



2017 City of Ocean Shores Legislative Priorities

1 | Fund the Design and Repair of the Ocean Shores' North Jetty

Ocean Shores' coastal and interior shorelines are in crisis, having lost up to 30 feet of the shoreline due to erosion. Homes, businesses, transportation and utility infrastructure, as well as vital shoreline habitat, are in danger.

Erosion impacts our City and coastal economy. Property and business owners are concerned at the devaluation and loss of their investments. With the Army Corps of Engineers, we have reacted with a rock revetment. While this provides a short-term solution to address immediate threat, it has also created numerous new issues: permitting and financial challenges; exacerbated erosion to parcels further north; loss of public access; and environmental impacts.

Last year the State Legislature funded \$200,000 from the Supplemental Capital Budget to address ongoing important coastal resiliency research and long term sustainability. Based on this research, repairing the North Jetty in Ocean Shores is vital to Ocean Shores' coastal resiliency for a longer-term relief. We are requesting \$4 million for funding of the final design and construction of the jetty repair to be matched by City grant, bond and/or taxing efforts.

2 | HB 1201: Extend Public Facilities Districts' ability to levy a local sale and use tax from 25 to 40 yrs

Currently the Public Facilities Districts are authorized to levy a local sale and use tax to finance the construction of regional centers up to 25 years. Recessionary times have led to the refinance of many PFD facilities for longer periods. Changing PFDs' taxing authority from 25 to 40 years will allow additional time for the Districts to pay off bonds, and make improvements or rehabilitation.

Last year HB 2296 passed the House with 96 yes and 0 no votes but did not move out of committee. This bill is needed to provide relief for PFDs to build economic development. Please support the effort in passing a resolution this year.

3 | Fund the Point Brown Downtown Revitalization Project

- Provide revitalization of our Downtown Core
- Enhance our economic development program
- Improve pedestrian and bicycle safety
- Accommodate peak-season visitors

The Preliminary Design phase is funded through federal and state transportation grants as well as an economic development grant from Grays Harbor County. A multi-disciplinary consultant team, led by David Evans and Associates Inc. has been retained to assist the City with the Project.

We hope to secure additional funding to fund Right of Way Acquisition and Construction to begin in 2018.

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