays, by individuals for memorial services and birthdays and more. A Legion Hall Restoration Committee was formed to evaluate the best way forward for this iconic building to continue to serve the community. A recent commercial building inspection revealed serious structural problems with the building, which make it unsafe to use and expensive to remedy. The City is evaluating how to best utilize the building for the future and how it can serve the needs of the community. The building will most likely need significant restoration or will need to be rebuilt to operate. Project development support is needed in order to move the project forward. The building is important to members of the community, and the City will need help creating a plan for renovating the building or building something new.

Maupin Broadband

Through regional partnerships, in 2019 the City brought fiber internet to the majority of households in city limits. Some homes and neighborhoods were left out of that program, and the City would like to connect those areas to fiber internet. The City also needs to consider future growth and support future fiber infrastructure expansion. Project development support and funding are needed. The City needs to confirm which neighborhoods or homes were not connected, consider ways to fund the fiber expansion, and partner with the fiber providers to create a program for expansion as the City continues to grow.