



May 6, 2021

Lorna Davis, Port Manager
Port of Toledo
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Toledo, OR 97391

RE: Support for Port of Toledo's Extension of City Sewer

Dear Ms. Davis,

I am writing to express my support of the Port of Toledo's project to extend city sewer and service to its Shipyard and Industrial Park facilities. This project will provide the Port with the necessary infrastructure to support boatyard and industrial park operations as identified in the Port's 5 Year Strategic Business Plan. The Port of Toledo and the Port of Newport are adjoining ports connected by the Yaquina River.

Expansion of the shipyard, supported by the State of Oregon, has resulted in the shipyard becoming a major economic contributor to the region. The shipyard is the only haul-out facility on the Yaquina River and provides services critical to retaining the region's significant commercial fleet housed at the Port of Newport on the Yaquina Bay, and 39 locally owned maritime service businesses.

The lack of city sewer connectivity is costly and inefficient, causing the Port to use holding tanks and portable toilets. The lack of sewer service limits expansion at the Industrial Park. An expansion of the Port's Industrial Park will attract new businesses, support the growth of the maritime service industry, and increase capacity of the Welding Lab-a partnership program between the Oregon Coast Community College, Lincoln County School District, and the Port. The vocational training program has capacity for 12 students per term, and currently has over 120 on the waiting list.

Upgrading the City's infrastructure to meet the Port's needs will allow the Port to provide more efficient services at its Shipyard and Industrial Park and supports the Port's 5-year Strategic Business Plan overall goals of creating family wage jobs and encouraging small business growth.

The Port of Newport is in support of the Port of Toledo's efforts to expand their Shipyard and Industrial Park, which will grow and support our region's economy.

Sincerely,

Paula J. Miranda, General Manager