



# CANNON BEACH COMMUNITY BULLETIN

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## CITY HALL/POLICE STATION DEFICIENCIES

The building housing the City Hall & Police Station is 70 years old and was originally constructed to store building materials. It was never meant to house the business functions associated with a City Hall and was definitely not intended to accommodate a police department and emergency management functions.

### Existing Facility Condition Assessment



The conditions of our current City Hall & Police Station building are well below what would be expected from a facility housing public safety, emergency management or other critical municipal operations. Some of the structural walls are made from hollow block. This building material is known to have minimal abilities to withstand the forces generated by earthquakes. The building shows ongoing settlement issues.

## THIS MONTH'S AGENDA



- [City Council Work Session - 04/13/2021](#)
- [Parks Committee - 04/15/2021](#)
- [Design Review Board - 04/15/2021](#)
- [Coffee With A Councilor - 04/19/2021](#)
- [City Council Work Session - 04/20/2021](#)
- [Public Works Committee - 04/20/2021](#)
- [Planning Commission - 04/22/2021](#)



## CITY HALL/POLICE STATION DEFICIENCIES CONTINUED

The structural materials under the slab include sawdust and some suspicious oils. Several structural beams have been and continue to require reinforcement. One load bearing wall that supports the roof structure is being stabilized by bracing connected to the roof. *Yes, you read that right.*

There is no confidence in the structure's ability to withstand even a small to medium seismic event.

A local architectural firm teamed up with local contractors to evaluate the possibility of renovating the existing structure.

*"It is the opinion of the Tolovana Architect and our consultants that the useful life of the current City Hall building has been realized. Since it was constructed for the storage and sale of building materials, the construction techniques employed were not meant for a higher occupant load or increased structural capacities of a public building. When considering the many phases of expansion over its history, the building is simply not able to be remodeled in an economic manner as compared to constructing a new facility."*

### Deficiencies Specific to Police Department



The Police Department's portion of the building has the most troubling and immediate concerns.

The entrance to the station is called a "secure" vestibule – but it is not actually secure. There is minimal security for the facility and especially for office staff at the front entrance. The sliding glass at the counter and access doors to secure areas are residential grade. Evidence storage can easily be breached once one is inside the station, as that area is merely a converted containment cell secured with a commercially available locks.

## CITY HALL/POLICE STATION DEFICIENCIES CONTINUED

Records and evidence that need to be kept for 100 years are not stored in a space appropriate for long-term retention. This storage area is not properly isolated or ventilated, allowing particles/fumes from drugs, biological evidence, etc. to circulate throughout the office.

Recently, during a staff meeting in the squad room, a mysterious tinted liquid started dripping from the ceiling. What was originally thought to be dirty runoff from a roof leak was determined to be animal urine.

An employee was recently struck by a metal ventilation panel falling from the ceiling. When the heating/cooling tech tried to re-attach the component, he told us the frame that holds the vent up was so corroded from past leaks in the roof that he had to rig a new way to hang it.

The police chief's office provides no privacy for discussion with citizens, victims, witnesses, or staff. Administrative staff retreats to another part of the building if the chief needs privacy.

The officers are assigned desk spaces that measure about 40" x 30". These spaces, in the shared squad room for all officers, is where they would prepare drug and biological evidence. And do their paperwork. And eat their lunch.

One containment cell has been converted to storage, leaving only one active cell for detaining individuals. If the Cannon Beach Police Department needs to hold more than one person, even for a short time, officers must leave Cannon Beach to transport those individuals to Seaside or Astoria.

Our lieutenant is a supervisor, a detective, a member of the countywide investigative task force and is certified as an assistant medical director for Clatsop County. He carries out all of these duties from a former closet that is only a little bigger than his small desk.

There is one small staff locker room and one small restroom with a shower. The single restroom, which contains only one toilet and one shower, is not ADA accessible. These facilities must serve both male and female staff. While the department serves up to 26 team members (7 female and 19 male), the unisex locker room only has 12 lockers and space for only one person to change clothes at a time. Every police department team member is required to come to work in civilian clothes and change into their uniform on-site – and then reverse the process at the end of their shifts.

## CITY MANAGER



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## Tsunami and Earthquake Resiliency

If the current building were severely compromised after a natural disaster, staff would lose many of the resources through which we communicate, coordinate and do work every day. The servers are backed up in the cloud, but with ruined computers and no internet/phone availability, our staff will not have access to that information on the server or the ability to fully communicate with county, state, and federal emergency response teams.

After a significant natural event, we will need every department and not just the Police to be totally operational as soon as possible.

**Emergency Management** – Will coordinate all response efforts based on damage assessments and the resources that we will have available.

**Police** – Will assist in the initial public safety response and maintaining order.

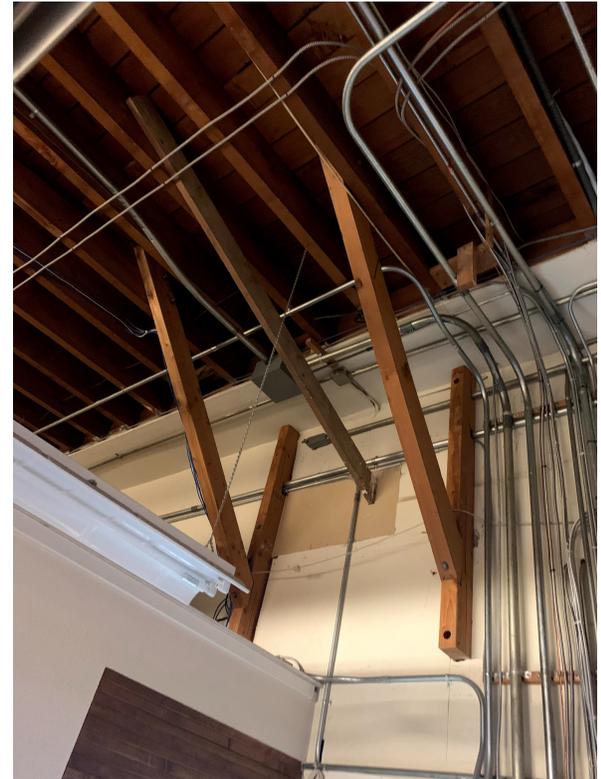
**Public Works** – Will be responsible for efforts to open roads, re-establish water supply, restore wastewater treatment (which must be in operational before potable water service can be restored), clear debris, address landslides and repair major infrastructure failures.

**Community Development** – Will track and report damage estimates to the county, state, and federal governments, so the local team can prioritize response, and making determinations regarding habitability of buildings.

**Finance** – Will secure funds to pay expenses related to the initial response, track daily cost of operations, and submit the required paperwork for reimbursement to FEMA and the insurance companies.

Without a City Hall/Police Station constructed to modern standards and equipped with redundant communications capabilities city staff and officials might not have a place to gather to collect and document damage information, plan responses to the conditions we face, or to get updates on rescue and restoration efforts. For city officials to be able to communicate with the outside world, we will need a functional place from which to work, satellite phones and internet and spaces for all member of the teams to work.

The current City Hall & Police Station is located entirely within the small and medium local tsunami zones and is not constructed or even likely to survive tsunami or earthquake damage.



## CITY HALL/POLICE STATION DEFICIENCIES CONTINUED

Consideration of a new City Hall/Police Station is not about the ability of the current structure to meet staff's expectations. It is about how well residents expect staff to be able to respond to a traumatic and devastating situation.

Be assured that staff will always do whatever we can to help our residents and visitors, but our hands will be tied starting at the very outset of an event if we do not have a viable, functional City Hall/Police Station building from which to operate.

*Bruce St. Denis, City Manager*

## AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT SUBMISSIONS FOR CANNON BEACH



I am sure that you all have heard about the American Rescue Plan Act which is intended to provide funding for infrastructure projects as a stimulus to the economy.

Based on collective experience from the Great Recession, staff has been busy getting many of our projects to a “shovel-ready” status.

“Shovel-ready” essentially means ready to bid.

All of these projects (including those we are still getting “shovel-ready”) were submitted to the State of Oregon who will take the lead in deciding which projects will be funded.

The total of the submissions was \$30,935,763

We will also be sending an updated list if/once the Infrastructure Bill is approved.

Here is the list:

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| • Water Supply Resiliency                           | \$13,947,763 |
| • Replacement City Hall/Police Station              | \$16,000,000 |
| • Generator at Ecola Pump Station                   | \$50,000     |
| • Haystack Pump Station Upgrades                    | \$350,000    |
| • Electronics and Generator Upgrades at Matanuska   | \$260,000    |
| • Main Pump Station Generator Replacement           | \$30,000     |
| • Pacific-Gogana Water Line Replacement Phase 2     | \$117,000    |
| • Survival Cache Site Sanitation Project            | \$32,000     |
| • Power to the TANGO Cache Site                     | \$87,000     |
| • Power delivered to the OSCAR and ECHO Cache Sites | \$62,000     |



# CITY OF CANNON BEACH

## NOTICE

### ANNUAL INVITATION FOR TOURISM AND ARTS FUND (TAF) APPLICATIONS/REQUESTS

Non-profit organizations providing programs/projects that further the ARTS while promoting tourism in Cannon Beach are invited to apply for TAF funding from the Tourism and Arts Commission of the City of Cannon Beach by filing an application with:

City of Cannon Beach  
Tourism & Arts Commission  
P.O. Box 368  
Cannon Beach, OR 97110  
Attention: Jennifer Barrett  
[recorder@ci.cannon-beach.or.us](mailto:recorder@ci.cannon-beach.or.us)

**Applications must be received at City Hall by  
5:00 pm, June 7, 2021**

Applications available now at  
[www.ci.cannon-beach.or.us](http://www.ci.cannon-beach.or.us)

*Posted: April 5, 2021*



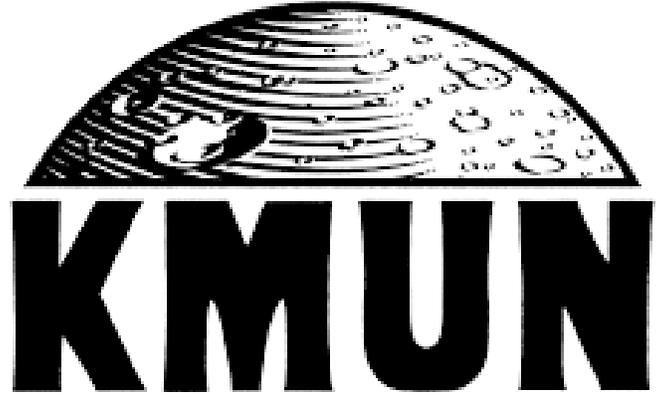
The City of Cannon Beach has launched the city's first Transportation System Plan (TSP), partially funded through the state's Transportation and Growth Management Program. The process will result in a plan for improving the transportation system for all users, including people who walk, bike, ride the bus, use a wheelchair or cane, or deliver freight. The plan will lead to programs, policies, and new investments that respect the unique village character of Cannon Beach, while addressing ongoing transportation issues in the city. A key challenge for the TSP will be meeting local needs while also addressing the effects of visitor traffic.

Traffic counts have been collected earlier this year and a parking inventory and utilization study has just recently begun. The parking inventory will document the city's on-street and public parking capacity, while the utilization study will capture how on- and off-street parking function with the seasonal influx of tourists. The traffic study will help inform the larger Transportation System Plan, which will guide the city's transportation investments for the next 20 years. It will include a prioritized list of needed transportation improvements for the city to begin implementing after the plan is adopted. The TSP will help to create an integrated transportation network for all the ways people get around, a system that will support the city's current residents, businesses, visitors, addressing seasonal needs, emergency management, and future growth.

Public Open Houses will be held through Zoom in the coming months. Other opportunities for public input and all Cannon Beach Transportation System Plan project information will be located at the project's new website, [www.cannonbeachtsp.com](http://www.cannonbeachtsp.com). We look forward to hearing from you on this important matter and hope to see you on Zoom, as we build a better transportation system for the future of Cannon Beach.

For some time a team has been diligently working on permitting an antenna site that would serve both the City of Cannon Beach and radio station KMUN in the south county area.

After facing numerous and daunting challenges and never wavering even when any other reasonable person would, the mission has been accomplished!



The permit has finally been approved by all required agencies!

A couple more short steps and we will be setting a pole, installing equipment in the cabinet and flipping the switch on at 89.3 FM broadcasting at 250 watts!

Plus Cannon Beach has gained some serious emergency communications capacity!

One of those capabilities is that the city staff will be able to broadcast directly to south Clatsop County after a significant natural event that has taken out most other methods of communication.

Plus we will be using the site to solve many other longstanding emergency communication issues.

Very exciting!

A very special shout-out goes to Graham Nystrom, station manager for KMUN and Rick Hudson, the Emergency Manager for Cannon Beach who sinks his teeth into something and never lets go!

Thanks to both of you!