



## City Council Workshop Agenda Monday, April 01, 2024, 4:30 PM Council Chambers, 616 NE 4th AVE

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## **CALL TO ORDER**

## **ROLL CALL**

## **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

## **WORKSHOP TOPICS**

1. HYPERLINK "appIS6690785958c84b8b8d45c0fe087b983e"[Public Stormwater Facility Maintenance Construction Contract Award](#)  
[Presenter: Rob Charles, Utilities Manager](#)  
[Time Estimate: 5 minutes](#)
2. [South Lacamas Creek \(NE 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue\) Trailhead Improvements – Greenworks PSA Amendment 2](#)  
[Presenter: Trang Lam, Parks and Recreation Director](#)  
[Time Estimate: 5 minutes](#)
3. [C-Tran Presentation](#)  
[Presenters: Leann Carver, Chief Executive Officer, Laura Merry, Deputy Chief Executive Officer and Scott Patterson, Deputy Chief Executive Officer](#)  
[Time Estimate: 25 minutes](#)
4. [Camas Fire Station and Engine Bond Levy Discussion](#)  
[Presenter: Fire Chief Cliff Free and Cathy Huber Nickerson, Finance Director](#)  
[Time Estimate: 15 minutes](#)
5. [CFM Advocates Letter of Agreement Review](#)  
[Presenter: Doug Quinn, City Administrator](#)  
[Time Estimate: 10 minutes](#)

6. [Fireworks Subcommittee Presentation](#)  
[Presenter: Council Member Tim Hein and Council Member John Nohr](#)  
[Time Estimate: 20 minutes](#)
7. Staff Miscellaneous Updates  
Presenter: Doug Quinn, City Administrator  
Time Estimate: 10 minutes

## **COUNCIL COMMENTS AND REPORTS**

## **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

## **CLOSE OF MEETING**



## Staff Report

April 1, 2024 Council Workshop Meeting

Public Stormwater Facility Maintenance Construction Contract Award

Presenter: Rob Charles, Utilities Manager

Time Estimate: 5 minutes

Phone	Email
360.817.7003	rcharles@cityofcamas.us

**BACKGROUND:** The City owns 24 stormwater vaults which house a total of 110 stormwater treatment cartridge units. The cartridges have media which needs to be exchanged, disposed of, and replaced due to age and this maintenance will allow the facilities to treat stormwater to the quality intended with the media before being released to the receiving waters.

**SUMMARY:** The City received 5 bids on the project as shown below. The engineer's estimate on the project was \$59,235.68. Subsequent to the award of the contract to Emeritec, Inc. on November 20<sup>th</sup>, 2023, the contractor notified the City that it was unable to meet its obligation to complete the project. Staff is recommending that Emeritec's bid be rejected and the bid be awarded to the second responsible bidder, Olson Environmental. Olson Environmental has confirmed they can complete the project and are ready to start the work. The contract will be a three-year contract with 1 renewal in year 3 allowing for additional media exchanges in the 24 vaults.

### Bids Received:

Emeritec, Inc. - **\$67,360.06**

Olson Environmental - **\$73,302.60**

Graymar Environmental - \$77,143.50

Jeffries Construction, LLC - \$82,205.03

Olson Brothers Pro-Vac, LLC - \$131,330.57

**BENEFITS TO THE COMMUNITY:** Continue to provide clean stormwater to receiving bodies of waters from these treatment vaults and meet NPDES permit requirements.

**BUDGET IMPACT:** There are sufficient funds in Stormwater to cover the costs of this work.



Figure 1: Storm Cartridge with treatment media



Figure 2: Storm filter vaults example

**RECOMMENDATION.** Staff recommends that this item be placed on the April 15<sup>th</sup>, 2024 regular meeting consent agenda for council's consideration.



March 7, 2024

Rob Palena  
Olson Environmental, A Division of Mackay Sposito  
18405 SE Mill Plain Blvd, Suite 100  
Vancouver, WA 98683

**Subject:**        *Notice of Award – Public Stormwater Facility Maintenance UPC*

Dear Rob Palena:

The purpose of this letter is to advise you that your company was awarded the contract for the above referenced project at the City Council Meeting on April 15, 2024, for you bid of \$73,302.60

Please submit the following items at the preconstruction conference:

- Return of a signed contract via DocuSign (to be signed after receipt of items below)
- Contract Bond
- Declaration of option for investment of retained percentage.
- ACORD Certificate of Insurance specifically naming the following as additional insured:
  - The City of Camas and its officers, elected officials, employees, agents, and volunteers
- List of subcontractors
- Intent To Pay Prevailing Wages, including subcontractors
- Letter identifying your E.E.O. Officer
- Letter identifying your superintendent and two after-hours emergency telephone numbers

Please contact Brian Monnin at 360-817-1563 or [bmonnin@cityofcamas.us](mailto:bmonnin@cityofcamas.us) with any comments or questions.

Sincerely,

Steve Wall, P.E.  
Public Works Director

cc: Jennifer Hertz, Rob Charles, Brian Monnin

**PROPOSAL****ADDENDUM #3**

To the Office of the City Clerk  
Camas, Washington

The undersigned hereby certifies that they have examined the location of:

**PUBLIC STORMWATER FACILITY MAINTENANCE  
(UNIT PRICED PUBLIC WORKS CONTRACT)**

and that the Plans, Specifications and contract governing the work embraced in this improvement, and the method by which payment will be made for said work is understood. The undersigned hereby proposes to undertake and complete the work embraced in this improvement, or as much thereof as can be completed with the money available in accordance with the said Plans, Specifications and contract, and the following schedule of rates and prices:

(Note: Unit prices for all items, all extensions, and total amount of bid should be shown. All entries must be typed or entered in ink.)

**BID ITEMS / UNIT PRICES (INCLUDE LABOR RATE IN UNIT PRICE)**

<b>Item No.</b>	<b>Qty.</b>	<b>Unit</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Unit Price</b>	<b>Total</b>
1	107	EA	Exchange of Cartridge Media - Contech	\$ 249.00	\$ 26,643.00
2	9	EA	Exchange of Cartridge Media - Baysaver	\$ 1,088.00	\$ 9,792.00
3	24	EA	Vactoring Facility floor	\$ 1,125.00	\$ 27,000.00
4	5	EA	Replacement Cartridge	\$ 825.00	\$ 4,125.00
<b>Subtotal Items 1-4</b>					\$ 67,560.00
<b>WA State Sales Tax at 8.5%</b>					\$ 5,742.60
<b>TOTAL - BASIS OF AWARD</b>					\$ 73,302.60



**Signature of Owner or Authorized Corporate Officer**

*(This is required for a valid bid)*

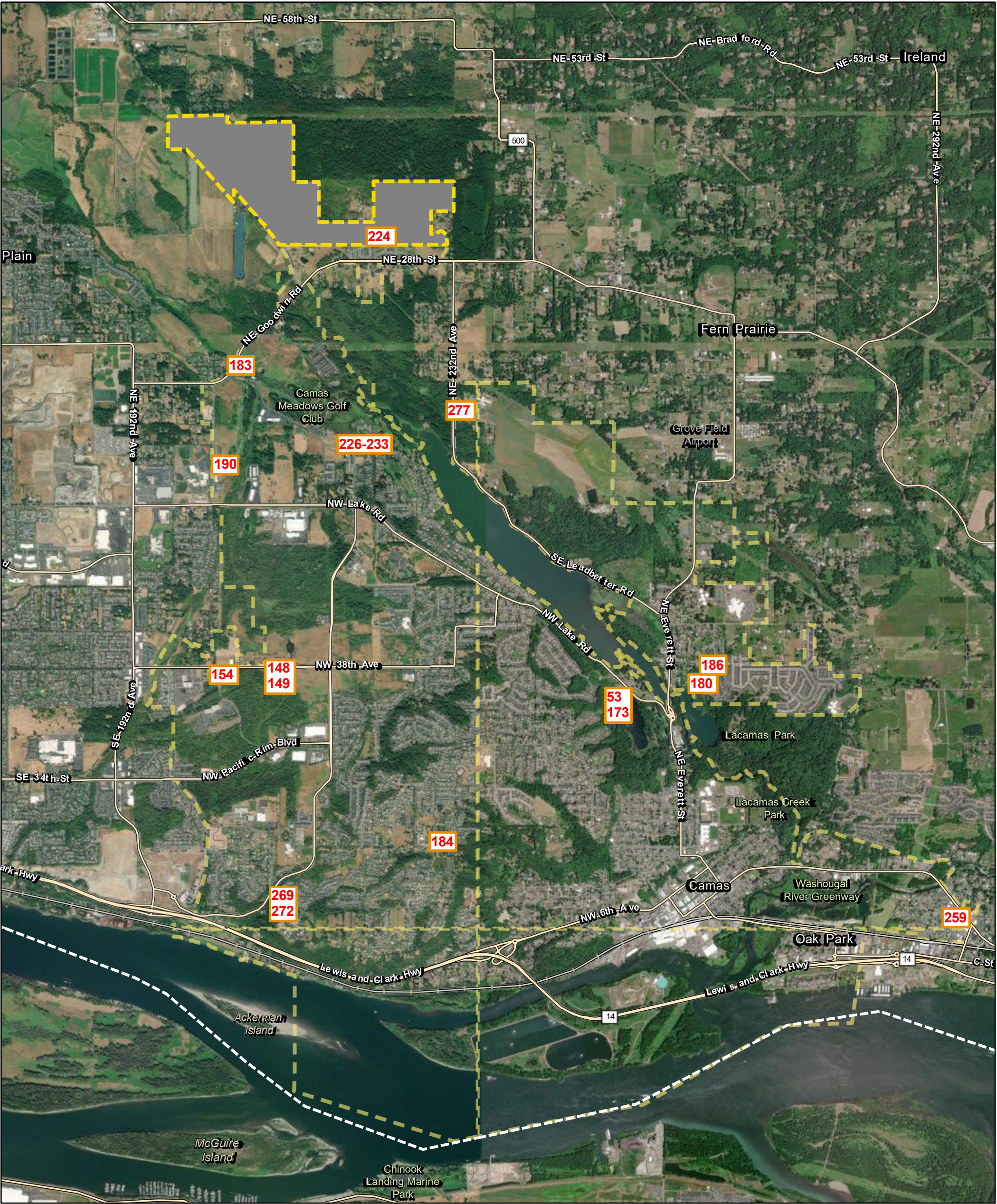
**LISTED QUANTITIES SHALL NOT BE CONSIDERED FIRM ESTIMATES  
OF REQUIREMENTS FOR THE YEAR.**

**QUANTITIES ARE BASED ON ANTICIPATED ANNUAL NEEDS.**



# Camas stormwater infrastructure

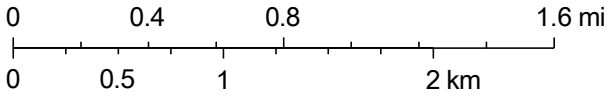
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8/25/2023

**See Talbe 1 for facility details**

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County of Clark, WA, Oregon Metro, Oregon State Parks, State of Oregon GEO, WA State Parks GIS, Esri, HERE, Garmin, SafeGraph, GeoTechnologies, Inc, METI/NASA, USGS, Bureau of Land Management, EPA, NPS, USDA,





## Staff Report

April 1, 2024 Council Regular Meeting

South Lacamas Creek (NE 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue) Trailhead Improvements – Greenworks PSA  
Amendment 2

Presenter: Trang Lam, Parks and Recreation Director

Time Estimate: 5 minutes

Phone	Email
360.817.7437	Tlam@cityofcamas.us

**BACKGROUND:** In 2018 Parks and Recreation and Public Works departments partnered in developing a master plan to improve existing S. Lacamas Creek Trailhead (Trailhead) while utilizing the site for a new sanitary pumpstation. The City broke the master plan elements into two construction phases. In the fall of 2021 phase one improvements was completed, which included installation of a sanitary pumpstation, park access improvements, ADA accessibility, landscaping, and utilities for phase two trailhead improvements.

In June 2021, Greenworks was selected as the design and engineering consultant for the trailhead project (i.e. phase two). In 2022, design and engineering of the trailhead was completed. Scope of improvements will complete the remaining items within the master plan including installation of a permanent restroom, ADA accessibility, parking lot improvements, water quality improvements, landscaping, and additional park amenities. In 2023, the City was awarded a Washington State Recreation and Conservation Office (RCO) grant in the amount of \$500,000 to partially fund the trailhead improvements.

**SUMMARY:** On February 5, 2024, Council awarded the construction contract to the low bidder, North Cascade Excavating LLC. Construction began the week of February 26 and is anticipated to be completed by December 2024. The attached Professional Service Agreement (PSA) Amendment 2 with Greenworks, PC, will allow staff to advance the project through construction. Greenworks will perform review and respond to submittals and request for information, complete site visits for observations and construction meetings, and produce as-built drawings.

Staff is seeking Council approval of this Amendment 2 of a not to exceed amount of \$28,906.86 to be dispersed to Greenworks as work is completed.

**BUDGET IMPACT:** This project is fully funded in the adopted 2024 budget.

**RECOMMENDATION:** Staff recommend placing the Greenworks PSA Amendment 2 on the April 1, 2024 consent agenda for Council consideration and approval.

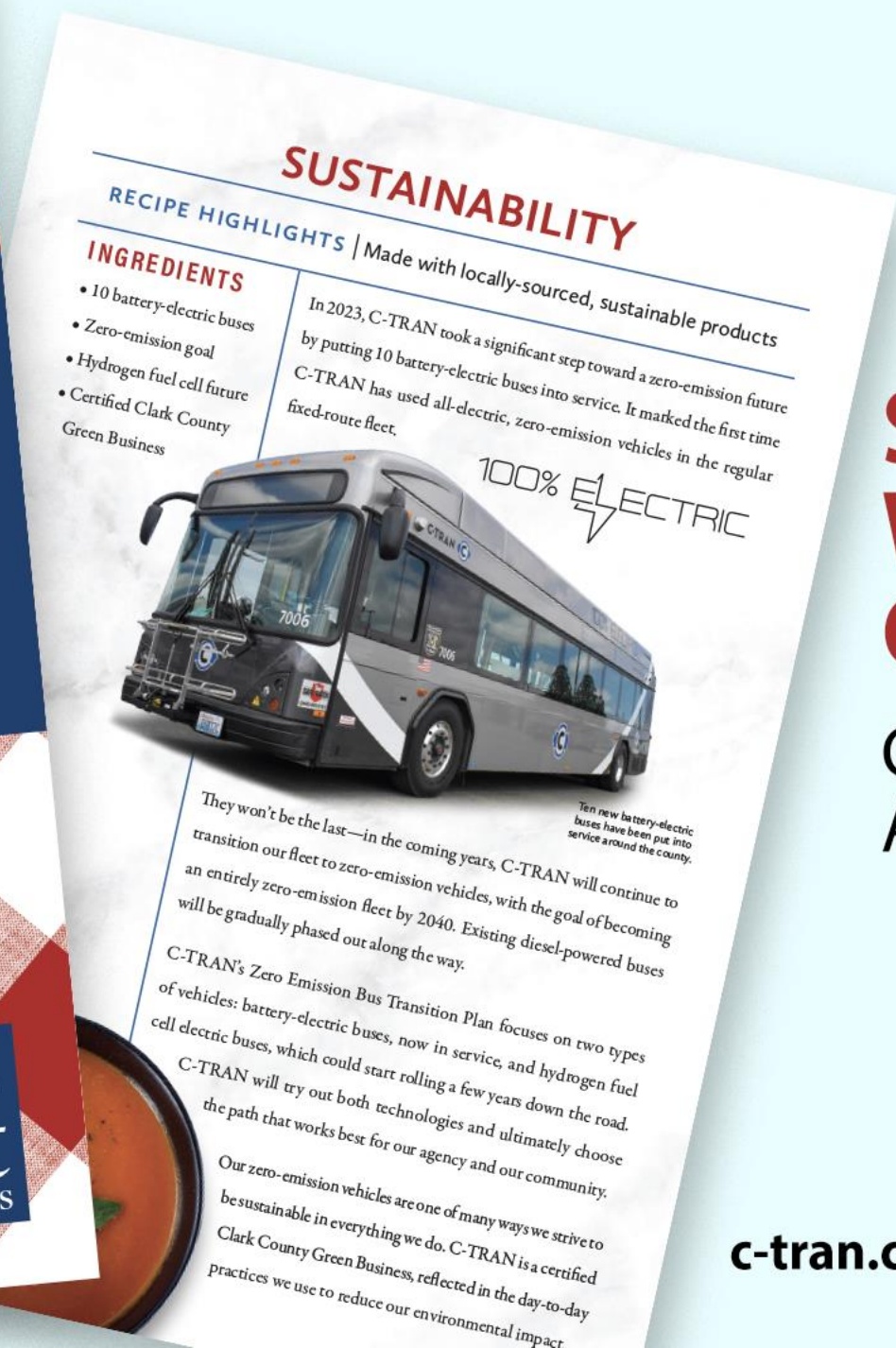
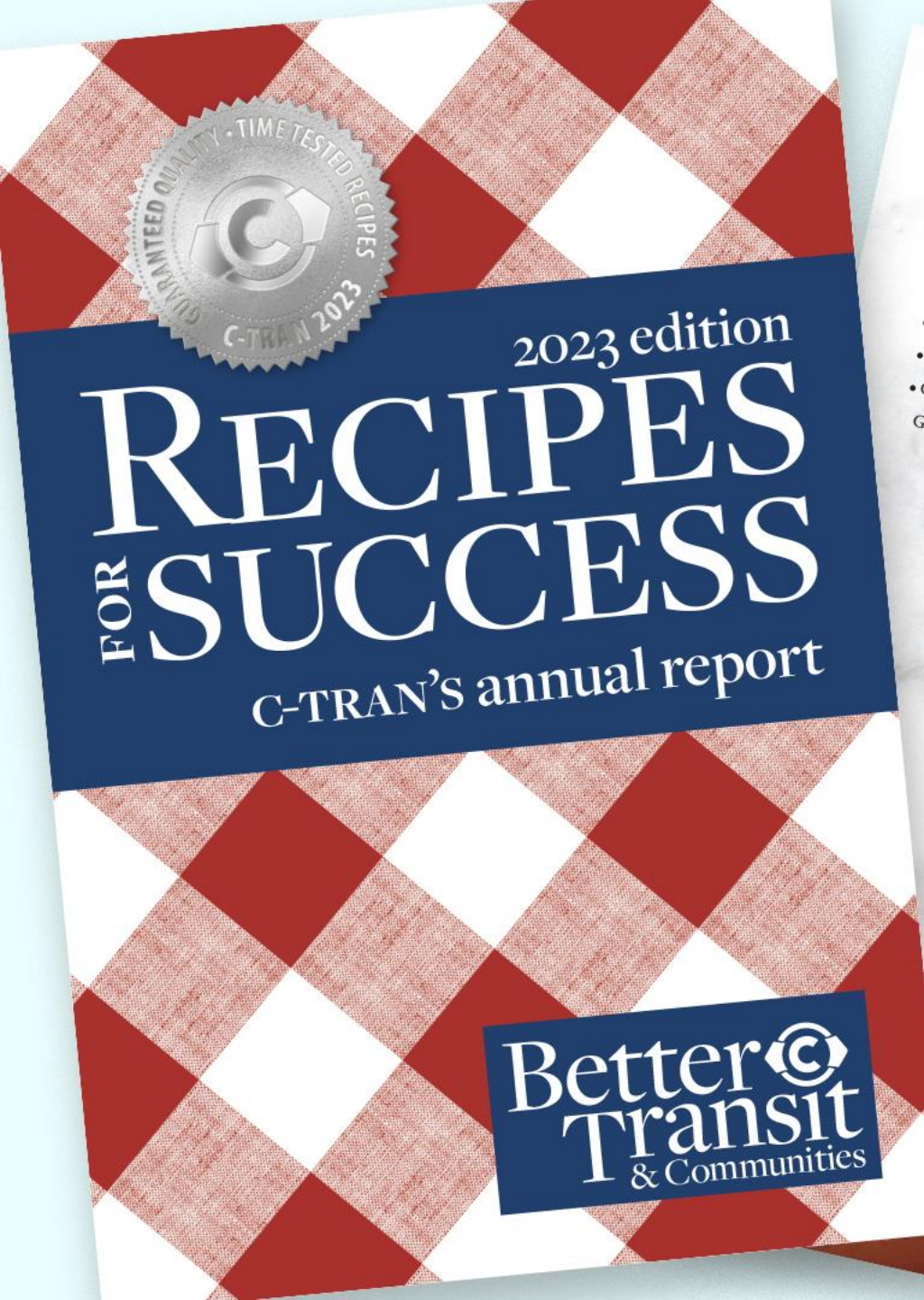
# C-TRAN

## C-TRAN Update

Camas City Council  
April 1, 2024



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SEE WHAT WE'VE BEEN COOKING!

C-TRAN's 2023 Annual Report



## Camas System Stats

1,650

Weekly riders on  
Route 92

410

Weekly riders on  
The Current

2-4pm

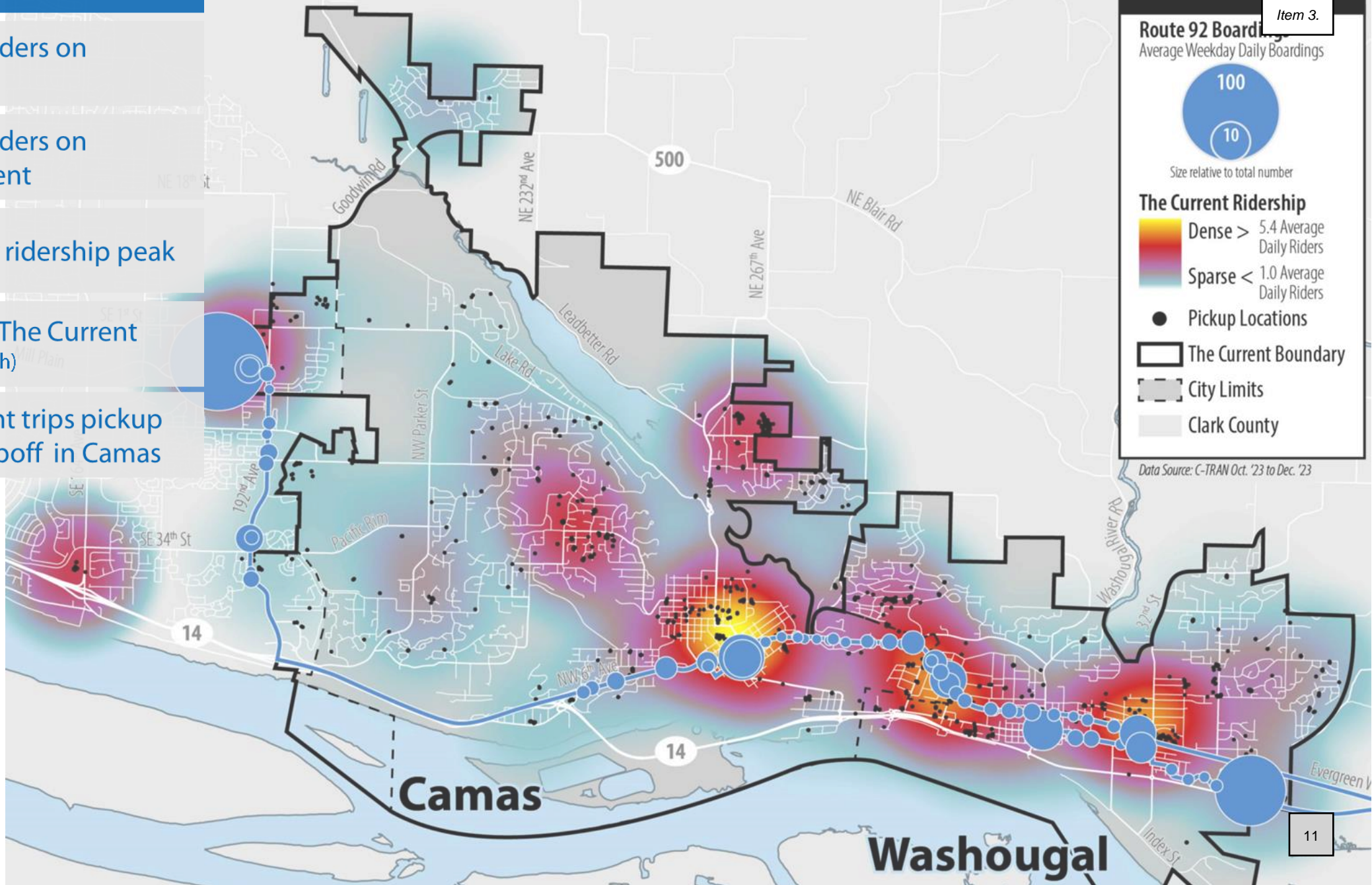
Weekday ridership peak

30,000+

Rides on The Current  
(since launch)

25%

Of Current trips pickup  
AND dropoff in Camas





ride the  
**CURRENT**

Item 3.

**On-demand, curb-to-curb, shared-vehicle transit service by C-TRAN.**



Anyone can ride, for any trip



On-demand or up to two (2) days in advance



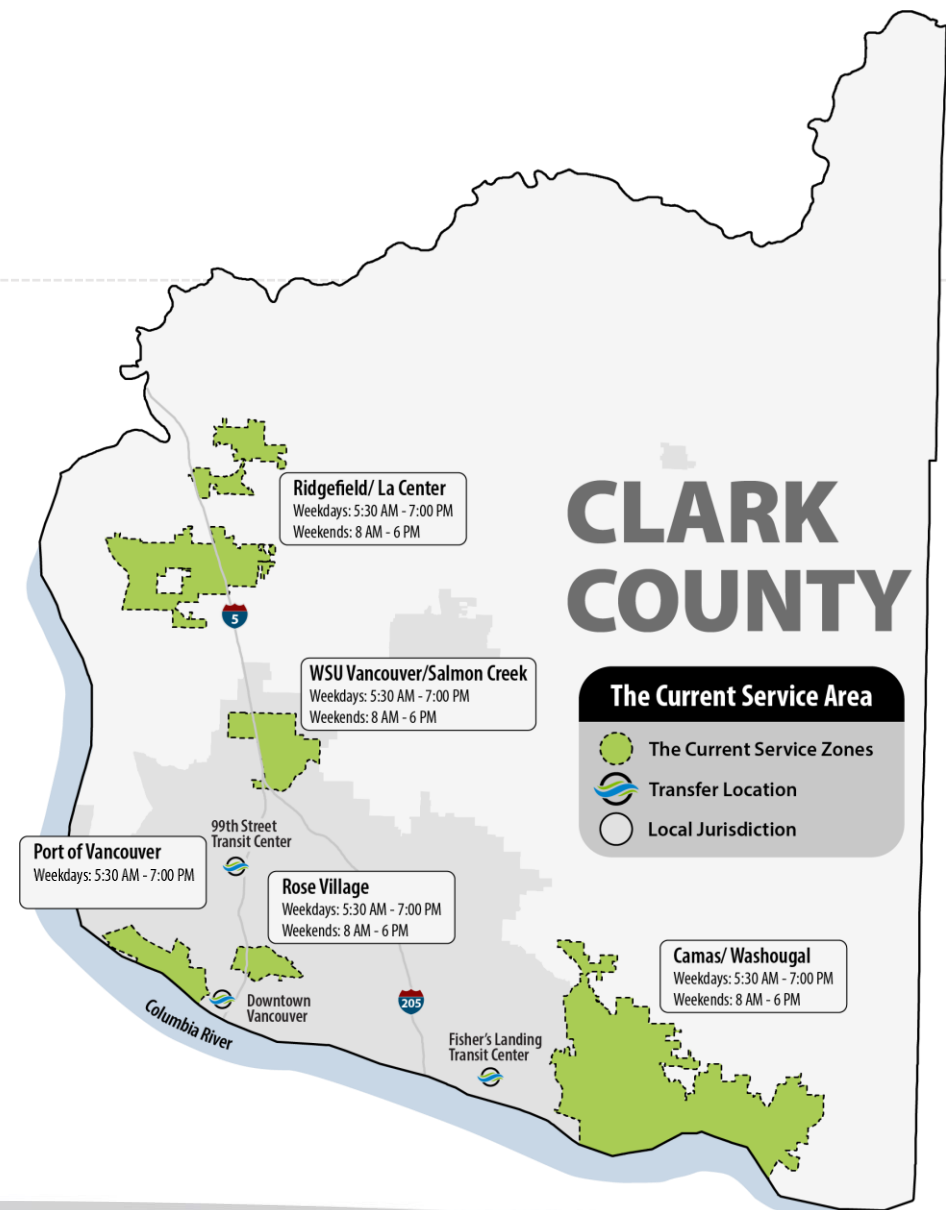
Real time trip planning, vehicle location & info



Travel within a service area or to select connections



Weekdays 5:30 AM–7 PM & weekends 8 AM–6 PM



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# Ride in Comfort

C-TRAN drivers and vehicles

Easy to recognize branding

Pay on-board with Hop, contactless payment or cash

Space for two (2) bikes

ADA accessible and lift equipped





# A Long-Range Transit Plan (LRTP) is a planning tool that guides C-TRAN over a 20-year timeframe.

Improving  
service

Introducing new  
transit options

Ensuring transit  
equity

Maintaining  
financial  
sustainability

Supporting grant  
efforts





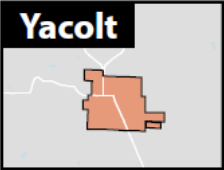
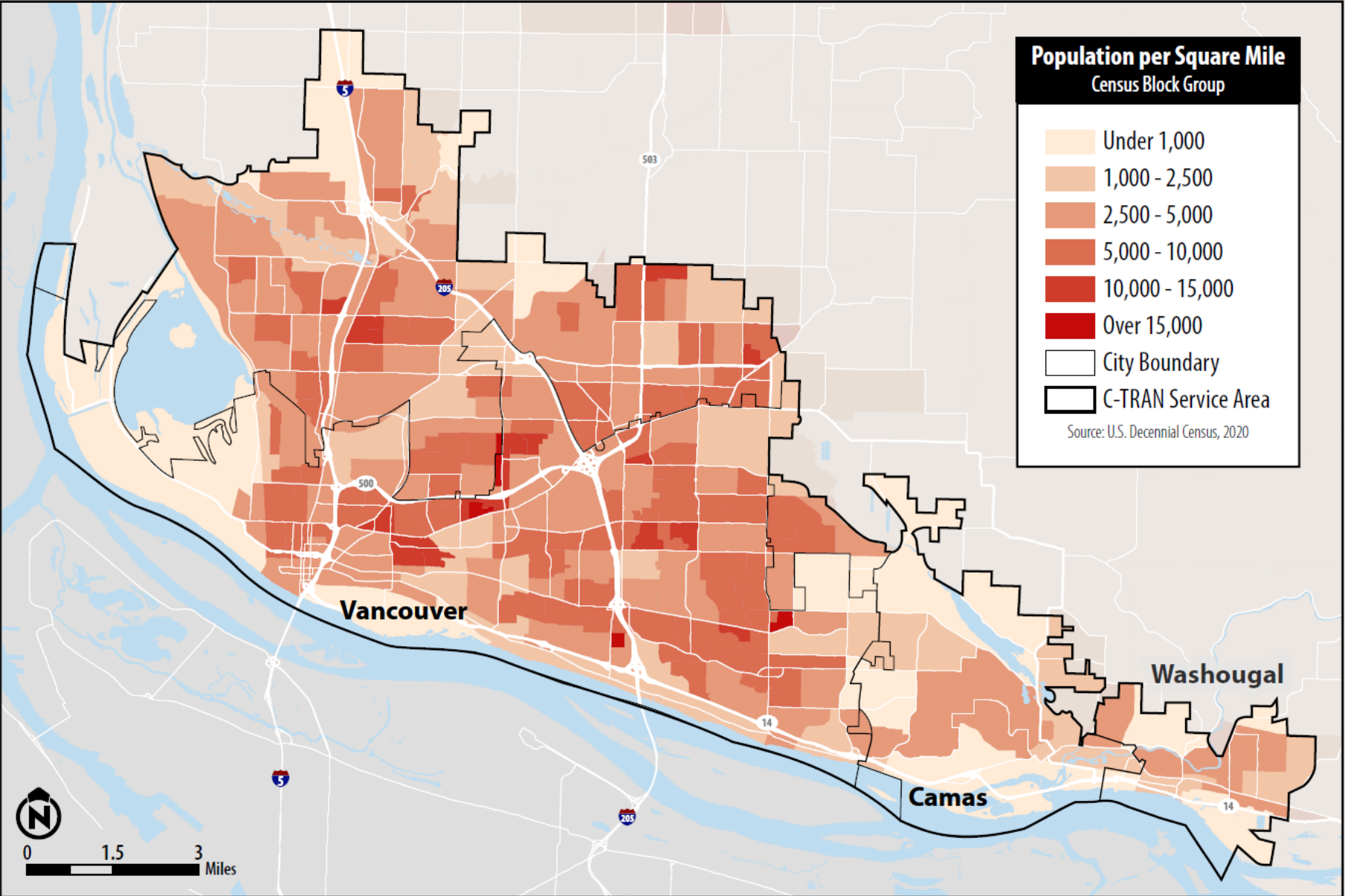
# This Update will...

- Consider changes in population, employment, land use and development, and demographics
- Understand how service is operating within the community today and how that has changed over the last 5 years
- Collect public feedback to understand specific community needs
- Recommend service and capital projects that can help improve community mobility

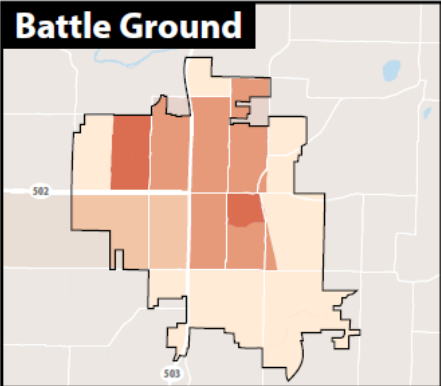
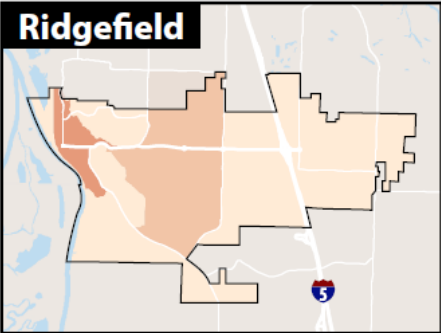
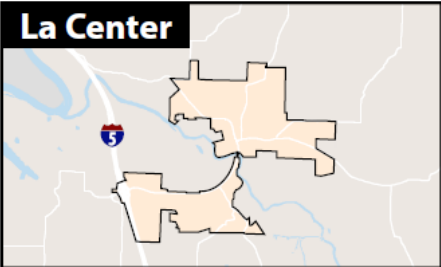
This plan is not intended to be a complete overhaul of the system, but we do anticipate developing recommendations that may change services to better align with community needs.



# Understanding our community



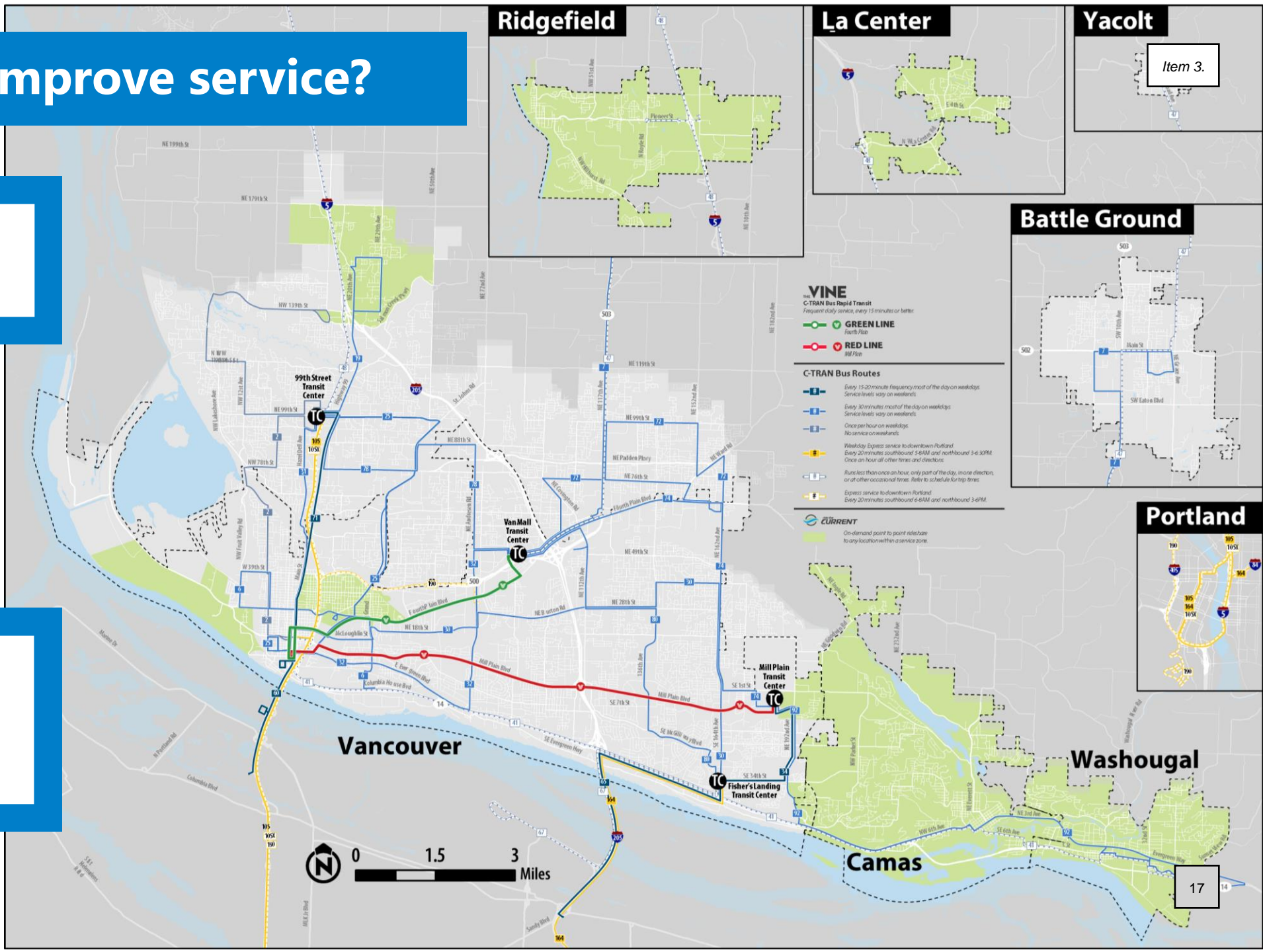
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# How would you improve service?

Where can the system be improved?

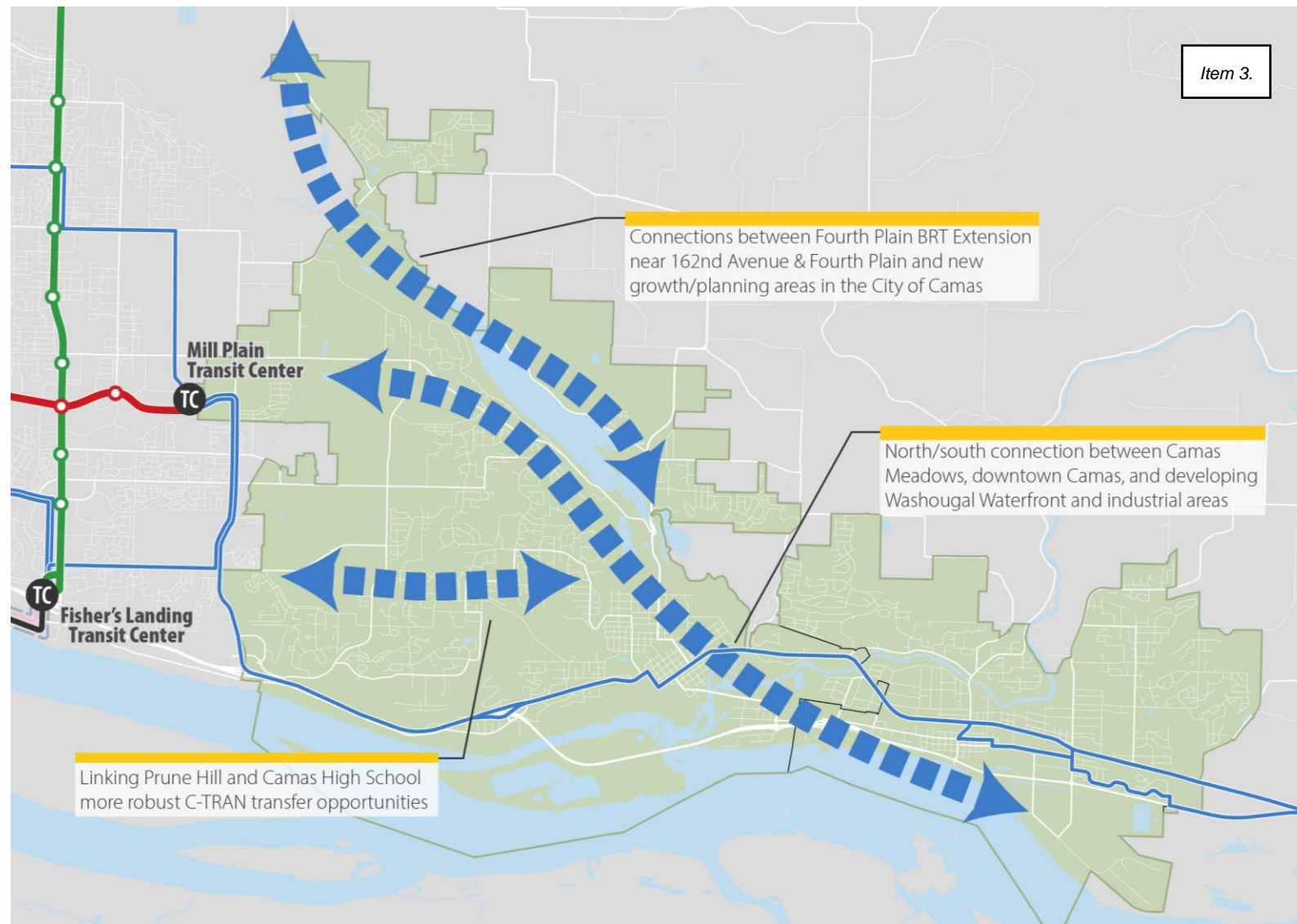
Where would you like to go using public transit, that you can't today?





# Developing concepts for a growing network

- Areas experiencing or planned for growth
- Priority connections to improve transportation and mobility (e.g. schools and parks)
- Economic growth opportunities
- Coordinated approach with City staff, community, and others



# We want to hear from you!

C-TRAN is listening to community voices to plan safe, reliable, and effective transit solutions. The planning process is full of opportunities to comment on the future of C-TRAN's system. Share your voice and help shape public transportation in Clark County.

## Be Heard:

### Tell us tonight:

- Visit our online virtual open house at [www.c-tran.com/c-tran2045](http://www.c-tran.com/c-tran2045)

E-mail us anytime: [2045@c-tran.com](mailto:2045@c-tran.com)

## Stay involved:

- Sign up for the project contact list
- Visit the project website at [www.c-tran.com/c-tran2045](http://www.c-tran.com/c-tran2045) for updates throughout the life of the project
- Request a project briefing for your community group
- Attend public meetings and provide comments

## Timeline

### Winter 2023/24

**ANALYZE**

- Existing & Future Conditions Analysis

**ENGAGE**

- Rider Need & Preferences Engagement

### Spring 2024

**DEVELOP**

- Service Concept & Capital Project Development
- Implementation Scenario Planning

### Summer/Fall 2024

**ADOPT**

- Community Priorities Engagement
- Plan Development Adoption



# Thank you!

Item 3.



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## Staff Report

April 1, 2024 Council Workshop Meeting

Camas Fire Station and Engine Bond Levy Discussion

Presenter: Fire Chief Cliff Free and Cathy Huber Nickerson, Finance Director

Time Estimate: 15 minutes

Phone	Email
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360.817.1537	chuber@cityofcamas.us

**BACKGROUND:** The City of Camas needs to replace the aging Camas Downtown Headquarters as recommended in the Camas-Washougal Fire Department Master Plan. In addition, a new fire engine will be needed as well. In determining the best option for funding these items, staff examined the cost of issuing unlimited general obligation bonds. Staff found the cost of issuing unlimited general obligation bonds to continue to be at relatively low rates and are recommending Council place a bond levy for the Camas voters to consider. The total the City would borrow would be \$26,300,000 of which approximately \$23,400,000 would be unlimited general obligation bonds and the rest may be the premium proceeds from the sale of the bonds.

**SUMMARY:** This agenda item will review the bond levy ordinance which will be authorizing document from the City to Clark County Election Office to place the proposition for the bond levy on the August 2024 ballot.

**BENEFITS TO THE COMMUNITY:** The benefit of funding the projects in 2024 would be twofold, lower debt borrowing costs and potentially cost avoidance of higher inflation.

**POTENTIAL CHALLENGES:** The financial markets may change before issuance and staff may need to reschedule or consider other financing options.

**BUDGET IMPACT:** This project would only move forward with Council's approval for an ordinance to call for an election for a bond levy.

**RECOMMENDATION:** Staff will be bringing this Ordinance for Council's consideration and approval on April 15, 2024, City Council Regular Meeting.

## CITY OF CAMAS, WASHINGTON

## ORDINANCE NO. 24-006

AN ORDINANCE of the City of Camas, Washington, providing for a ballot proposition to be submitted to the qualified electors of the City on August 6, 2024, in conjunction with the State Primary Election to be held on the same date, of a proposition authorizing the city to issue general obligation bonds in the aggregate principal amount of no more than \$26,300,000 for the purpose of paying costs of fire safety improvements, including constructing and equipping a new fire station, renovating an existing fire station and acquiring a new fire engine, the principal of and interest on such bonds to be payable from annual excess property tax levies; designating the City Attorney, Bond Counsel and Finance Director to receive notices of ballot title from the Clark County Auditor; and providing for related matters.

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Camas, Washington (the “City”) desires to provide for the continual provision of public safety services to protect the public health and safety of the City; and,

WHEREAS, the need to improve fire safety and protection in the City, require the City to: [construct and equip a new fire station, renovate an existing fire station and acquire a new fire engine], all as more particularly defined and described in Section 1 (the “Project”); and,

WHEREAS, the City lacks sufficient money to pay costs of the Project; and,

WHEREAS, to pay costs of the Project, it is necessary and advisable that the City issue and sell unlimited tax general obligation bonds in the aggregate principal amount of no more than \$26,300,000 (the “Bonds”), or such lesser maximum amount as may be legally issued under the laws governing the limitation of indebtedness or required to carry out and accomplish the Project; and,

WHEREAS, under Article VII, Section 2(b) and Article VIII, Section 6 of the Washington Constitution and the laws of the State of Washington, including chapters 35A.40, 39.36 and 84.52 of the Revised Code of Washington (“RCW”), the City may submit to its voters at a special election, for their approval or rejection, a proposition authorizing the City to issue the Bonds to pay costs of the Project and to levy annual excess property taxes in amounts sufficient to pay principal of and interest on the Bonds when due (*i.e.*, repay the Bonds); and,

WHEREAS, the best interests of the City and its residents require the City to carry out and accomplish the Project;

NOW, THEREFORE THE CITY OF CAMAS CITY COUNCIL, HEREBY RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1.     Description of the Project. The Project to be paid for with proceeds of the Bonds, including interest earnings thereon (“Bond Proceeds”), is more particularly defined and described as follows:

(a)     [Construct and equip a new fire station in the City, renovate an existing fire station and acquire a new fire engine], all as determined necessary and advisable by the City Council. [The term “land” as used herein includes all real property and improvements and other structures thereon and all interests therein.]

(b)     Acquire, construct and install all necessary facilities, equipment, apparatus, accessories, fixtures and appurtenances in or for the foregoing, all as determined necessary and advisable by the City Council.

(c)     Pay incidental costs incurred in connection with carrying out and accomplishing the Project described above under RCW 39.46.070 and other laws. Such incidental costs constitute a part of the Project and include without limitation: (1) costs related to the issuance, sale and delivery of the Bonds; (2) payments for fiscal and legal costs; (3) costs of obtaining ratings and bond insurance; (4) costs of printing, advertising, establishing and funding accounts; (5) payment of interest due on the Bonds for up to six months after completion of construction; (6) necessary and related engineering, architectural, planning, consulting, inspection, permitting and testing costs; (7) administrative and relocation costs; (8) site assessment, acquisition and improvement costs; (9) demolition costs; (10) costs related to demolition and/or deconstruction of existing facilities to recycle, reclaim and repurpose such facilities and/or building materials; (11) costs of on-site and off-site utilities and road improvements; and (12) costs of other similar activities or purposes, all as determined necessary and advisable by the City Council.

The City is authorized to accomplish the Project, or any parts, insofar as is practicable with available Bond Proceeds, and subject to Section 6 of this ordinance, the City Council shall allocate Bond Proceeds, together with any other money of the City legally available therefor, between the various parts of the Project so as to accomplish, as near as may be, all of the Project. The City Council shall determine the time, order, extent and specifications for the Project. The Project is to be more fully described in the plans and specifications to be filed with the City.

Section 2.     Calling of Election. The Clark County Auditor, as *ex officio* supervisor of elections in Clark County, Washington, is hereby requested to call and conduct a special election, in the manner provided by law, to be held within the City on August 6, 2024, in conjunction with the State Primary election to be held on the same date, for the purpose of submitting to the qualified electors of the City for their approval or rejection, the proposition authorizing the City to issue the Bonds to pay costs of the Project and levy annual excess property taxes to repay the Bonds. The Clark County Auditor’s office, as the City’s *ex officio* supervisor of elections, shall conduct the election, canvas the vote, and certify the results in the manner provided by law.

If the proposition is approved by the requisite number of voters, the City will be authorized to issue, sell and deliver the Bonds in the manner described in this ordinance, spend the Bond Proceeds to pay costs of the Project and levy annual excess property taxes to repay the Bonds. The Bond Proceeds may be used, either with or without additional money now or at any time available to the City, for capital purposes only, as permitted by law, excluding the replacement of equipment.

Section 3. Authorization to Issue the Bonds. The City may issue the Bonds as a single bond, as a single issue, as a part of a combined issue with other authorized bonds or in more than one series, all as determined necessary and advisable by the City Council and as permitted by law. The City may issue the Bonds, as determined necessary and advisable by the City Council, as taxable bonds, tax-exempt bonds or any other type of bonds that are now or in the future may be authorized under applicable state and federal law.

The Bonds will be issued as fully registered bonds; bear interest payable as permitted by law; mature within 25 years from the date of issuance (but may mature at an earlier date or dates as fixed by the City Council); be paid by annual property tax levies sufficient in amount to pay both principal and interest when due, which annual property tax levies will be made in excess of regular property tax levies without limitation as to rate or amount; and be issued and sold in the manner, times and amounts required for the purpose for which the Bonds are to be issued, all as determined necessary and advisable by the City Council and as permitted by law. The life of the Project to be financed with Bond Proceeds must as near as practicable or as otherwise required by law exceed the term of the respective Bonds that finance the Project. The amount, date, denominations, interest rates, payment dates, final maturity, redemption rights, price, and other terms and conditions of the Bonds (or parameters with respect thereto) will be fixed by one or more ordinances of the City Council authorizing the issuance, sale and delivery of the Bonds, which ordinances may delegate to a City officer or employee the authority to fix any of the foregoing, all as determined necessary and advisable by the City Council and as permitted by law.

Pending the issuance of any series of the Bonds, the City may levy excess property taxes to repay those Bonds and may issue short-term obligations pursuant to chapter 39.50 RCW to pay for any portion of the costs of the Project. The short-term obligations may be paid or refunded with Bond Proceeds.

Section 4. Intent to Reimburse. To the extent the City makes capital expenditures for the Project prior to the date the City issues the Bonds to finance the Project from funds that are not (and are not reasonably expected to be) reserved, allocated on a long-term basis or otherwise set aside by the City under its existing and reasonably foreseeable budgetary and financial circumstances to pay costs of the Project, the City Council declares those capital expenditures are intended to be reimbursed out of Bond Proceeds, or proceeds of other bonds or obligations, issued in an amount not to exceed the principal amount of the Bonds provided by this ordinance.

Section 5. Sufficiency of Bond Proceeds. If Bond Proceeds are more than sufficient to carry out and accomplish the Project, the City may use those excess Bond Proceeds to: (a) acquire, construct, remodel, renovate, install, equip, furnish and make other capital improvements to City facilities for fire protection purposes; or (b) retire and/or defease a portion of the Bonds, all as the City Council may determine necessary or advisable and as permitted by law. In the event the Bond Proceeds, together with any other money of the City legally available, are insufficient to carry out and accomplish all of the Project, the City may use the Bond Proceeds and other available money for paying the costs of any parts of the Project the City Council determines most necessary and in the best interests of the City.

Section 6. Alteration of Expenditures. If the City Council subsequently determines circumstances (including without limitation changed conditions or needs or regulatory

considerations) require alterations to the Project, the City will not be required to accomplish all of the Project and may apply the Bond Proceeds (or any portion) to: (a) the acquisition, construction, installation or equipping of other equipment, apparatus or facilities of the City for emergency services purposes and the making of other capital improvements thereto; or (b) the retirement and/or defeasance of all or a portion of the Bonds or other outstanding bonds of the City, all as determined necessary or advisable by the City Council.

Section 7. Form of Ballot Title. Pursuant to RCW 29A.36.071, the City Attorney of the City (the “City Attorney”) has prepared the concise description of the aforesaid proposition for the ballot title in substantially the following form:

CITY OF CAMAS, WASHINGTON  
PROPOSITION 1  
GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS  
[FIRE SAFETY] IMPROVEMENTS

The Camas City Council adopted Ordinance 24-006 concerning funding for fire safety improvements. This proposition would authorize the City to acquire property, construct and equip a new fire station, renovate an existing fire station and acquire a new fire engine to improve fire safety throughout the City, and issue up to \$26,300,000 of general obligation bonds maturing within a maximum of 25 years; and levy annual excess property taxes to repay the bonds, all as provided in Ordinance 24-006.

Should this proposition be?

Approved ..... ☐

Rejected ..... ☐

Section 8. Authorization to Deliver this Ordinance to Auditor and Perform Other Necessary Duties. The City Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to (a) present a certified copy of this ordinance to the Auditor no later than May 3, 2024; and (b) perform such other duties as are necessary or required by law to submit to the City’s voters at the August 6, 2024 election, for their approval or rejection, the proposition authorizing the City to issue the Bonds to pay costs of the Project and levy annual excess property taxes to repay the Bonds.

Section 9. Notices Relating to Ballot Title. For purposes of receiving notice of the exact language of the ballot proposition required by RCW 29A.36.080, the City Council hereby designates (a) [the City Attorney (Shawn MacPherson), telephone: 360-834-4611; email: SMacPherson@cityofcamas.us; (b) ]the City’s bond counsel (Stacie Amasaki), telephone: 206-447-6278, email: stacie.amasaki@foster.com; and (c) the City Finance Director (Cathy Huber Nickerson), telephone: 360-817-1537, email: chuber@cityofcamas.us, as the individuals to whom such notice should be provided. The City Attorney is authorized to approve changes to the ballot title, if any, deemed necessary by the Clark County Auditor.

Section 10. Corrections. The City Attorney and City Clerk are authorized to make necessary clerical corrections to this ordinance, including, but not limited to, the correction of scrivener's or clerical errors, references, ordinance numbering, section/subsection numbers and any references thereto.

Section 11. General Authorization. This ordinance may be executed by the Mayor of the City, and attested by the City Clerk in tangible medium, manual, facsimile or electronic form under any security procedure or platform, and notwithstanding any other City ordinance, resolution, rule, policy or procedure, or in any other manner evidencing its adoption. The Mayor, City Administrator, City Attorney, Finance Director of the City, other appropriate officers of the City and special counsel, Foster Garvey P.C., are individually authorized and directed to take such actions and to create, accept, execute, send, use and rely upon such documents, records and signatures (including in tangible medium, manual, facsimile or electronic form, under any security procedure or platform, and notwithstanding any other City ordinance, resolution, rule, policy or procedure) as in their judgment may be necessary or desirable to effectuate the provisions of this ordinance. All actions taken prior to the effective date of this ordinance in furtherance of and not inconsistent with the provisions of this ordinance are ratified and confirmed in all respects.

Section 12. Severability. If any section, sentence, clause or phrase of this ordinance should be held to be invalid or unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction, such invalidity or unconstitutionality shall not affect the validity or constitutionality of any other section, sentence, clause or phrase of this ordinance, and in no way affects the validity of the other provisions of this ordinance, of the Bonds or of the levy or collection of the taxes pledged to repay the Bonds.

Section 13. Effective Date. This ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage and five days following its publication as required by law.

PASSED by the City Council and APPROVED by the Mayor of the City of Camas, Washington, at an open public meeting thereof, this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2024.

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Mayor

ATTEST:

\_\_\_\_\_  
City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Bond Counsel

## CERTIFICATION

I, the undersigned, City Clerk of the City of Camas, Washington (the “City”), hereby certify as follows:

1. The attached copy of Ordinance No. 24-006 (the “Ordinance”) is a full, true and correct copy of an ordinance duly passed at a regular meeting of the City Council of the City held at the regular meeting place thereof on \_\_\_\_\_, 2024, as that ordinance appears on the minute book of the City.

2. That said meeting was duly convened, held and included an opportunity for public comment, in all respects in accordance with law; due and proper notice of such meeting was given; that a legal quorum of the members of the City Council was present throughout the meeting; and a majority of the members voted in the proper manner for the passage of the Ordinance.

3. The Ordinance will be in full force and effect five days after publication in the City’s official newspaper, which publication date is \_\_\_\_\_, 2024.

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_, 2024.

CITY OF CAMAS, WASHINGTON

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City Clerk





## Staff Report

April 1, 2024 Council Workshop Meeting

### CFM LETTER OF AGREEMENT

Presenter: Doug Quinn, City Administrator

Time Estimate: 10

Phone	Email
360.834.6864	DQuinn@cityofcamas.us

**BACKGROUND:** In recent years, Camas has not sought federal-level representation for its legislative and infrastructure needs. While we have employed a contract lobbyist at the state level, notably former City Administrator Lloyd Halverson, we now recognize the necessity to enhance our federal engagement. This strategic shift aims to tap into significant funding opportunities made available through the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law and the Inflation Reduction Act, both offering unprecedented funding avenues. The Finance Committee has evaluated and supports this Agreement.

**SUMMARY:** Entering into this Agreement with CFM Advocates marks a pivotal step for Camas, setting the stage for a robust strategic federal agenda. CFM Advocates will extend comprehensive support in research, communication, and access to our federal delegates as the decision-makers in Washington, D.C. This collaboration is designed to represent our voice in Congressional committees and to streamline the acquisition of grants via Congressional Directed Spending. Further specifics are detailed in the staff report packet. This partnership entails a monthly retainer fee of \$8,000.

**BENEFITS TO THE COMMUNITY:** This initiative is a strategic investment ensuring Camas's prosperous future. It leverages our substantial federal contributions to enhance the city's infrastructure across multiple sectors, including utilities, transportation, parks, library services, and other facilities. CFM Advocates boasts a remarkable average return on investment of 62:1 for their clients, with notable success in engagements with the Army Corps of Engineers, an aspect of direct relevance to our community's environmental conservation efforts.

**POTENTIAL CHALLENGES:** Grant or loan awards through this program will likely require a local match and enhanced tracking to demonstrate compliance with federal requirements.

**BUDGET IMPACT:** The collaboration with CFM Advocates is anticipated to significantly bolster our efforts to fulfill the capital program goals outlined in the city's capital planning documents. The ongoing cost of \$8,000 per month is accommodated within the current

allocations of the adopted General Fund budget, affirming the financial viability of this strategic endeavor.

**RECOMMENDATION:** This report is for Council's information only. Staff recommends this item move to the April 15, 2024 Consent Agenda for Council's review and approval.

## Federal Government Relations

March 12, 2024



Submitted by:

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March 12, 2024

Doug Quinn, City Administrator  
City of Camas  
616 NE 4th Avenue  
Camas, WA 98607

Dear Doug:

Thank you for the opportunity to sit down with you, Mayor Hogan and Bryan to talk about representing the City of Camas in Washington, DC. On behalf of the CFM Advocates Federal team (CFM), it would be an honor and a privilege to share your unique story and develop an innovative federal agenda to build on your advocacy efforts to date. The CFM team has deep ties to each member of the Washington delegation and proven, reliable contacts at the highest levels of government. As such, we can provide immediate added value to your government affairs operation and quickly implement a strategic agenda in a thoughtful and collaborative manner.

With respect to the projects and priorities of Camas, we know your issues well and have a proven track record of succeeding in the areas that are important to you. We have a strong record of securing federal funds for community projects in several areas, including transportation, water and wastewater infrastructure, community facilities, economic development, police, fire, and housing. In addition to securing federal funds, we have passed legislation, protected critical programs, and built coalitions to ensure the objectives of our Washington municipal clients are met.

We know Camas's City Council identified several top priorities in need of advocacy at the federal level. We can add a comprehensive component to your existing relationships that will expand your reach into the Washington delegation and the federal agencies that present opportunities for your city.

We work every angle for our clients. We will work closely with you to generate grassroots support and regional coordination to make your agenda more appealing to key officials. Members of Congress like to get involved with projects that have broad support and deliver real results. At CFM, we are experts in generating these coordinated ventures and know how important this approach is to achieving results.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely yours,

*Page Strickler*

Page Strickler  
Partner





## Project Approach

CFM is dedicated to a multi-faceted strategy for success. Sometimes lobbyists want to talk first. We set out to listen first. While CFM understands the scope of Camas's priorities, we know your continued and constant input is crucial to a successful outcome.

If we are selected to represent Camas, our first step would be to spend time with you and city officials to focus on the issues the city hopes to accomplish in Washington, DC. This is a fundamental principle for us. Conducting research is a critical first step in representing any client. This will include the roundtable we discussed with department leads and city officials to examine the variety of projects and legislative objectives available to you. This collaboration is the cornerstone for drafting your federal agenda.

Your CFM Federal team of professionals will work daily on the city's behalf in the following areas:

- Developing a strategic federal agenda and political outreach plan;
- Tracking, researching and communicating with federal agencies to identify grant opportunities;
- Coalition building on the local and national level;
- Developing policy through the legislative (Congress) and regulatory (administration) process;
- Providing access to key decision makers and leaders in Washington, DC;
- Providing opportunity for testimony before Congressional committees; and
- Securing grant awards, Congressional Directed Spending (CDS)<sup>1</sup> awards, authorizations, and report language.

CFM is more than a lobbying firm with great connections. We develop the right strategies, messages, and presentations to position our clients' legislative objectives in the best light possible. We help our clients say the right things to the right people at the right time to obtain the desired results.

We strongly believe in a comprehensive approach to representing our clients. We leave no rock unturned. We are very familiar with traditional funding streams and processes for securing federal funding, but we also approach each project with a fresh perspective. We continually ask ourselves what are the potential non-traditional funding streams? Are there collaborative efforts that would improve the chances of success? This type of creative approach has familiarized us with unique funding streams that have produced millions of dollars for our clients when traditional resources have come up dry.

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<sup>1</sup> Formerly known as "earmarks"





Your initiatives will be competing with other entities throughout the state and nation. You must have clearly defined projects that pinpoint deliverables and meet the strict criteria of grant programs and CDS accounts, while understanding the important role members of Congress can play in influencing the grant process at the agency level and the key agency officials that can help guide your project successfully through the federal bureaucracy. We are experts at coordinating this comprehensive approach, and our record of success is clear.

Working with you, we will develop a set of policy, grant and CDS priorities that will reflect the needs of your community and will be strategically interwoven with the pressing issues facing the federal government. We will help you communicate your platform in a direct, concise, and compelling manner. We will refine messages carefully and produce clear communication tools that will elevate the profile of Camas's requests over the many other justifiable requests competing for federal dollars.

## Federal Scope and Schedule of Work

### *CFM's Comprehensive Grant and CDS Services – A Successful Formula*

Our grant and CDS services are a point of pride for CFM. Our **client's 62:1 return on investment**, including securing an unprecedented *six RAISE grants in a row*, and *100% CDS success* for all CFM clients is testament to our comprehensive strategy. We have a formula for success. CFM's grant specialist will conduct daily, extensive reviews of grant and CDS funding opportunities and identify programs that best address Camas's projects. We will regularly notify city staff of grant opportunities and provide a detailed analysis of each grant program. Because CFM maintains such close relationships with federal agency staff who draft grant guidelines, Camas will often be aware of funding streams before a program is officially announced, and thus avoid short timelines.

One of the key advantages of a relationship with CFM is that we know Washington, DC and Washington State and have full-time, highly experienced staff on the ground in both places. Our local presence means we will be "just down the street" when needed. More important, our reservoir of knowledge about issues and grants important to municipal governments will give Camas leaders access to a team that can help shape and earn local and national support for your policy initiatives.

Working collaboratively with Camas leaders, we will develop a set of grant and policy priorities that serve as your federal policy platform. These priorities will be interwoven strategically with pressing issues facing the federal government.

As outlined in the schedule of work below, we will take time to meet with city staff and elected officials to learn about the Camas's projects, opportunities, challenges, and long-term objectives. CFM will marry these priorities with our list of targeted grants and CDS opportunities. The targeted list will include approximately two dozen likely programs within federal departments that Camas could pursue. This includes the full range of programs, including water and





wastewater infrastructure, transportation, arts, police and fire, sustainability, brownfields, economic development, farmers' markets, and much more. CFM will work closely with Camas to refine the list of project and policy items that are of most importance and target our energies appropriately.

CFM will provide frequent updates on legislative and political issues important to Camas. Communications will include regular calls, written updates, and activity reports, written congressional session reports and oral reports to city staff and Council. CFM will also regularly visit Camas to brief staff and city leaders, tour projects and coordinate Congressional and agency tours.

*Develop tools to market Camas's proposals; Review grants and assist with grant writing<sup>2</sup>*

CFM will work closely with Camas staff throughout the application process, from before a grant opportunity opens to organizing a ribbon cutting event after a project is dedicated. This comprehensive strategy includes meeting directly with federal agency staff to receive specific guidance, contacting previous successful applicants for additional suggestions, **drafting grant applications**, and providing strategic edits to grant proposals.

CFM will create "lobby documents" that clearly and concisely tell the project's story and lay out the challenges and benefits of a project. In addition, CFM will work with the congressional delegation and other stakeholders to secure letters of support on behalf of the project and ask members of Congress to place timely phone calls to key agency officials in support of your grant.

Two recent success stories illustrate how CFM would work with Camas staff and elected officials in taking grant services to the next level.

RiverCities Transit is owned and operated by our client, the City of Longview Washington. We were proud to secure two grants for RiverCities Transit, including \$2.8 million to expand a Downtown Transit Center and \$832,000 to replace two biodiesel buses in Longview. The grant program was oversubscribed 8:1 and only 61 projects were awarded nationwide. Despite the long odds and immense nationwide competition, RiverCities Transit was the only entity in the country to secure two grants in that round.

RiverCities Transit is a small operation with only 16 buses and few administrative staff. CFM took on the responsibility to *draft the grant proposal from scratch*, schedule meetings with the Federal Transit Administration, provide tours and secure letters of support from the Congressional delegation, strategically target phone calls in support of the grant and ultimately work with the congressional delegation and city on press releases announcing the award. The \$3.6 million total award was a shot in the arm to the Longview economy and transit system and CFM was proud to play a role in the effort.

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<sup>2</sup> As discussed in our meeting on December 20, 2023 – all grants under 20 pages are part of the monthly retainer. Grants more than 20 pages will incur an additional one-time fee to be negotiated with client.





Similarly, CFM helped the city of Tigard secure a \$2.1 million Department of Commerce Economic Development Administration (EDA) grant, one of the largest EDA grants in the region, to spur economic development in its 138-acre commercial/industrial area called the Hunziker Core. The EDA Public Works program has limited funding. The program is significantly oversubscribed, and competition is fierce. CFM's efforts helped to differentiate Tigard's project from the many other competing priorities.

The Hunziker Core is underdeveloped and underutilized and lacks the public infrastructure necessary for development and expansion. CFM worked with the City of Tigard and Congressional delegation for nearly two years to build support for the project. Efforts included scheduling site tours with members of Congress, EDA officials and state elected officials and staff. We strategically utilized key city staff, the Mayor of Tigard and other local business stakeholders to effectively tell the full story of the project. As such, we prepared talking points, one pagers, maps and other information to complement on-the-ground tours. Because CFM has offices in Portland and DC, we coordinated multiple contacts with both regional and national EDA decision makers.

After CFM's state lobby team secured \$1.5 million from the Oregon Legislature, we worked directly with city staff to draft and edit its EDA grant application, seek out information from other successful applications and submit the proposal to EDA with strong Congressional support and buy-in. We also had multiple congressional offices weigh in at key times in the review process.

These are just two examples of how CFM works closely with our clients to shepherd a project through the federal process. Our comprehensive approach has yielded positive results for our clients across the Pacific Northwest, and we would be honored to bring these services to the City of Camas.

### *Analyzing and Reviewing Legislation, Educating Clients, and Legislative Strategies*

CFM's team of lobbyists has decades of experience on and off Capitol Hill analyzing, reviewing, drafting, introducing, and passing legislation. CFM will guide you throughout the legislative process, from conceptual committee hearings to introduction and final passage. We will provide comprehensive analysis of proposed legislation which may impact Camas and advise the city on courses of action. We will clearly outline the strategies, political implications, and likelihood of success before initiating a legislative effort.

Each new session of Congress often represents new opportunities, hurdles, and obstacles. When political power shifts in Washington, Camas's objectives and strategies need to be refined to meet the changing political and funding landscape. We will work closely and proactively leading up to the 2024 session to forecast likely priorities of the majority party and ensure the city is best positioned to succeed.







### *Legislative Information and Bill-Tracking Software*

CFM contracts with CQ Roll Call for legislative information, analysis, and to identify and monitor introduced legislation of interest to the city. Every day, CFM will review House and Senate floor and committee schedules along with budget and appropriations developments with Camas's priorities top of mind. We also receive custom, comprehensive, real-time alerts of the latest actions in Congress to stay on top of Camas's issues. Ultimately, these efforts help ensure no opportunity is overlooked and will inform our advocacy strategy and frequent status reports to the city.

### *Process for Establishing and Maintaining Strong Working Relationships*

We pride ourselves on being a bipartisan firm and work hard to maintain the relationships we have spent years cultivating. CFM is a Pacific Northwest firm with a rich and successful history of representing Northwest municipal governments, transit systems, ports, colleges, and private sector clients. We have deep ties to each member in the Washington delegation and their staff. They know and trust us. This level of comfort and credibility is critical in a skeptical funding environment.

The best way to keep our relationships fresh is to stay in constant contact. We work daily with the Washington delegation and its staff, as well as other key players on Capitol Hill and in numerous agencies. As a result, CFM has proven and reliable contacts at the highest levels of government, including the Biden administration, Congressional leadership, committee chairs and key political appointees. Because we represent other municipal clients, we also have strong professional and personal relationships with local elected officials across the state. In addition, we work regularly with coalitions and associations such as the National League of Cities and US Conference of Mayors.

Over our 32 years at the federal level, we have cultivated these high-level relationships and know how to access critical information and leverage political support for your local projects.

### *Scope of Work and Schedule*

**April-May 2024**– Upon award, CFM will visit Camas to better understand your priorities and projects. We will use this information to develop a detailed work plan which will include a prioritization of the projects you are pursuing for FY 2026 CDS and 2024 grant opportunities. This prioritization will become your 2024 federal agenda. During this time, we will also schedule meetings with between Camas elected officials and staff with members of Congress and staff to advocate for your priorities.





**July-August 2024** – As August is a month-long congressional recess, CFM will coordinate tours and briefings in Camas for congressional staff. Page Strickler and Joel Rubin will meet with city staff to review status of projects and plan for the upcoming year.

**September - October 2024** – CFM will continue to advocate for your pending grant requests; highlight key grant announcements and help the city draft and submit grant applications with active participation from the Congressional delegation; monitor, advocate for or oppose legislation included on the city's legislative agenda.

**November - December 2024** – The CFM team will visit Camas to discuss the status of the 2024 agenda and start planning 2025; we will develop a draft federal agenda which will be the basis of your 2025 project and policy requests and legislative action items; and identify federal programs and grants that meet your needs.

In addition to the timeline above, CFM will perform the following functions throughout the year:

- Provide frequent updates to city officials and staff on status of grant and earmark projects.
- Closely coordinate with the city staff and other officials, perhaps even daily, to ensure timelines and tasks are being adequately met.
- Coordinate with other regional entities, including state and local elected officials, to help develop region-wide support for existing and new city projects.
- Research new funding opportunities for the city that may arise, including grants, loans, and infrastructure package dollars.
- Provide frequent legislative and political updates and analysis to city officials and staff.





## Consultant Qualifications

### Background and Narrative

CFM Advocates is a fully integrated consulting firm with practice areas in federal and state lobbying and local public affairs. We are based in the Pacific Northwest with full-time staff in Portland, Vancouver, Salem, and Washington, DC. For over 30 years, CFM has worked at the federal level to guide our clients through an ever-changing political environment and achieve legislative and funding objectives.

Our bipartisan team has worked extensively with elected officials at all levels of government. We are former senior level congressional staffers who guided legislative goals and managed relationships on behalf of U.S. Senators and Representatives. Our long-standing record of success is **nationally recognized by Bloomberg Government as being one of only 10 federal lobbying firms (out of more than 11,000) that has retained 100 percent of its clients over a five-year period.**

CFM is more than a lobbying firm with great connections. We develop the right strategies, messages, and presentations to position our clients' legislative objectives and grant projects in the best light possible. CFM's trademark is strategic communications to help our clients say the right things to the right people at the right time to obtain the desired results. We are experts at coordinating this comprehensive approach, and our record of success is clear.

CFM is proud to be a Pacific Northwest firm with a rich and successful history of representing Northwest municipal governments, transit systems, ports, colleges and private sector clients. We have deep ties to each member in the Washington delegation, their staff and relevant Congressional Committees. They know and trust us. This level of comfort and credibility is critical in a skeptical funding environment.

Each member in the delegation represents an opportunity for the Port and we know there are many avenues for you to explore. In partnership with Camas's leadership team, we can deliver project and policy successes to improve the quality of life of your residents and the community at large. CFM's Congressional relationships include:

**Senator Murray**, Washington's senior Senator has quietly become one of the most powerful Democrats in Congress. Recently, Murray became the first female Chair of the powerful Senate Appropriations Committee. She was also elevated to Senate Pro-Tem making her the most senior member of the Senate and third in line of succession to the President. Murray also has key assignments on the Health, Education, Labor and Pensions Committee (HELP), Budget and Veterans Affairs Committees.





CFM's relationship with Senator Murray has been shaped for nearly two decades and extends to her staff in Washington state and DC. CFM's Page Strickler, David Hodges, Joel Rubin and Michael Skipper have strong relationships with the Senator and individuals throughout her staff, including Chief of Staff Mindi Lindquist, Staff Director on the Appropriations Committee Evan Schatz, Legislative Director Ben Merkel and Transportation Legislative Assistant Amanda Wymer-Bradley. Having worked for Senator Murray for a combined fifteen years, CFM's Page Strickler and David Hodges have close relationships with everyone in both the state and DC office.

**Senator Cantwell**, the Chair of the Energy and Natural Resources Committee, plays an important role in shaping the nation's environmental regulations and policy and created USDOT's popular INFRA, MEGA and Culvert Replacement grant programs. CFM has worked closely with Cantwell and her team for years to advocate for transportation, environment and public safety projects in the Pacific Northwest. The CFM team enjoys good working relationships with lead policy staff in her DC office, including Amit Ronen (Chief of Staff), Naseem Mehyar (Transportation), Megan Thompson (Environment) and Tanisha Harris (SW WA Director).

**Congresswoman Marie Gluesenkamp Perez (D-WA)** and CFM enjoys a strong relationship with the Congresswoman and work with her DC and district staff on a daily basis. This includes Sarah Kahout (District Director) Emma Montague (Clark County Outreach Staff) and Shaina Zarkin-Scott (Energy).

**House and Senate Appropriations** are the two most powerful committees in Congress and have significant influence over federal program funding and the earmark process. CFM has worked with House and Senate appropriators for decades, and our allies on the committee have proved beneficial for our clients' time and time again.

### Proven Success – Congressionally Directed Spending (CDS)

CDS is back after a 10-year hiatus. CDS provides multiple opportunities for organizations to request funds directly from their Congressional delegation for water infrastructure, transportation, public safety, and community development projects. CFM helps with every step of the CDS process. CFM helps cultivate a list of competitive projects that are appealing to Members of Congress while targeting multiple CDS accounts. We will help you complete congressional applications, provide strategic guidance for meetings with Members of Congress and staff and ultimately advocate for inclusion in spending bills.





In the first two rounds of CDS funding, ***CFM has helped its clients secure over \$77 million for 42 projects.*** The projects ranged from road, rail, transit, economic development, community facilities, homelessness, water, tourism, police equipment, mental health, crisis intervention and dredging. ***In FY 2023, CFM secured 25 CDS requests totaling \$52.9 million. In FY 2022, CFM clients secured 17 CDS requests totaling over \$24 million for clients.***

CFM is proud to note that all clients with CFM the last two years have secured a CDS in FY2022 or FY2023 **(100% success)** and in FY2023, 85% of CFM clients secured funding for at least one CDS request.

### **Proven Success – Securing Federal Grants**

CFM Advocates has successfully represented clients in Washington State and Oregon helping them navigate the federal process, advocate for or against legislation and secure hundreds of millions of federal dollars for transportation, housing, economic development, public safety, water, health, and energy projects.

Our grant work is a point of pride for CFM. Just in the last three years, ***CFM secured more than \$145 million in federal grants and resources for our clients from more than a dozen sub-agencies.*** As a result, our clients are averaging a ***62:1 return on investment.*** In addition, CFM has advocated for six successful USDOT RAISE grants in six of the seven last rounds, a record unmatched in the industry.

CFM covers all aspects of the grant process from start to finish. We will work closely with you throughout the application process, from before a grant opens to organizing a ribbon cutting after a project is dedicated. This comprehensive strategy includes meeting directly with federal agency staff to receive specific guidance, contacting previous successful applicants for additional suggestions, drafting grant applications, and providing strategic edits to grant proposals.

We will work with the congressional delegation and other stakeholders to secure letters of support and targeted, timely phone calls to federal officials and program staff in support of the grant request.

### **CFM's History of Work with the Army Corps of Engineers (Corps)**

***Our strong relationship with the Corps and understanding of how they work as an agency is paramount to our clients' success.*** The CFM team regularly engages with the Corps on behalf of clients. We have and maintain strong relationships with leadership staff at Portland District, Seattle District and [Headquarters in Washington, DC](#). Over the last ten years, CFM staff have been involved with some of the most important projects and policy items involving the Corps. Our team was successful in securing funding for continued maintenance dredging, jetty repair and construction at the Mouth of the Columbia River, stern buoy designations and protection and enhancement of the Harbor Maintenance Trust Fund.





CFM Team Members David Hodges and Page Phillips Strickler were the primary point of contact for critical Corps issues throughout the region, both serving as Senator Murray's Southwest Washington Director. Through their time with Senator Murray, they developed close relationships with the Corps, NOAA Fisheries and the U.S. Forest Service. Additionally, they continue to have close connections to key stakeholder groups such as the Pacific Northwest Waterways Association.

In their role with Senator Murray, they advocated for federal investment and support of several Corps projects beneficial to the region—including investments into the rehabilitation of the jetties at the Mouth of the Columbia River, prioritizing a review and rehabilitation plan of the Columbia River's aging pile dikes, ensuring continued maintenance for the Columbia River dams and advocating for navigation priorities in an updated Columbia River Treaty.

Page led the effort to develop a partnership between the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) three diking entities in Cowlitz County, whose levees protect HUD infrastructure. The partnership was needed to certify levees that protect home and business owners at a lower cost to rate payers. This partnership enabled the Corps to certify the levees, rather than the diking entities having to hire private contractors. It also ensured that home and business owners were not forced to purchase costly flood insurance. If forced to use a private contractor, the three entities in Cowlitz County could have ended up paying approximately \$3.5 million, whereas the partnership with HUD brought down the cost to approximately \$500,000, saving the rate payers in the Kelso and Longview area \$3 million.

While working for Congressman Greg Walden (R-OR), CFM Team Member Kirby Garrett managed Corps-related issues in Oregon's 2<sup>nd</sup> District. As a Legislative Assistant, Kirby was the point of contact for all ports throughout Walden's district. Through this work, Kirby was in regular contact and meetings with the Corps Portland District office, including Deputy District Engineer for Programs and Project Management and Commander and District Engineer.

### The CFM Team

We pride ourselves on being a bipartisan firm. Our CFM team includes Democrats, Republicans, and Independents. Regardless of party affiliation, our staff can work both sides of the aisle when working with elected officials. Our team understands the needs of Camas, has years of experience with your congressional delegation and has close ties to key agency officials, staff, and key Members of Congress. Team Camas will include:

**Page Phillips Strickler, Partner**, will serve as your lead and local contact and will help with events and tours. Page is based in Vancouver and advocates for CFM federal affairs clients and plays lead roles on public affairs projects in Washington. Page is an experienced advocate on transportation, housing, and infrastructure issues. She also has extensive experience in working with federal agencies such as the Army Corps of Engineers and National Marine and Fisheries. She worked at CFM from 2013 to 2017 and rejoined the firm in 2022.







Page has worked in Washington, DC on Capitol Hill as well as in state congressional offices. Before joining CFM, Page worked for Washington Senator Patty Murray, former Congressman Brian Baird (WA-3), Congressman Earl Blumenauer (OR-3), former California Senator Barbara Boxer, former Congressman Mark Udall (CO-3) and former Congresswoman Elizabeth Furse (OR-1). Page earned her undergraduate degree in Politics and Government from the University of Puget Sound and a master's degree in regional and community planning from the University of Oregon.

**Joel Rubin, CFM Federal Affairs Partner**, has over 24 years of experience working on federal issues in the Pacific Northwest. Joel will work with you to craft your federal agenda, sync your priorities with the congressional delegation and provide a strategic roadmap to accomplishing your key objectives. Based in DC, Joel will work daily with congressional staff to ensure your priorities are top of mind and receive the attention they deserve.

A 1996 graduate of Frostburg State University, Joel served as Legislative Director to Congressman Brian Baird (WA-3), where he worked on a wide range of issues including transportation, taxes, trade, defense, energy, economics, and budget. Joel was responsible for Baird's Transportation and Budget Committee assignments, managing the legislative agenda and coordinating the appropriations process. Joel leads the DC office and has been a registered lobbyist since 2005. Joel has strong contacts in the Oregon and Washington delegations, the House Appropriations and Transportation Committees, the Senate Appropriations and Environment and Public Works Committees, Corps of Engineers and Departments of Justice, Transportation, Commerce, Labor, Housing, Homeland Security, Energy and Veterans Affairs.

**David Hodges, Partner**, will serve as your on-the-ground contact. David works out of CFM's Vancouver office. Prior to joining CFM, David served nearly ten years on the staff of U.S. Senator Patty Murray. In his role as the Senator's Southwest Washington Director, David served as the Senator's chief advisor to regionally significant issues and was responsible for a broad portfolio including transportation, economic development, trade impacts on the region, Army Corps of Engineers and matters related to the Lower Columbia River. Before joining the Senator's staff, David served as a Legislative Assistant in Olympia and guided a successful re-election campaign of a state legislator. A Vancouver-native and Washington State University graduate, he has a deep network of contacts and relationships with federal agency staff, elected officials at all levels of government and interest groups throughout the region.

**Michael Skipper**, CFM Federal Affairs Manager and Grant Specialist, will assist Page on a day-to-day basis in DC and serve as the full-time grant specialist for the Camas account. Michael has over eight years of lobbying experience at the federal and state level representing a range of municipal interests. Michael maintains close working relationships with dozens of grant program staff at federal agencies and has a demonstrated record of success in crafting winning grant proposals. As such, Michael will monitor daily grant announcements, prepare grant summaries, draft and edit grant applications and secure support for project submissions.





Raised in Oregon's Willamette Valley, after graduating from Oregon State University in 2014, Michael was a part of CFM's State Affairs team in Oregon where he represented a range of corporate, nonprofit, and public sector interests. Between state legislative sessions, he pivoted from policy to politics and worked on candidate and ballot measure campaigns throughout Oregon.

### Proposed Rate

CFM is prepared to provide a *35% discount* on our normal hourly billing rates. Our bottom line isn't our top priority. We get enormous satisfaction serving our community and working on issues that improve our state. We propose a retainer contract in the amount of **\$8,000 per month** (\$96,00 per year), beginning with the award of the contract. To make things simple and eliminate the need for burdensome reimbursement procedures, **the contract includes all out-of-pocket expenses incurred, including travel to DC, by CFM.**

CFM Team	Hourly Rate	Estimated Monthly Hours	Estimated Annual Hours	Estimated Annual Staffing Cost
Joel Rubin	\$ 350	9	108	\$ 37,800
Page Phillips Strickler	\$ 300	20	240	\$ 72,000
David Hodges	\$ 300	5	60	\$ 18,000
Michael Skipper	\$ 250	5	60	\$ 15,000
Totals		30	360	<b>\$ 142,800</b>

(35% discount applied to total annual staff cost)

**\$49,980**

Staffing subtotal

**\$ 92,820**

### Estimated annual expenses

CFM staff travel & travel expenses	\$2,664
Telecommunications charges (i.e., telephone, internet)	\$175
Business expenses (i.e., insurance, materials)	\$300
Mail, overnight delivery & courier expenses	\$35
Expense Subtotal	<b><u>\$3,174</u></b>

### Total annual staffing & expenses

**\$ 95,994**

### ***Proposed Monthly Retainer***

**\$ 8,000**





March 12, 2024

Doug Quinn  
City Administrator  
City of Camas  
616 NE 4th Avenue  
Camas, WA 98607

Dear Doug:

This letter of agreement (this “Agreement”) details the agreement between City of Camas (“Client”) and CFM Advocates (“CFM”).

### ***CFM's Team***

For purposes of this engagement, the CFM team will be as follows:

- Page Phillips Strickler, Partner, will serve as your lead and local contact and will help with events and tours.
- Joel Rubin, CFM's Federal Affairs Partner, will work with you to craft your federal agenda, sync your priorities with the congressional delegation and provide a strategic roadmap to accomplishing your key objectives.
- David Hodges, Partner, will serve as your on-the-ground contact.
- Michael Skipper, CFM Federal Affairs Manager and Grant Specialist, will assist Page on a day-to-day basis in DC and serve as the full-time grant specialist for the Camas account.

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### ***Scope of Work***

CFM will conduct of the following work plan:

- Develop a strategic federal agenda and political outreach plan;
- Track, research and communicate with federal agencies to identify grant opportunities;
- Coalition building on the local and national level;

- Develop policy through the legislative (Congress) and regulatory (administration) process;
- Provide access to key decision makers and leaders in Washington, DC;
- Provide opportunity for testimony before Congressional committees; and
- Secure grant awards, Congressional Directed Spending (CDS) awards, authorizations, and report language.

### ***Term and Termination***

This Agreement commences on April 1, 2024. Either party may terminate this Agreement for any reason by providing not less than 30 days' written notice to the other party. The terms of this Agreement, that by their sense and context are intended to survive the termination of this Agreement, shall survive the termination of this Agreement.

### ***Compensation***

In consideration for its services, Client will pay CFM a monthly retainer of \$8,000 plus reimbursement for usual and customary out-of-pocket expenses. CFM typically issues invoices at or shortly after the first of each month for services provided in the previous month, and payments are due within 25 days from the date of the invoice. Interest charges will apply to all account balances outstanding beyond 60 days. CFM will not mark up any expense involving a third-party vendor or service. CFM will be responsible for payment of all income, social security and other tax liabilities for all CFM partners and employees. The first billing under this Agreement will occur on April 30 and, thus, the invoice will reflect the amount of \$8,000 plus any expenses.

### ***Compliance with Applicable Laws***

Each party shall comply in all material respects with all applicable laws, rules and regulations governing its performance hereunder.

### ***Confidentiality***

During the course of its work for Client, CFM and its employees may have access to certain sensitive and proprietary Client information. CFM will hold such information in strict confidence during the term of this Agreement and until the date that is three years after the date on which this Agreement terminates. The foregoing does not apply to any information that must be disclosed by judicial, arbitral or governmental order or process or operation of law, in which event CFM shall notify Client of the disclosure requirement before making such disclosure, if allowed by applicable law, and shall comply with any protective order or other limitation on disclosure that Client may obtain.



### ***Indemnification and Insurance***

CFM will defend, indemnify and hold Client harmless with respect to any third-party claims or actions against Client to the extent based upon (i) the acts or omissions of CFM if they constitute a breach of this Agreement, or (ii) any claim or action for libel, slander, piracy, plagiarism, invasion of privacy or infringement of intellectual property (including copyrights) if they arise from materials prepared by CFM, except where any such claim or action may arise out of material furnished by Client as contemplated in the following paragraph.

Client will defend, indemnify and hold CFM harmless with respect to any third-party claims or actions against CFM to the extent based upon (i) the acts or omissions of Client if they constitute a breach of this Agreement, (ii) the use by CFM of materials furnished by Client or where material created by CFM is changed by Client without CFM's prior written consent, or (iii) any claim or action for libel, slander, piracy, plagiarism, invasion of privacy or infringement of intellectual property (including copyrights) if they arise from materials furnished by Client. "Materials furnished by Client" includes, without limitation, information or data provided by or through Client that CFM uses to substantiate claims made in public communications on Client's behalf.

In the event of any proceeding against Client by any regulatory agency or in the event of any court action challenging the validity or propriety of any work involving CFM, to the extent not covered by CFM's obligations set forth herein to defend, indemnify and hold harmless Client, CFM shall provide reasonable assistance in the preparation of the defense of such action or proceeding and cooperate with Client. Client will reimburse CFM for any out-of-pocket costs incurred in connection with any such action or proceeding.

CFM will maintain in force during the term of this Agreement, at its sole expense, commercial general liability insurance coverage having a minimum limit of liability of Two Million Dollars (\$2,000,000).

### ***Limitation of Liability***

Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this Agreement, in no event shall either party be liable to the other for any incidental, indirect, special, consequential, punitive or exemplary damages, lost profits, lost sales or anticipated orders, or damages for loss of goodwill under or pursuant to this Agreement, even if a party was informed or knew or should have known of the possibility of such damages or loss, except for damages or losses arising from third-party indemnity liability. This limitation applies regardless of whether such damages, claims or losses are sought based on breach of contract, breach of warranty, negligence, strict liability, misrepresentation or any other legal or equitable theory.



### ***Miscellaneous***

This Agreement shall be governed by Oregon law, without regard to its conflicts of law rules. The parties agree to discuss any dispute relating to this Agreement for a period of not less than 30 days before either party may institute formal legal proceedings against the other with respect to such dispute, except with respect to breaches (whether threatened or actual) of covenants for which equitable relief is sought. This Agreement constitutes the entire agreement between the parties with respect to its subject matter, and there are no other agreements, understandings, restrictions, warranties or representations (whether written or oral) concerning the subject matter of this Agreement.

The parties may amend this Agreement by written addendum signed by both parties to include other terms, including additional projects in the Scope of Work and fees for such projects.

Dated as of March \_\_\_\_\_, 2024 by the undersigned duly authorized representatives of Client and CFM.

**City of Camas**

**CFM Advocates**

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Doug Quinn  
City Administrator

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Page Phillips Strickler  
Partner



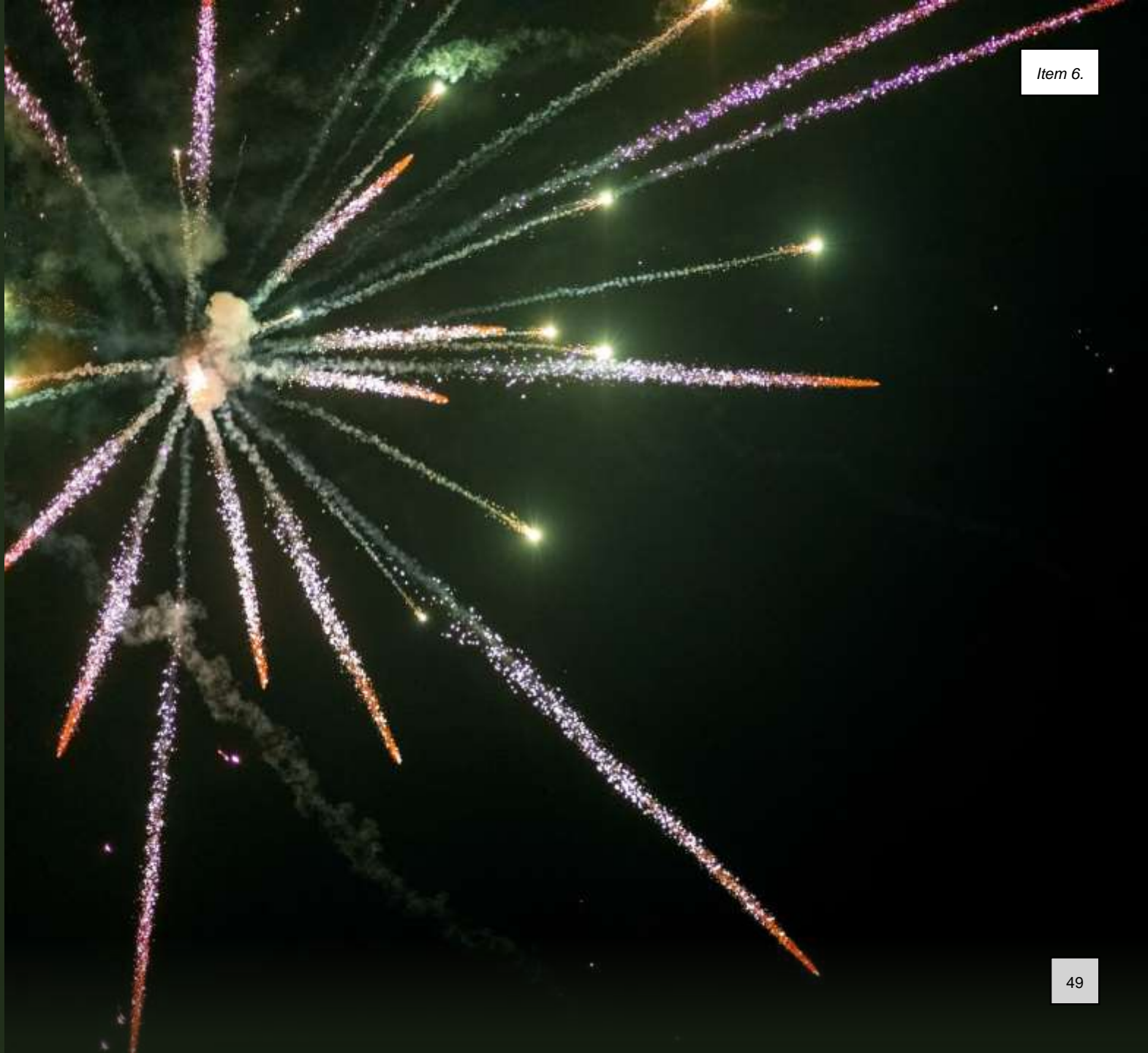


# Camas Fireworks Summary

Ad hoc Committee  
Members:

Tim Hein

John Nohr



Item 6.

# The Issue:

- Camas City Council continues to receive messages and input from residents who are concerned about the impacts of fireworks
  - Safety and Risk- personal injury, property damage, fire risk
  - Noise- Concern in general, and specifically for residents and pets who are sensitive to noise
  - Pollution- Discharged fireworks littering roofs, streets, and parks; smoke and residue
  - Does Camas policy compound or attract additional fireworks use and sales from adjacent jurisdictions with more restrictive policies? (I.e.; Portland, Vancouver, and Washougal which limit use types and time periods)



# Objective of Subcommittee:

Assess the impact of the current Camas fireworks policy and the potential need for change to the policy



# Consumer Grade Fireworks

- Washington RCW 70.77 and WAC 212-17 allows for consumer fireworks:
  - *"Consumer fireworks" means any small firework device designed to produce visible effects by combustion and which must comply with the construction, chemical composition, and labeling regulations of the United States consumer product safety commission, as set forth in 16 C.F.R. Parts 1500 and 1507 and including some small devices designed to produce audible effects, such as whistling devices, ground devices containing 50 mg or less of explosive materials, and aerial devices containing 130 mg or less of explosive materials and classified as fireworks UN0336 by the United States department of transportation at 49 C.F.R. Sec. 172.101*
  - It is legal to sell and purchase consumer fireworks within this state from twelve o'clock noon to eleven o'clock p.m. on the twenty-eighth of June, from nine o'clock a.m. to eleven o'clock p.m. on each day from the twenty-ninth of June through the fourth of July, from nine o'clock a.m. to nine o'clock p.m. on the fifth of July, from twelve o'clock noon to eleven o'clock p.m. on each day from the twenty-seventh of December through the thirty-first of December of each year
  - Consumer fireworks may be used or discharged each day between the hours of twelve o'clock noon and eleven o'clock p.m. on the twenty-eighth of June and between the hours of nine o'clock a.m. and eleven o'clock p.m. on the twenty-ninth of June to the third of July, and on July 4th between the hours of nine o'clock a.m. and twelve o'clock midnight, and between the hours of nine o'clock a.m. and eleven o'clock p.m. on July 5th, and from six o'clock p.m. on December 31st until one o'clock a.m. on January 1st of the subsequent year
  - The City of Camas limited the discharge of fireworks to July 4th and New Year's Eve in 2018



# Legal Consumer Fireworks:

Item 6.



**Celebrate  
Safely  
Fireworks  
Campaign**

## WASHINGTON STATE LEGAL CONSUMER FIREWORKS FOR SALE IN TENTS AND STANDS PER RCW 70.77.136

### Cylindrical Fountain

Upon ignition, a shower of colored sparks, and sometimes a whistling effect, is produced.



### Helicopters, Aerial Spinners

A propeller or blade is attached, which, upon ignition, lifts the rapidly spinning device into the air. A visible or audible effect is produced at the height of flight.



### Cone Fountain

Upon ignition, a shower of colored sparks, and sometimes a whistling effect, is produced.



### Smoke Devices

Tube or sphere containing pyrotechnic composition that, upon ignition, produces a white or colored smoke as a primary effect.



### Roman Candles

Heavy paper or cardboard tube containing pyrotechnic composition. Upon ignition, up to ten "stars" are individually expelled at several-second intervals.



### Parachutes

Upon ignition, one or more parachutes are propelled into the air with stars, smoke, and other effects being discharged as the parachute floats downward.



### Wheels

Pyrotechnic device attached to a post or tree by means of a nail or string. A wheel may contain up to six "driver" units; upon ignition, the wheel revolves, producing a shower of color and sparks and, sometimes, a whistling effect.



### Mine/Shells/Cakes

Mine – An aerial device that shoots stars into the sky in an upward spray pattern. Shell – A shell is an aerial item that is fired into the sky. Cake – Dense-packed collection of mine/shell tubes that are fused together.



### Ground Spinners

A small device similar to a wheel in design and effect. When placed on the ground and ignited, a shower of sparks and color is produced by the rapidly spinning device.



### Reloadable Mortars

A shell consisting of a container, a lift charge, a time fuse, a burst charge, and stars/effects. The lift charge propels the shell out of the tube igniting the burst charge at the right altitude, igniting the effects.



### Dipped Stick, Sparkler

Stick or wire coated with pyrotechnic composition that produces a shower of sparks upon ignition. Total pyrotechnic composition not to exceed 100 grams per item.




### Novelties

"Trick and Novelty Devices" means any small firework device not classified as a Consumer of Display Firework. Items contain a small amount of pyrotechnic composition that is friction sensitive.





# Fireworks that are ILLEGAL in Washington:




**Celebrate Legally Fireworks Campaign**

### FIREWORK AND EXPLOSIVE DEVICES THAT ARE ILLEGAL IN WASHINGTON STATE

**Federally Legal Consumer Fireworks:** These items are legal to purchase, possess, and discharge only at an Indian Reservation. Possession and/or use off the reservation is illegal.


#### Firecrackers

Generally 1/4" x 1 1/2" or less that come in packs to large bricks. A firecracker makes a single "pop" sound. Many firecrackers strung together will make repetitive "popping" sounds.




#### Sky Rockets and Missiles

Similar to the Bottle Rocket, a Sky Rocket is attached to a stick or has fins and may have a plastic cap. A missile will have fins rather than a stick. Once lit, it ascends rapidly, high into the air where it explodes.



#### Bottle Rockets


A firecracker type (tube) attached to a 12" long wooden stick. The stick is placed in a bottle and once lit, it rises into the air, travelling laterally before exploding.



**Illegal Explosive Devices:** The possession, manufacturing, or using of illegal Explosive Devices is a criminal offense.


#### M-80's, M-100's, etc.

Illegal since the 70's, an M-80 can contain flash powder, black powder, or a composition of materials that are sensitive to shock and can injure or kill people. Can do serious permanent damage to fingers, hands, and eyes.




#### Improvised Explosive Device (IED)

A pipe bomb is an improvised explosive device, consisting of a tightly sealed section of pipe that is filled with an explosive material. The pipe provides containment, meaning that a low explosive can be used to produce a relatively large explosion.




#### Tennis Ball Bomb

A tennis ball bomb is an improvised explosive device consisting of a tennis ball filled with combustibles or pyrotechnic material with a fuse producing a loud explosion.



#### Altered Firework

Sparklers are bound together in electrical or duct tape to contain the ignition of the sparklers, providing for a loud "whoomp" sound with a flash of light.



# Aerial devices are limited to 60 mg of explosive powder

- Common "mortar" sizes are 1.75" and 2.25" in diameter; however, the 60 mg maximum applies to all



# "Safe & Sane" Fireworks

- Some jurisdictions have limited the sale and use of consumer fireworks
- These are commonly called "Safe & Sane Fireworks", but there is no consistent legal definition
- "Safe and sane" are not a brand but are types of fireworks that include: fountains, sparklers, smokeballs, snake-type fireworks, ground-spinning fireworks, pinwheels, most novelty fireworks, toy/trick noisemakers, and some crackling items—basically anything that doesn't leave the ground
- The City of Washougal defines Safe & Sane Fireworks as "those that are neither projectile nor explosive—basically anything that doesn't leave the ground"
  - This includes fountains, sparklers, smoke balls, ground spinners, pinwheels, snake-type fireworks, toy/trick noise makers, most novelty items, and some crackling items



# Number of Noise Complaints in 2023

- The following jurisdictions received fireworks-related noise complaints from June 28-July 5
  - Camas Police Department- 10 (discharge on July 4 only)
  - Washougal Police Department- 39 (Safe & Sane, July 4 only)
  - Vancouver Police Department- 143 (no fireworks allowed)
  - Clark County Sheriff's Office- 62 (discharge on July 4 only)
  - Battle Ground Police Department- 23 (discharge on July 3 and July 4)
  - Ridgefield Police department- 21 (discharge on July 4 only)

# Fireworks-related Fires in 2023

- Per CRESA (emergency dispatch center), jurisdictions had the following number of fires caused by fireworks:
  - Camas-Washougal FD: 9
  - East County Fire Rescue: 5
  - Vancouver FD (including Fire District 5) : 109
  - Clark-Cowlitz Fire Rescue (Ridgefield, La Center, Woodland, unincorporated Clark): 19
  - Fire District 6 (Hazel Dell, Salmon Creek, Felida): 29
  - Fire District 3 (Battle Ground, Hockinson, Brush Prairie): 13





# Rights vs. Responsibility

- Quiet neighborhoods 365 days a year vs. the ability to celebrate with fireworks twice a year
- Homes and property not being exposed to the increased risk of fire damage
- RCW 70.77.488: *It is unlawful for any person to discharge or use fireworks in a reckless manner which creates a substantial risk of death or serious physical injury to another person or damage to the property of another. A violation of this section is a gross misdemeanor.*
  - This RCW is rarely enforced except in situation involving gross negligence or malicious use of fireworks; fireworks fires are often written off as "accidental"
- People and pets sensitive to noise not exposed
- Responsibility to discharge fireworks in a safe and courteous manner
- Responsibility to clean up debris after discharge

# Potential Policy Options:

- Status Quo- continue the use of consumer-grade fireworks from 9:00 AM- Midnight on July 4th and 6:00 PM-1:00 AM on December 31
- Modify or limit current policy-
  - Modify hours of use on July 4 and December 31
  - Limit fireworks to "Safe & Sane" (similar to Washougal and other cities in Washington)
  - Issue permits for use of consumer-grade fireworks (similar to City of Zillah in Yakima County)
  - Ban use of all consumer fireworks (similar to Vancouver and other cities in Washington)