



## Transportation System Plan Draft Moves Towards Council

After a year-and-a-half in the making, Cannon Beach is approaching the adoption of its first ever Transportation System Plan.

The plan--known as the TSP--serves multiple purposes.

The first is to act as a blueprint for the development of transportation in Cannon Beach over the next 20 years--that means exploring everything from driving to walking, biking, parking, safety, accessibility, accounting for growth and more.

The second function of the TSP--and this is a big one--is to help Cannon Beach secure grants towards the funding of those projects.

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### THIS MONTH'S AGENDA

City Council - 5/03

City Council Work Session - 5/10

Budget Committee - 5/11

Budget Committee - 5/16

Design Review - 5/19

Parks & Community Services - 5/26

Planning Commission - 5/26

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"The first box you check on any grant application is: is this project included in your transportation plan?" says Community Development Director Jeff Adams.

And, heretofore, Cannon Beach has never been able to check that box.

Unable to do so, the city found itself at a competitive disadvantage when applying for grants at the state and federal levels.



Cannon Beach, Adams says, is the only jurisdiction in Clatsop County to have never had a TSP.

Currently in draft form, the TSP has been assembled by the Portland-based consulting firm Parametrix, who've done on-the-ground studies in Cannon Beach, including assessments of traffic, parking, physical infrastructure (such as bridges) and more.

The cost of the TSP's development was offset by a grant Adams received from the Transportation and Growth Management (TGM) Program, a joint program of the Oregon Department of Transportation and the Oregon Department of Land Conservation and Development. The grant covered \$138,000 of the plan's total \$160,000 cost.

Working with Adams, Parametrix conducted multiple surveys and open-houses to gather feedback from the Cannon Beach community.

"The majority of what we heard," Adams says, "is the desire for a more bike and pedestrian friendly north-south connector." Especially during heavy traffic, Cannon Beach residents want to see safer ways to travel from one end of town to the other without driving. "Current pedestrian and bike traffic is pushed to the streets because we don't have a lot of sidewalks," Adams adds.

Parking is another significant concern.

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"We got so much feedback on parking alone that we did a separate parking survey," Adams says.

Traffic congestion downtown is another priority.

The TSP contains proposals to alleviate these concerns, such as the creation of one-way streets downtown or the adoption of striped, timed or angled parking.

Adams stresses that the specific plan of say, a change in parking policy, are not prescribed by the TSP. Rather, he says, the TSP just offers study and options to move forward.

The adoption of the TSP--which is scheduled to come before a joint meeting of the Planning Commission and city council on May 10th then, presumably, moving towards adoption at the June 7th city council meeting--would provide but a potential roadmap. The options therein would have to be enacted, developed, and voted on separately by council.

"It's going to be a challenge for council to prioritize and institute those many options in the TSP," Adams says. "But the TSP gives the city council and decision makers the ability to say: we've got the survey results; the public comments have been positive and it's time to try some of these things."

The 111-page draft version of the TSP is available in its entirety at [www.cannonbeachtsp.com](http://www.cannonbeachtsp.com).



City of Cannon Beach  
**TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM PLAN**



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# Cannon Beach Hires New Code Enforcement Officer

Meet Cannon Beach's new code enforcement officer: Luke Williams.

Before being hired in April, Williams worked at Sea Level Bakery. But public service has long been a part of his life.

"I somehow got the idea to join the army when I was in high school," Williams says. After graduating Williams spent six years in the Army Reserve.

Living in Tolovana Park with his wife, Williams is also a volunteer at the Cannon Beach Rural Fire Protection District.

He applied for the code enforcement position because "it sounded like a cool way to get my foot in the door here with the police department."

The responsibilities of a code enforcement officer are myriad. Williams, along with help from the Cannon Beach police, will be tasked with overseeing compliance in a number of areas, including: vacation rentals, signage, visibility issues, trimming trees, garbage and littering, animal control and more.

As code enforcement officer, Williams meets weekly with city staff to stay abreast of the latest developments, changes and city needs.

Chief of Police Jason Schermerhorn says the best way to file a complaint regarding a possible code violation is via the city's website. Schermerhorn says that the team will usually begin to look into the complaint on the same day it is received.

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"With most of the code complaint cases we try to handle them at the lowest level--verbally at first," says Chief Schermerhorn. "And then we give them time to correct the issue before moving forward, progressively, with something like a municipal code violation."

While the code enforcement officer's job covers many different areas, Chief Schermerhorn says investigating short term rentals can be the most time consuming. When trying to pinpoint an illegal renter, Schermerhorn says, "Neighbors are always a big help with the investigation, taking pictures and documenting."

Chief Schermerhorn is especially pleased to hire an officer who lives in Cannon Beach and is familiar with the community.

"It's great to have someone like Luke who knows the town, who is with the fire department, and knows the area and locations," Schermerhorn says. "There is a huge difference between the six miles between here and Seaside. There's a lot more sensitivity to doing things here."



**To file a code complaint, click here or visit**

**<https://www.ci.cannon-beach.or.us/police/webform/code-enforcement-complaint-form>**

# Tree City USA - 14 Years and Counting

On Thursday, April 28th, members of the city's Public Works team, along with representatives from the Parks & Community Services Committee, City Council and the community at large, came together to commemorate Cannon Beach's 14th year being recognized as "Tree City USA."

Designed by the Arbor Day Foundation, "The Tree City USA program provides communities with a four-step framework to maintain and grow their tree cover. It also gives them an avenue to celebrate their work, showing residents, visitors, and the entire country that they're committed to the mission of environmental change."

"I think it's great that Cannon Beach has held its Tree City USA standing for 14 years," says Public Works Director Karen La Bonte. "City staff, as well as the Parks Committee, Design Review Board and Planning Commission works hard to protect our existing trees and promote the planting of new trees each year during Arbor Day and the 12 Days of Earth Day festivities. Those accomplishments are recognized each year with another year of Tree City USA standings."



# "Beat the Wave" Presentation on May 19

Cannon Beach's tsunami evacuation routes are being revised and improved.

Join Cannon Beach's Emergency Manager Rick Hudson and representatives from Oregon's Department of Geology and Mineral Industries (DOGAMI) for a presentation on the new routes at 6:30PM on Thursday, May 19th at the Coaster Theatre.

The presentation will also be available virtually, live on Zoom. ([Virtual meeting attendance info available here.](#))

DOGAMI helps increase understanding of Oregon's geologic resources and hazards through science and stewardship. Their Geological Survey & Services program develops maps, reports, and data to help Oregon manage natural resources and prepare for natural hazards.

*Note: the Coaster Theatre is currently utilizing full COVID precautions with mandatory face coverings, proof of vaccination or a negative COVID test.*



## DOGAMI's 2022 "Beat The Wave" Report

Presented By DOGAMI's Laura Gabel & Jon Allan  
At Coaster Theatre Playhouse

May 19th - 6:30-8:00PM

# News in Brief



## WELCOME HOME PUFFINS!

Over the weekend of Saturday, April 30th, the Haystack Rock Awareness held their annual Welcome Home Puffins event.

While Saturday was marred by torrential rains, Sunday's clear skies and great crowds made up for it and then some.

HRAP staff and volunteers offered spotting scopes, informational games, presentations, art tables and more. There was also a Puffin Labyrinth (pictured above).

Photos and video of the event are available on HRAP's Facebook page:

[facebook.com/Haystackrockawarenessprogram/](https://www.facebook.com/Haystackrockawarenessprogram/)

Come visit the tidepools and the fantastic team of interpreters every day at low tide!

## IT'S BUDGET SEASON

Cannon Beach is in the midst of budgeting season. A full draft of the proposed 2022-23 city budget will be available online on May 4th.

## COMMITTEE VACANCIES

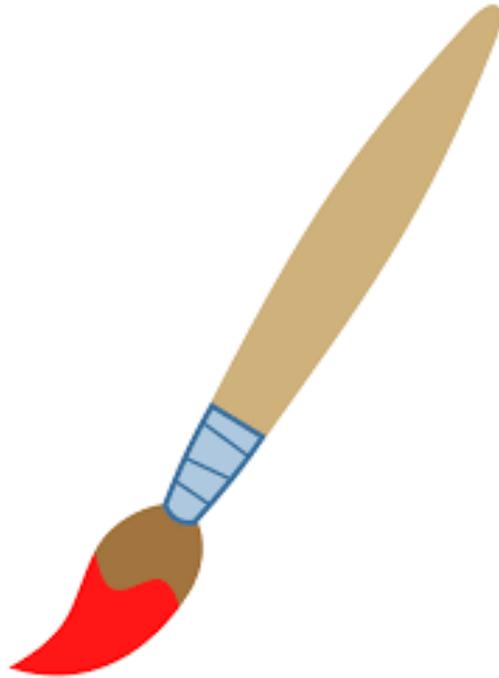
Citizens, Cannon Beach needs YOU! The following committees have vacancies:

- Parks & Community Services Committee
- Farmer's Market Committee
- Tourism and Arts Committee
- Budget Committee

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

## FARMERS' MARKET APPROACHES

The Cannon Beach Farmer's Market returns Tuesday, June 14th and continues every Tuesday through September 27th.



# **TOURISM AND ARTS FUND (TAF) GRANT APPLICATIONS OPEN**

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

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

***Applications must be received at City Hall by  
5:00 pm, June 7, 2022***

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



# CITY HALL

## HAS RE-OPENED TO THE PUBLIC

**WANT TO ATTEND A LIVE CITY MEETING VIRTUALLY?**



1. Click Agenda and Minutes from the City's Website.
2. Find your meeting and click View Details.
3. Click on the Zoom link.

<https://www.ci.cannon-beach.or.us/meetings>

## CODE ENFORCEMENT



Did you know the City has a Code Enforcement Complaint Form on their website?

1. Find Services from the menu on the City's Website.
2. Click Code Enforcement Complaint under Police Department.
3. Complete the form to submit your complaint.

<https://www.ci.cannon-beach.or.us/police/webform/code-enforcement-complaint-form>

## COMMUNITY NOTIFICATION LIST SIGNUP

Want to receive emergency or important notifications from the City? Click the link below to be added to the Community Notification List.

<https://www.ci.cannon-beach.or.us/emergencymgmt/webform/sign-community-notification-list>

## COMMUNITY BULLETIN SIGNUP

Sign up here to get the Community Bulletin delivered to your Inbox

## CLATSOP ALERTS



**Clatsop Emergency Notification & Community Information**

**BE IN THE KNOW... We can't alert you if we can't reach YOU!**

Community members and visitors can **CHOOSE UP TO 3** ways to receive emergency notifications and community information from Public Safety, City, Tribal and County Officials for Clatsop County, Oregon.

1. Residential and business landline numbers are automatically included in the emergency contact list and do not require any action.
2. Address specific numbers such as mobile numbers, mobile texts, e-mail, and fax numbers are not included in the emergency contact list and require a manual sign-up.

**SIGN UP at <https://www.co.clatsop.or.us/em/page/clatsopalerts>**