

January 22, 2024
City Council Meeting

Agenda Item #1
Public Comment
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- **Speaker 1** – Michael Allen (*Included Written Comment*)

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Name

Michael Allen

City Council Meeting Date

Mon, 01/22/2024

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Please note if you are speaking as an proponent, opponent, or neutral party
proponent

Brief Overview of What You Wish to Discuss

Youth Involvement in City Government

Do you Represent an Organization?

yes

Name of Organization

Florence Climate Emergency Campaign and Elders Climate Action - Oregon Chapter

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To: Mayor Ward, City Councilors, City Manager Reynolds, and Staff
From: Michael Allen, Florence Climate Emergency Campaign, Elders Climate Action – Oregon
Date: January 22, 2024
Subject: Youth Involvement in City Government

I am taking this opportunity to commend Councilor Sally Wantz for her outstanding remarks supporting youth involvement in Florence City Government at the Siuslaw School Board meeting on January 10th. I also commend the City Council for their commitment to explore ways to make this happen, many of which were shared with the School Board.

I agree whole heartedly with Counselor Wantz's assessment of why it's so important to involve youth. She said we need to "groom our future leaders."

I also heard another reason for youth involvement from student climate activist Maia Stout from Yachats. She called for decision makers in positions of power to empower youth by giving them a voice, one that is heard and acted upon. This echoes Swedish climate activist Greta Thunberg who demanded world leaders listen to the youth. In past public inputs, both here and at the School Board, I shared Maia's plea for giving students a voice.

The school board has taken this idea to heart by appointing four student representatives to the School Board. One of them is Storm Kurth. The City Council stepped forward by appointing Storm to the Transportation Committee where the members elected Storm their chair. Storm is an excellent role model for taking advantage of the opportunities to bring the issues important to youth to the attention of decision makers.

I offered Councilor Wantz my support from an intergenerational perspective in making this outreach to our youth a success. I wish you all the best in this endeavor to include the voice of youth in your decision making.

Attachment: Transcript by Michael Allen of public Input to Siuslaw School Board by City Councilor Sally Wantz on January 10, 2024



Maia Stout and Michael Allen, guest speakers in Yachats

Transcript of Public Input to Siuslaw School Board by Councilor Sally Wantz January 10, 2024

Transcript by Michael Allen

My name is Sally Wantz, and I am here tonight as a Florence City councilor and citizen. ----- The city of Florence has a 2023-2025 workplan and it identifies priority projects and activities through 2025. The City's mission and goals are the foundation for the workplan and each item supports at least one goal. The workplan provides a road map that includes plans and projects that address important issues related to our community.

One such item on page 10 is called Community Outreach and Communications with five goals, one of which is citizen participation. Within citizen participation are five objectives, one of which is to develop methods for youth involvement in city programs and projects. -- Our Council met during a work session to discuss this very important objective and to explore ideas and approaches for enhancing youth involvement in city business and throughout our community.

I'm here tonight to let you know we are exploring tangible ways to entice our students within the school district to learn more about our city government and what opportunities there are to get involved. We talked that day about the pros and cons of establishing a youth advisory commission in partnership with 97J. We talked about hosting a City Council meeting at the high school (Do you have room for it?) so students can see firsthand how city business is done. We talked about inviting students to city council meetings to share what's going on in their circles. We talked about student participation on one or more of our committees. We have a Public Art Committee. We have an Environmental Management Advisory Committee. We have a Transportation Committee, etc.. We want to find ways to get students involved in these areas.

I'm on board working with your teachers, your administration, the school board, parents and the students to find steps that are needed to give our students an opportunity to learn more about how Council works, how the city managers manage all that it does, and to hopefully peak their interest for the future of our community. We need to groom our future leaders -----

I have my business cards here if anybody wants one. You can reach out to me with your ideas on how we can accomplish this very important objective of youth involvement in our city. Visit the website www.ci.florence.or.us and learn more about us.

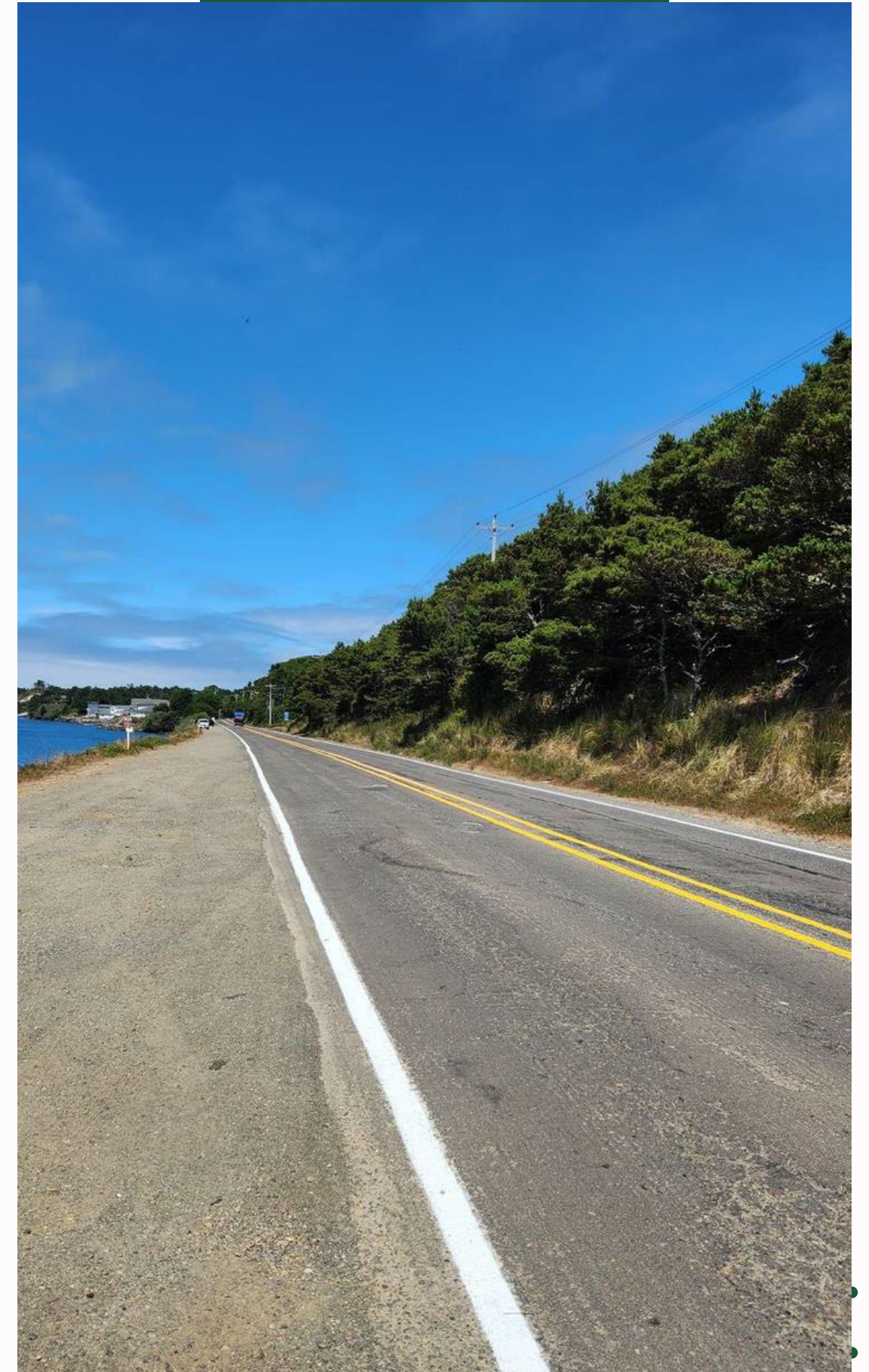
Link to Siuslaw School Board Meeting on January 10, 2024. Councilor Wantz begins her public input at 2:46:45 <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0ggyChFHKR8&t=10214s>



RHODODENDRON DRIVE REALIGNMENT RIGHT-OF-WAY NEGOTIATIONS

Mike Miller

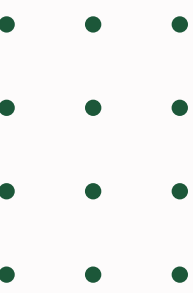
Director of Public Works





Rhododendron Drive Realignment and Improvement Project

Project Limits:
From Wildwinds Street to
just north of 35th Street



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The City of Florence’s staff, designees, and the City Attorney are authorized and requested to attempt to agree with the owner and other persons in interest as to the compensation to be paid for the acquisition, and, in the event that no satisfactory agreement can be reached, to commence and prosecute such condemnation proceedings as may be necessary to finally determine just compensation or any other issue appropriate to be determined by a court in connection with the acquisition.

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EXHIBIT A

Map & Taxlot

- 18-12-22-23-01201

Owner Name

- Legacy Ventures, Inc

Mailing Address/Contact info

- 11994 Peace Ln Wilton, CA 95693

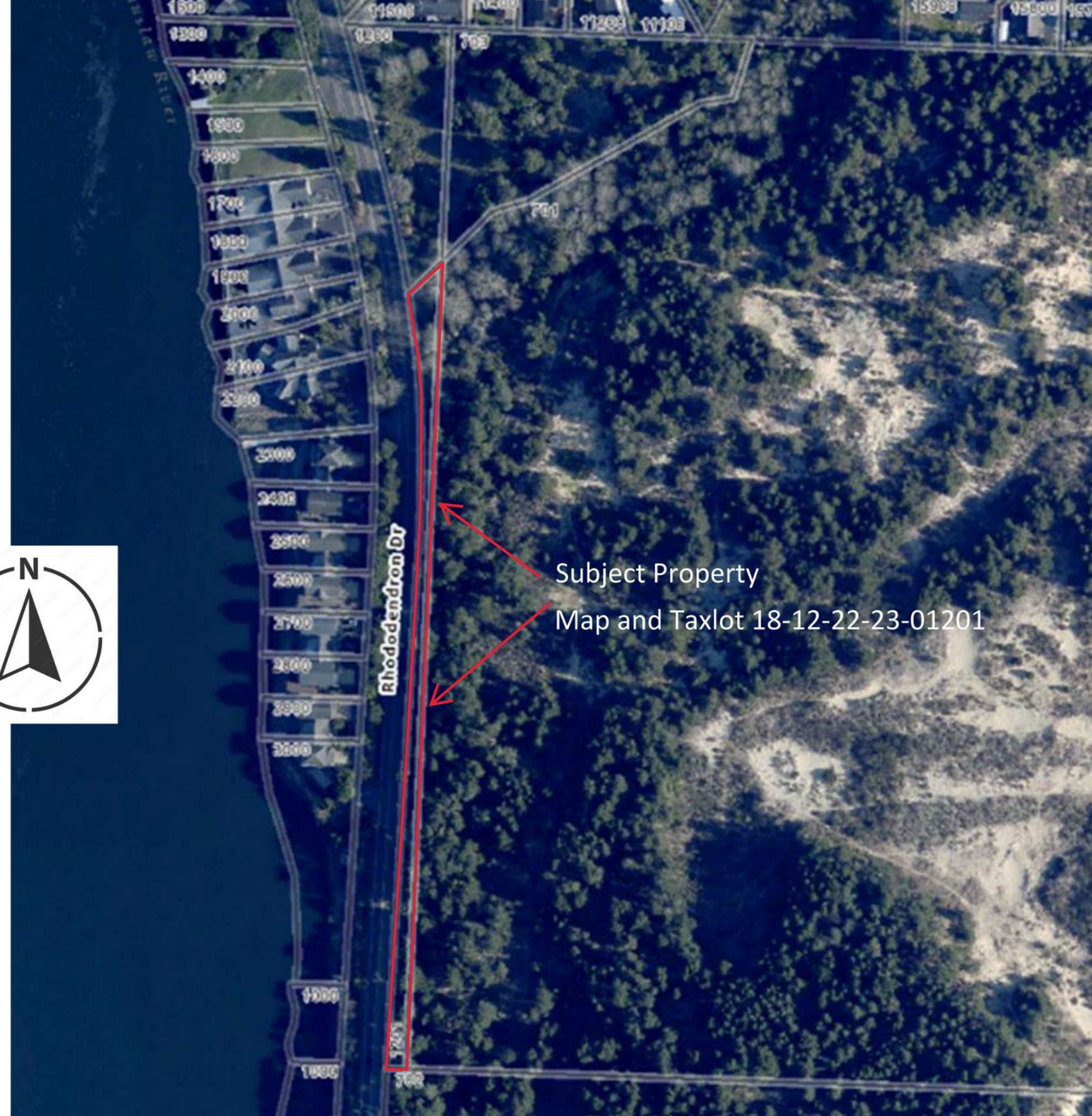
Site Address

- N/A

Area

- 20,473 SF (0.47 acres)

Value



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| Universal Field Services, Inc | No offer yet |
| Lane County Assessors' Office | \$4,071.00 |
| Value at time of last sale (2021) | \$6,587.31 |

The acquisition costs for the right-of-way and easements will be paid for through the Capital outlay budget of the Street Division of Public Works and is part of the Rhododendron Drive Realignment and Improvement Project.

RELEVANCE TO ADOPTED CITY WORK PLAN

Rhododendron Drive Realignment Project is related to the City work plan objectives of:
Reconstruct Rhododendron Drive – Wildwinds to 35th including realignment, separated multi-use path and improved river overlook/parking area.



City Service Delivery

improving, maintaining and enhancing our infrastructure to meet a growing need.



Livability & Quality of Life

being responsive to our community's needs with efficient, effective and sustainable service delivery.



Economic Development

providing capital investment into the local infrastructure system which allows for additional development.



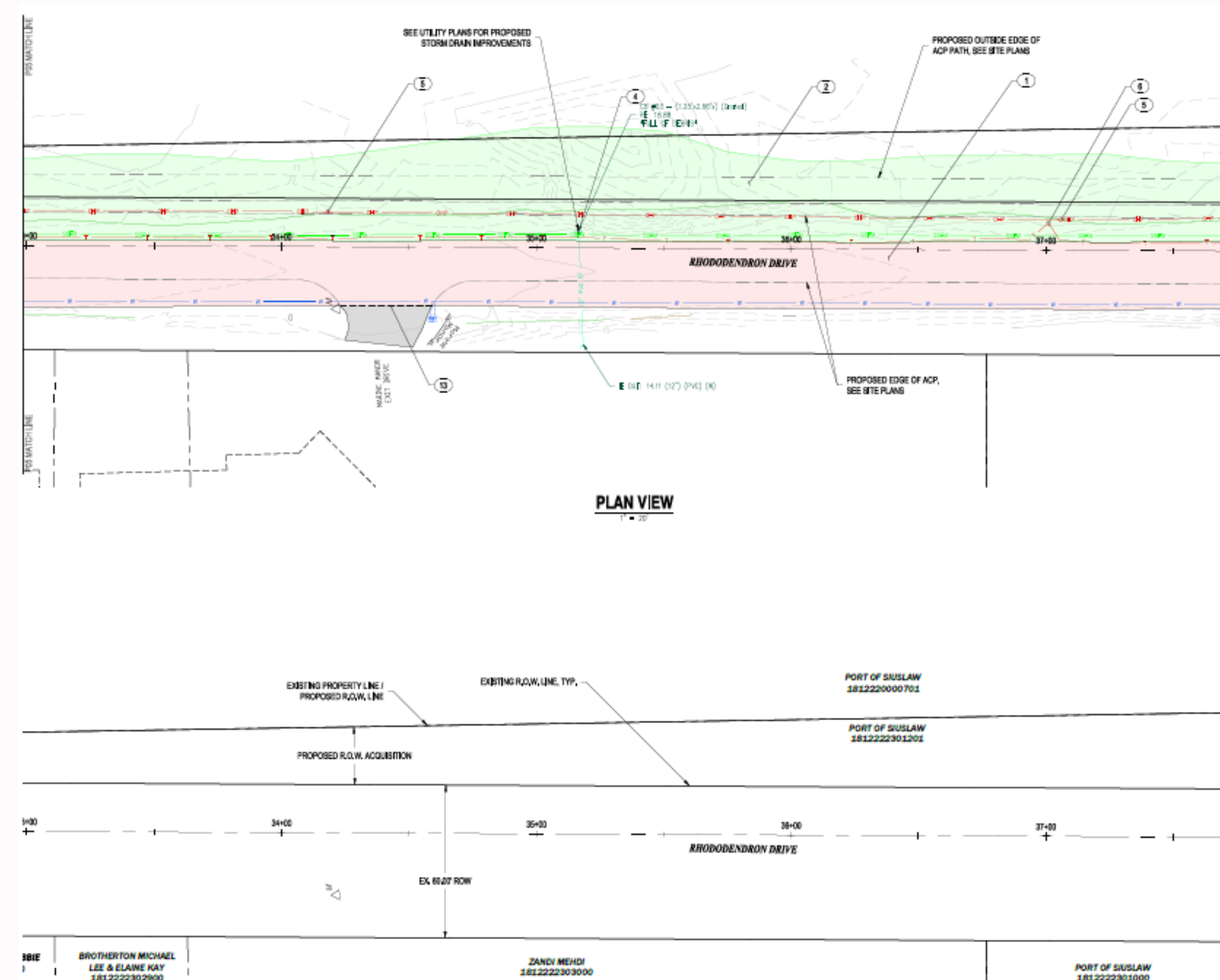
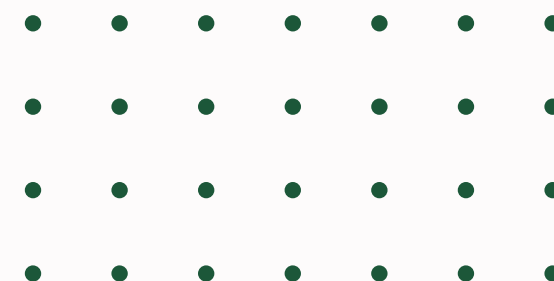
Financial & Organizational Sustainability

constructing improvements that support current and future needs

Alternatives

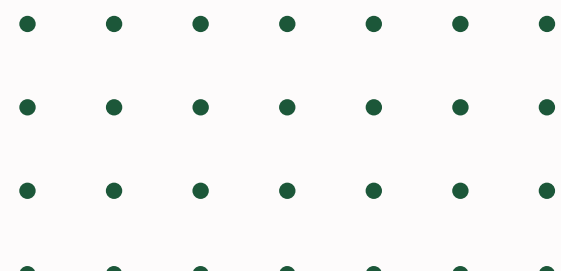
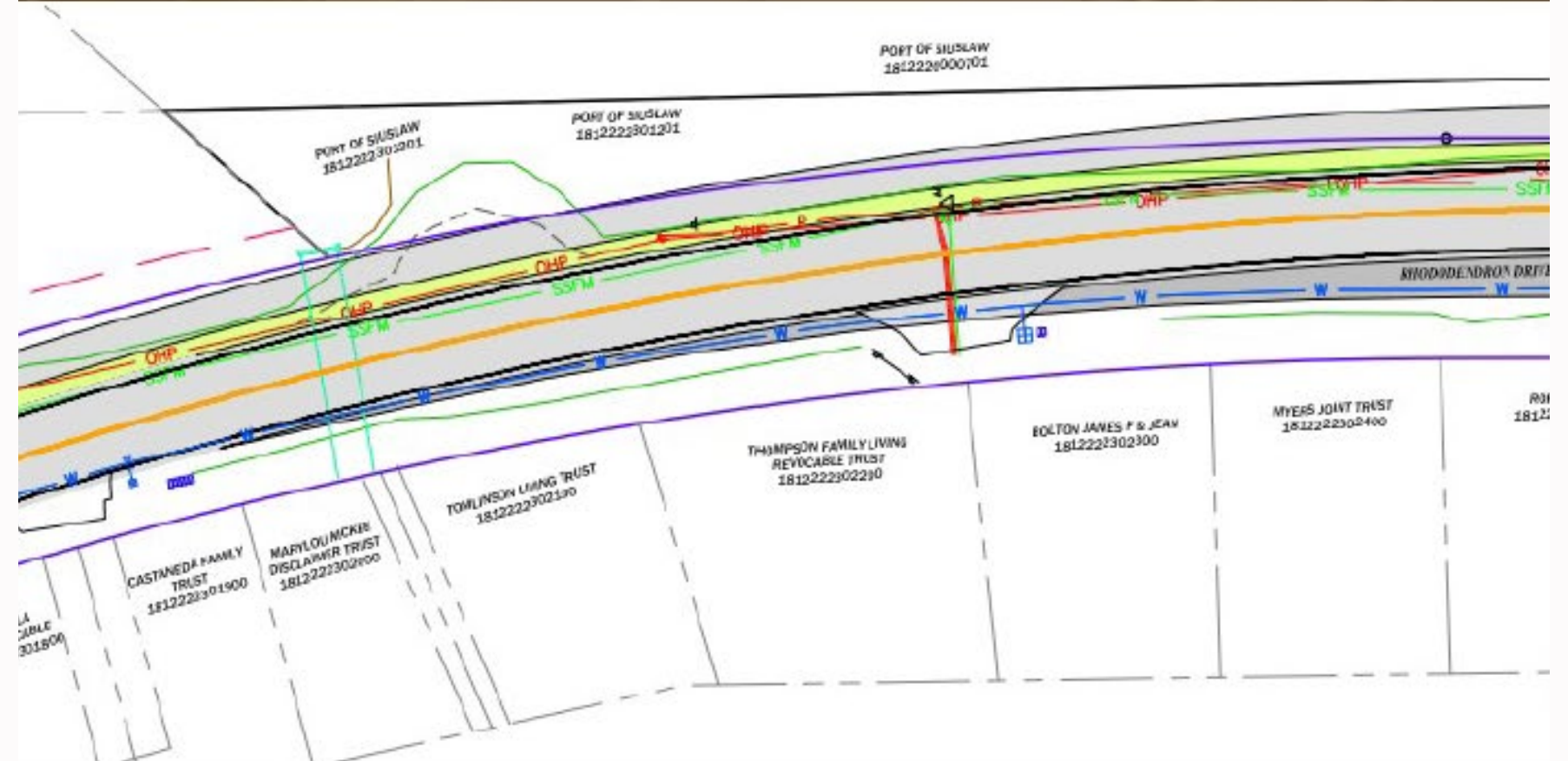
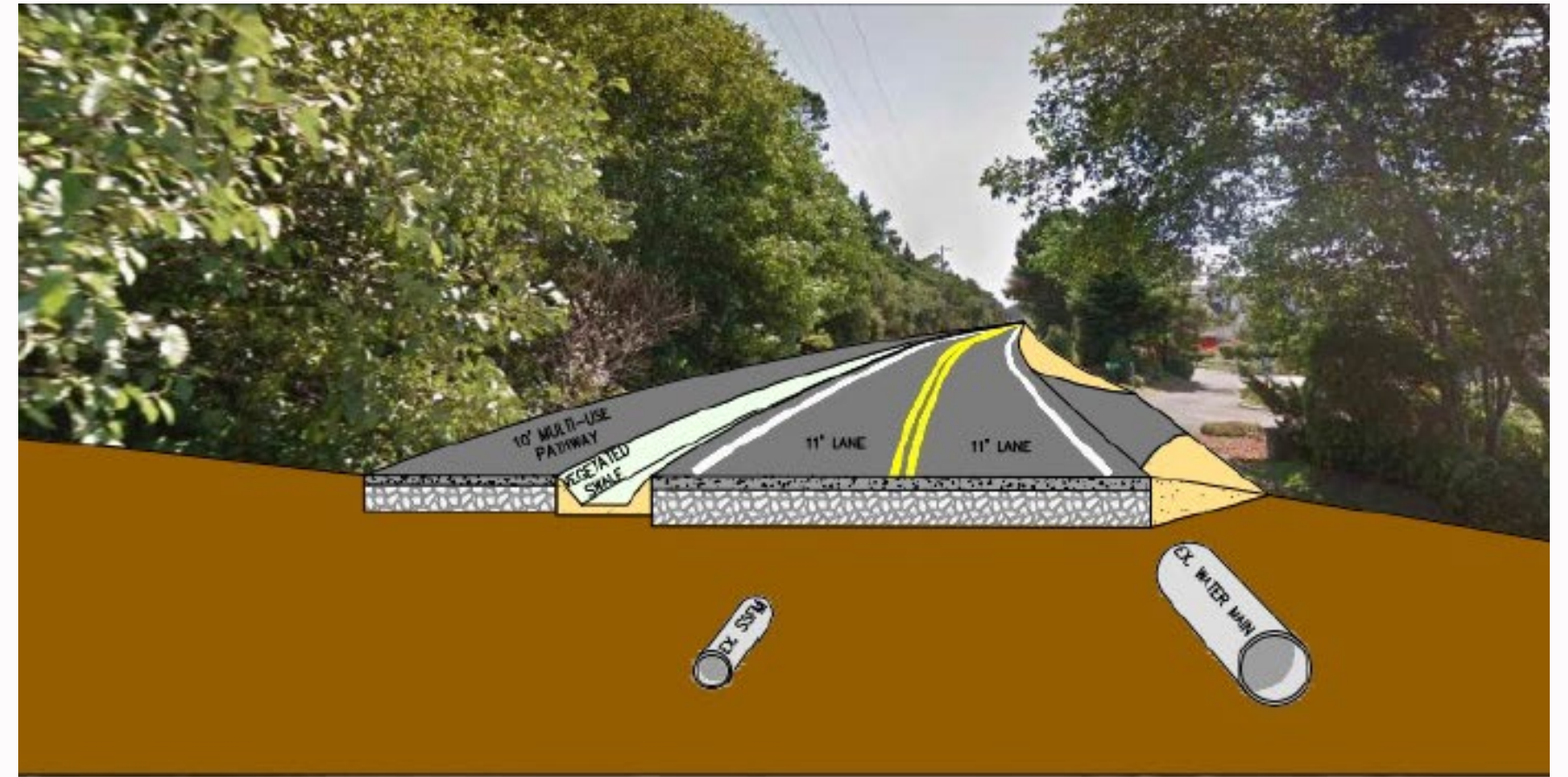
1. Approve Resolution No. 1, Series 2024, a resolution authorizing the City of Florence to exercise the power of eminent domain for the Rhododendron Drive Realignment and Improvement Project.

2. Do not approve Resolution No. 1, Series 2024.



Recommendation

Staff recommends that the City Council approve Resolution No. 1, Series 2024, a resolution authorizing the City of Florence to exercise the power of eminent domain for the Rhododendron Drive Realignment and Improvement Project.





QUESTIONS

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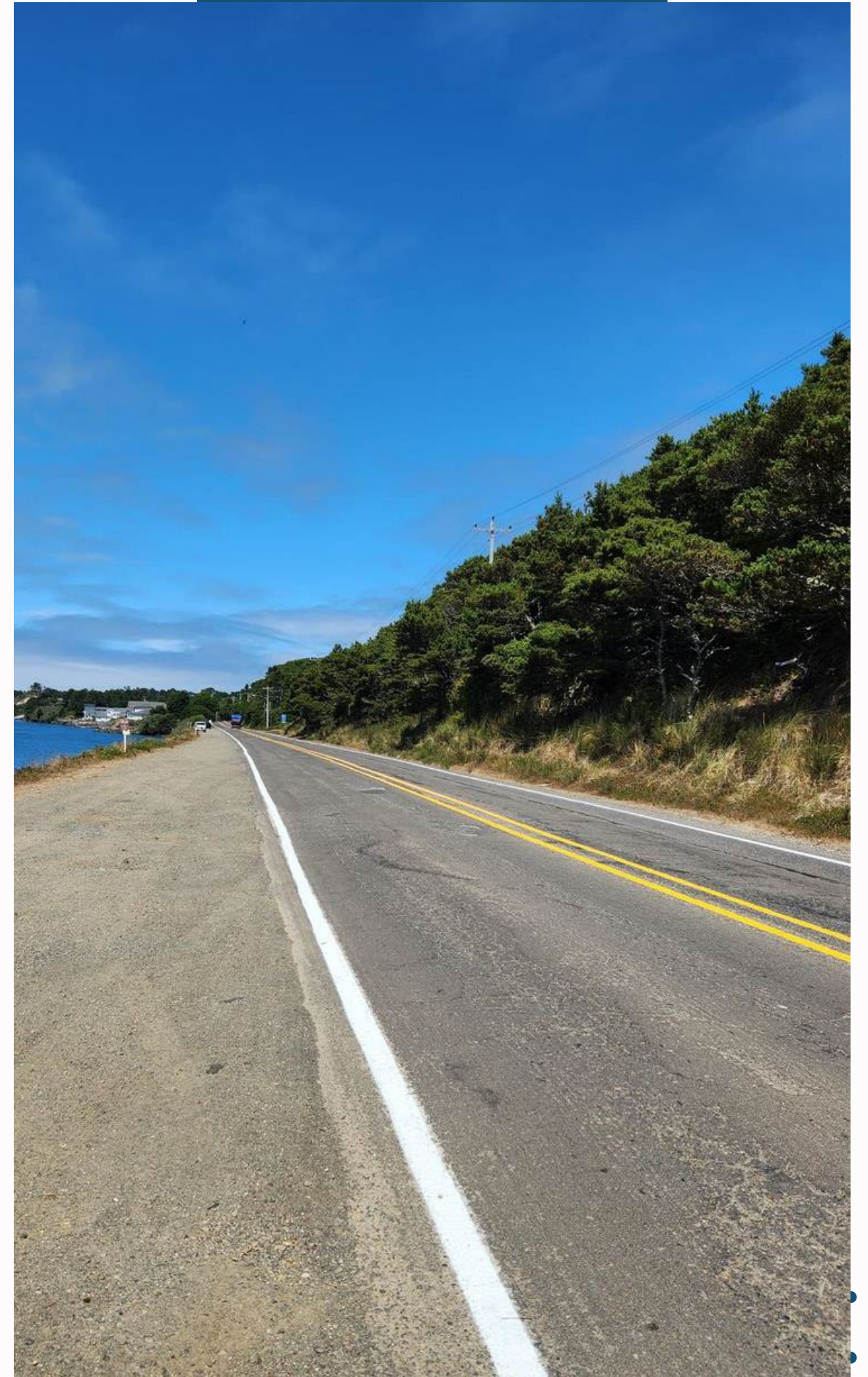




RHODODENDRON DRIVE REALIGNMENT AND IMPROVEMENT PROJECT UPDATE

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UPDATE KEY ITEMS



Initial conversations
with contractor on
value engineering



Save the date, Project
Open House, Wednesday
March 6th at FEC



Potential start date



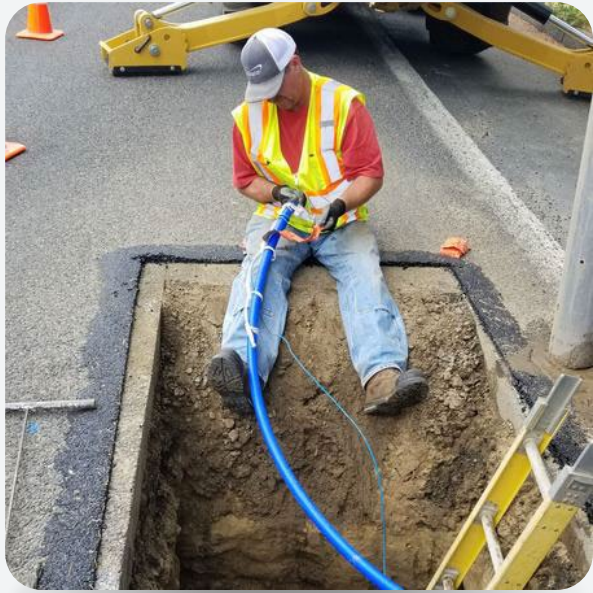
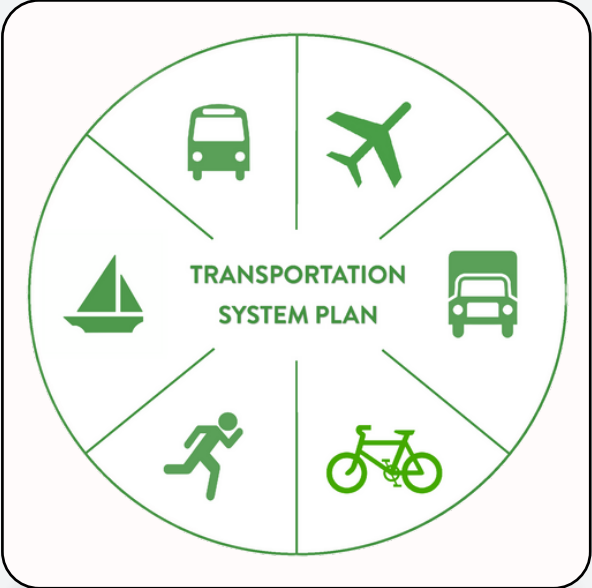
Estimated completion date



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PROJECT OPEN HOUSE



March 6th at the Florence Event Center



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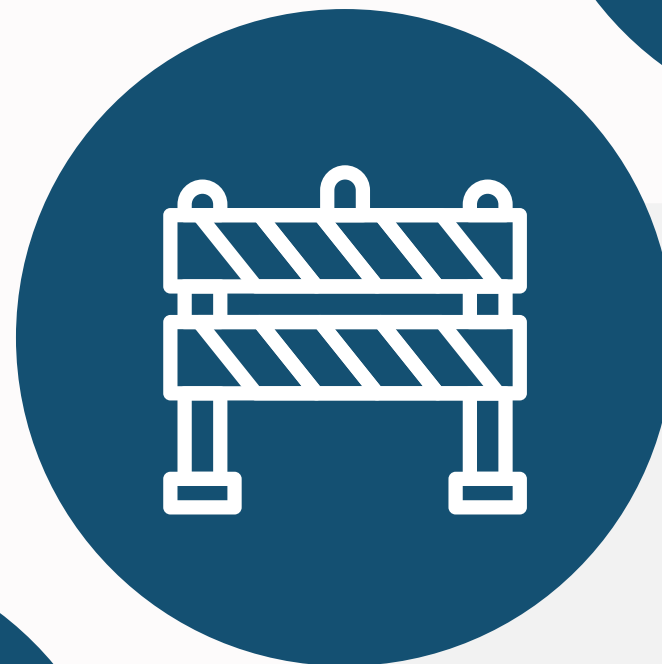
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| Funding available | \$7,000,000 |
| Engineering Services, including right-of-way acquisition | \$250,000 |
| Total available funds for Rhododendron Drive Realignment | \$6,750,000 |
| Project Bid | \$7,346,892.75 |
| Lane County's portion of New Hope Lane reconstruction | <\$338,000> |
| Intersection improvements at 35th and Rhododendron (related to development) | <\$70,000> |
| Excavation disposal fees | <\$20,000> |
| Removal of one layer of modular prefabricated retaining wall blocks | <\$138,000> |
| Vegetation disposal fees | <\$35,000> |
| Project costs with reductions and contributions from others | \$6,745,982.75 |



DEDUCTIVE CHANGE ORDER



Allowing the contractor to dispose of excavated materials on City property.



Allowing for limited closure of Rhododendron Drive to traffic instead of maintaining full access. This could include closure of sections of the roadway and detouring traffic.



Work with Lane County to acquire additional slope easements and reduce the amount of retaining wall.

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STATE OF THE CITY

2024 Address & City Services Expo

February 26, 2024

City Services Expo - 5 - 7 pm

State of the City Address - 6 pm

Florence Events Center, 715 Quince St.