A Bold, New Vision for the Willamette River’s East Bank

Request for Infrastructure: $7.5M FY24 + 25

OMSI DISTRICT VISION
The OMSI District will be an inclusive, vibrant new neighborhood and community destination rooted in innovation, culture, arts, and science learning in Portland’s Central City. It will restore Tribal presence on the Willamette River through a Center for Tribal Nations and a new waterfront education park. Encompassing 24 acres of transit-oriented, mixed-use development, 1,200 units of new market rate and affordable housing, 11,000+ new jobs, climate and sustainability solutions, and a one-of-a-kind public learning ecosystem, the OMSI District serve as a platform for innovation, spreading opportunities throughout the state and the region.

Need: Infrastructure funds by early 2025
The OMSI District is “shovel ready.” An investment now will spur development of housing, a Center for Tribal Nations, and the waterfront education park.

KEY PARTNERS
Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians
Center for Tribal Nations Advisory Committee
City of Portland
Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fish Commission
Environmental Protection Agency
Metro Regional Government
Northwest Native Chamber
Oregon Museum of Science and Industry (OMSI)
Portland Community College
Portland General Electric
Portland Opera
State of Oregon
TriMet

CATALYZING THE OMSI DISTRICT – INFRASTRUCTURE FIRST
Investment in infrastructure – leading with the construction of streets and utilities— is critical to catalyze the vision for the OMSI District, unlock new vertical development opportunities, and spur $1B in economic development. We are seeking $7.5 million to combine with local, state, and private support.

At full buildout, the OMSI District is projected to generate:

$11M annually in property taxes in Portland
$22M annually in personal income tax revenue
4,300 direct jobs
7,100 construction jobs
$1.2B in total economic output
RACIAL AND ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE

With the support of a broad coalition of supporters including local, Tribal, and regional government entities, Indigenous groups, nonprofits and businesses, the OMSI District advances racial and environmental justice through restoring Tribal presence on the Willamette River, restoring and healing brownfields and previous industrial lands, and creating opportunities for intergenerational wealth building in communities typically excluded from the benefits of urban development.

SCHEDULE

- State of Oregon commits $5M towards infrastructure
- OMSI District Master Plan approved
- Metro Large Scale Community Visions grants $7M to OMSI and CRITFC for the Waterfront Education Park
- State of Oregon commits $6M towards infrastructure
- Phase 1 Infrastructure (streets, utilities): 2024 - June 2027
- Waterfront Education Park: commences 2025
- Affordable Housing: commences 2025
- OMSI private philanthropic campaign: commences 2025
- Phase 2 Infrastructure (interior streets, private sewer system): commences 2028
- Additional affordable housing
- Center for Tribal Nations
- Waterfront Education Park programming and public plazas

TRANSPORTATION AND SAFETY

Transportation investments in the OMSI District are designed to create a safer pedestrian and bike-friendly neighborhood and leverage existing transportation infrastructure investments including Tilikum Crossing, Aerial Tram, Portland Streetcar, MAX Light Rail, Bus Rapid Transit, Eastbank Esplanade, and Green Loop. The transportation and utility investments will also support the density of mixed-use development envisioned within the OMSI District. Without this investment, only two of the eleven tracts within the OMSI District can be developed.