

City Administration Monthly Report

March 11, 2025

This report is intended to provide Council with an overview of current activities, project status updates and previews of select upcoming issues and activities of Council and Staff.

Featured Items

1. 2025 Council Retreat

Council held its annual retreat February 22, 2025, which is an opportunity for Council to discuss long-range issues, challenges, opportunities and goals along with hearing from staff on accomplishments and process on 2024 goals and objectives. Housing, economic development and financial sustainability of the City's budget were themes that were discussed throughout the day's activities. The 2026 Council Framework document has been updated to reflect the discussion and is on the March agenda for review and adoption as the workplan for 2025 and into 2026.

The extra time spent on a Saturday by the Mayor and Council working on goalsetting and longrange planning is much appreciated by staff as it is an important event to help align day to day operations with long-range priorities.

2. Federal Funding Update

The City of Coburg, similar to many/most local jurisdictions within Oregon, accesses and utilizes federal funding primarily for capital infrastructure projects. City staff have been monitoring the recent unpredictability of the status of issued and pending federal grant and loan funds and have not yet identified risk of loss of funds. A non-exhaustive list of current or upcoming projects that utilize some level of federal funding include:

- Coburg Loop Path #4 (extension of multi-use path from Sara Lane to Trails End Park)
- Water Loan projects (Well #3 completion) existing loan partially federally funded
- Coleman Collector Street Phase I Federal funds issued to Lane County and fund swap to the City of Coburg (funds in hand)
- Solar System installation at Wastewater Treatment Plant Grant program may not continue to receive funding impacting pending grant application (May 2025)
- ODOT Truck inspection program

While the projects and programs listed above are not currently impacted, it is highly likely that the federal funding uncertainties will affect other agencies in the region that could impact the level of service or capital project work that benefit the region. The scale and depth of the impacts are not yet known.

3. S & P Global - 2025 Credit Rating

S & P Global (part of Standard and Poor's) recently completed an audit and credit rating review of the City and lowered the long-term rating of the City from an A+ to an A-, (top of range is AAA, bottom of range is BBB) a two point rating reduction, noting a stable outlook.

The primary driver of the rating reduction is due to low general fund reserves (ending fund balance) relative to general fund revenues. The current ratio is seven percent (7%) and is consistent with prior staff presentations highlighting the need to implement fund balance targets and develop a revenue/expense strategy that builds the fund balance closer to a 15-20% ratio over a number of years (2-5).

City staff will be working with the Finance/Audit Committee to develop a recommended set of fund balance targets for each of the City's four funds and will present to Council in the coming for review and approval.

The complete credit rating is attached to this report for reference.

4. City Council Work Sessions - 2025 Schedule (Draft)

The Mayor and City Administrator have developed a draft schedule for Council work sessions for the remainder of 2025 that is shown below with the inclusion of Budget Meetings to assist with individual Councilor scheduling.

March 25th - Collector Street Project Update, Community Survey, Fireworks Ordinance Discussion

April 15th – Budget Committee Meeting #1 April 19th - Budget Committee Meeting #2

June 24th - Utility Capacity and Master Plan Update (water, wastewater, storm drain)

July 22nd - Lane County Transportation Presentation on Jurisdictional Transfers

Sept 23rd - URA Overview and future options

October 28th - Advisory Committees & Commissions Review

5. <u>Psilocybin Prohibition Ordinance Expiration</u>

The City Council approved an ordinance that implemented a two year ban on the use of psilocybin within the City limits of Coburg as allowed by Oregon Revised Statutes (ORS) at the time. The ordinance has recently expired. It is staff's recommendation, aided by Mayor Bell's discussion with Serenity Lane CEO Pete Kerns, that no replacement ordinance be put forward as controlled substance (schedule I)regulations limit the potential utilization of the drug, but may be a desired future program use at Serenity Lane that a ban would prohibit the possibility of the regulated use of the drug at that facility.

Current Projects & Contracts

The two tables below provide a summary of active infrastructure projects and signed contracts/agreements

Project Type	Description	Est Cost	Complete Date
Water	Well #3 – Wellhouse, treatment, SCADA	\$850,000	Jan 2026
Water	Stallings Transmission Line	\$800,000	Feb 2026
Parks	Pavilion Park – Phase II (\$702,000 total)	\$350,000	May 2025

Streets	Collector St Project (Coleman Phase I)	\$600,000	Sept 2025
Streets	Loop Path #4 + N Industrial Paving	\$1,300,000	Nov 2025
Sewer	System Capacity Analysis – Kennedy/Jenks	\$32,000	March 2025
PW	Storm Water Master Plan	\$60,000	March 2025
Water	Water Conservation & Management Plan	\$50,000	March 2025

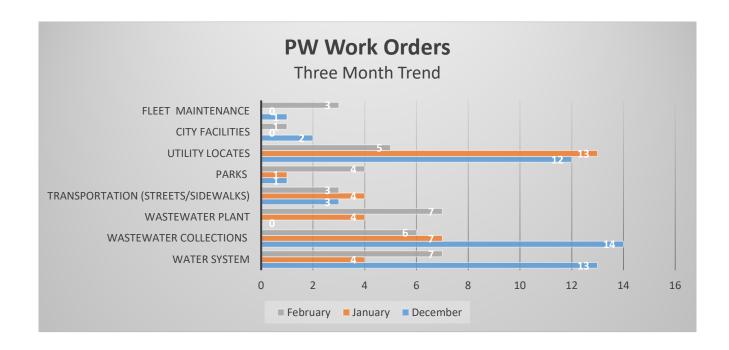
Citizen Inquiries	Submit Date	Status
Industrial noise – Shane Ct	6/21/24	Active
Light/Glare – From Roberts Rd affecting Residential	11/25/24	Active
Street/Storm Drain problems – Locust St	3/7/24	Active

Department Activity & Statistics

Staff maintains various activity, work order and case log type records that are utilized for required reporting to other agencies and/or for day-to-day oversight and management of their operations. Some data comes from third party systems and not always in a format that is easily summarized or customized.

Public Works

- o Engineering/Design meetings for
 - o Stallings well treatment building, SCADA and transmission line
 - Coleman Collector Street project
 - Well #1 Piping repair consultation
- Two septic system pumpings
- WWTP tour for Coburg Charter School (4th/5th grade)
- o Tree limb removal and pick up from winter storm activity
- o Parks equipment preparations for vegetation seasons



Planning

- Issued five Structural/Plumbing/Mechanical/Electrical permits in February
- Attended regional transportation meetings including MPC & TASC, Transportation Planning Committee (TPC) and Safe Lane Transportation Coalition, continued participation on the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) and Congestion Management Plan (CMP) update TAC, in addition to the CFEC regional scenario planning project management team meeting
- Continued work with LCOG and DLCD on Code Audit project to compare Coburg Zoning Code to <u>DLCD's Walkable Design Standards Guidebook</u> to identify gaps and opportunities to comply with Climate Friendly Equitable Communities' design standard rule
- Met with new Transportation Options Specialist supporting Coburg (LCOG) to develop a 2025 workplan including collaboration opportunities with CCCS and Main Street and enhancements to the bike hub
- RARE AmeriCorps member, Dabeat Nieto Wenzell, successfully led a water quality skills day series with CCCS, which ended in a tour of the WWTP that the students and chaperones found fun and educational. He is now developing a native planting project that will involve students from CCCS and the UO
- Continued work with student team from UO's Real World Lane County class to deploy community survey
- Heritage Committee members distributed Historic Preservation Award Plaques to three recipients: the Goodman House (c. 1912, 91131 N Diamond St.); HJ Cox House (1899, 32619 Bruce Way); William Van Duyn House (1877, 91108 Willamette St, Chief's Restaurant)

Finance

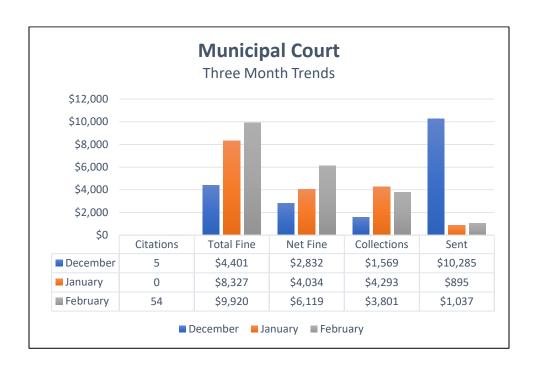
- Began internal staff budget preparation, end of year estimates, workforce costing forecasts, revenue forecasting, etc
- Completed final test database processing of Accounts Payable invoice payments with newly developed AI software. Will run on live database in April.

Municipal Court

- Upcoming Court Date: March 18, 2025 Regular Court Session
- Judge Williams will be attending the Oregon Judge's Association Conference March 19-21, 2025
- Jury Trial scheduled for April 22, 2025

- Citations (Crimes and Violations)
 - New Citations for February 4, 2025 Court Date: 54
- February 2025 Receipts Including Collections,
 - **Total Fines**: \$9,920.14 (total monies taken in for the month, nothing deducted), compared to \$ 4,792.85 in February of 2024
 - Net Fines: \$6,119.00 (City share only, NOT including collections), compared to \$2,887.00 in February of 2024
- o February 2025 Professional Credit Service Collections:
 - Total Collection Revenue: \$ 3,801.14 compared to \$1,905.85 in February of 2024
 - Turned over to collection: \$1,037.00 compared to \$0 in February of 2024

Comparisons should only be considered when viewing the year-to-date amounts as court dates are not consistently held on the same dates each month, nor is there consistent cases presented to the court.



(2/4/2025 - 2/25/2025)

MULTIPLE OFFICER RESPONSE:

Dispute involving multiple neighbors:
 No Crime, Resolved

Disorderly subject in the Coburg Municipal Court: Resolved

Traffic stop with non-compliant driver: Traffic Citation Issued

Business Alarm with suspicious circumstances: Resolved

Arrest of a suspect from a 2024 Sex Crimes case: Arrested and lodged in the

Lane County Jail for Luring a Minor, Online Sexual Corruption of a Child, Endangering the Welfare of a Minor, Give Liquor to a Minor/Intoxicated Person

SINGLE OFFICER RESPONSE:

Theft by Deception/Fraud: Probable Cause for Arrest

Attempt to Locate a reported intoxicated driver: Located, Not Intoxicated

A vehicle repossession to ensure no problems existed: **Vehicle Towed, No Issues**

Traffic Hazard on E. Pearl Street near S. Stuart : **Resolved**

Overdose at Serenity Lane:
 Assisted Medics

• Conducted a Truck Inspection: Traffic Citation Issued

Verbal dispute involving spouses:
 Warrant Service for Failure to Appear (FTA):
 Arrest, Lodged

City Ordinance violation for illegally parked trailer: **Tagged for Tow, Resolved**

Traffic Hazard on E. Pearl Street near Industrial Way: Assist Public Works

A request for a courtesy transport:

Assist, Transport

Assist the Coburg Fire Department with a sick person: Assist Fire Department

Assisted the Sheriff's Office in investigating an assault: Assist

A complaint of vicious dogs attacking/killing another pet: Citation for City Ord.

Report of Criminal Mischief:
 Gone On Arrival (GOA)

Report of a Citizen Assist:
 Report Taken
 Report of a Burglary/Theft regarding a local food truck:

Report Taken

Report of a suspicious subject reported by citizens: Unable to Locate (UTL)

A suicidal subject at the local McDonald's:
 Assist

• A disorderly subject at Serenity Lane: Resolved

A dispute involving a couple regarding custody issues: **No Crime, Resolved**Assisted an elderly female in need of a ride: **Assist, Transport**

• A motor vehicle accident (MVA) at the Truck Stop: Report Taken

• A suicidal subject not responding to family/friends: Unable to Locate (UTL)

• A total of (36) business checks/patrol checks: Patrol Check

ADDITIONAL ACTIVITY:

- Reserve Officer Woods began the Mid-Valley Reserve Academy (Projected graduation date of June 20, 2025
- Sgt. Lee has left the department as a full-time officer, he has been reclassified as a reserve police officer
- Upcoming hiring process for a new police officer with the preference given to lateral applicants

- February department meeting was held on 2/20/2025 and hosted Lane County Sheriff's Office Sgt. Speldrich, who conducted a case study of a hostage/barricade situation in Springfield which occurred in 2022.
- Annual Shred Day to be held on April 12, 2025 from 10:00-2:00 at city hall. Donations provided are given to the local food bank.

COUNCIL MEMO

MEETING DATE: March 11, 2025

STAFF: Adam Hanks, City Administrator



Council Revenue Sub-Committee

Phase II Recommendation – General Fund Fees

BACKGROUND

At the July 9, 2024 Council meeting, Council confirmed the Mayors intention to create a City Council Revenue Options Sub-Committee to review all current and potential revenues associated with the City's Utility Funds, the general fund and other miscellaneous revenues available for consideration. Councilors Engebretson and Smith were appointed to serve on the sub-committee, along with Mayor Bell.

The sub-committee is reviewing revenues in three phases:

- 1) Utility Rates for Water, Sewer and Transportation/Streets (TUF) October through December
- 2) General Fund related revenue options to support funding of Parks, Police, Planning, general government *January through March*
- 3) Longer range revenue options Local lodging tax, local diesel tax, local option levy, etc *July through September*

The sub-committee held two meetings in October to review the overall committee scope and process and to develop recommendations to Council for the phase I utility revenue options and with the sub-committee meeting of March 6, 2025, the phase II revenue options review and recommendation is complete.

ANALYSIS & RECOMMENDATIONS

Before developing formal recommendations for revenue enhancements for the general fund, the sub-committee requested a staff assessment on the current revenue needs assessment within the fund. The City Administrator provided an informal analysis and explanation of the need for additional revenues, which will be presented to the full Council at a future meeting.

Key considerations that determined the sub-committee's agreement of additional revenue needed for the general fund included:

- Four year trend of declining ending fund balance
- Continued rise of expenses exceeding the lesser rise of revenues
- Future estimates of personnel cost escalation to provide the same levels of service with the general fund operating departments/programs (Municipal Court, Planning, Police, Parks, General Government)
- Debt Service credit rating reduction from A+ to A- (two level drop) due to low overall fund

balance compared to operating revenues (7%)

Following the sub-committee meeting of February 20, 2025 that contained a staff presentation on revenue options and their advantages/disadvantages, along with a discussion of the debt service credit rating reduction, the Revenue Sub-Committee has the following phase II recommendation for Council to consider:

Establishment of a Parks and Open Space Fee of five dollars (\$5) per month on all customer
utility bills to provide for continued operations and maintenance of the parks system at its
current service level.

Estimated annual revenue of \$50,000 Suggested effective date: July 1, 2025

• Increase from two dollars (\$2) to four dollars (\$4) for the existing Tree Fee on all customer utility bills to adequately fund the maintenance (pruning, removal, planting) of street trees (trees located in rights of ways) throughout Coburg

Estimated annual revenue of \$20,000 Suggested effective date: July 1, 2025

• Inclusion of consumer price index (CPI) on both fees to ensure annual adjustments maintain overall revenue goals over time.

Revenue Sub-Committee

General Fund Revenue Options

February 20, 2025







Survivability

Sustainability

Resiliency





1 Ending Fund Balance (EFB)

2 Capital Infrastructure Needs

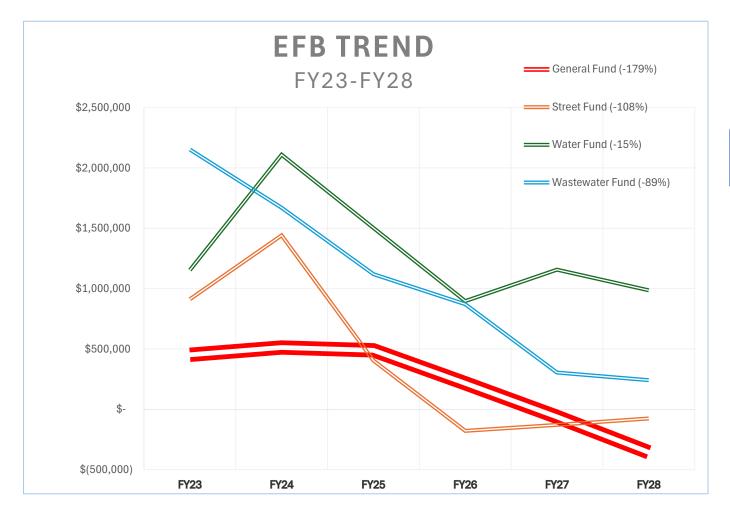
3 Personnel Services (PS)Costs

Personnel Services Staffing Levels

Materials & Services Costs (M/S)

Debt Service





Ending Fund Balances

Five Year Trend – FY25-FY28 estimates only



INDICATORS BY FUND

GENERAL FUND

EFB, PS Escalation & CIP

WATER FUND

CIP & Debt Service

STREET FUND

EFB, CIP & M/S (preservation)

<u>SEWER FUND</u>

EFB, CIP, PS Escalation



- Local Option Levy
- ☐ Parks & Open Space Fee
- ☐ Public Safety Support Fee
- Local Lodging Tax (ORS limits on GF use)
- ☐ Food & Beverage Tax
- ☐ Business License Fee (Increase)
- ☐ Tree Fee (indirect benefit to GF)



Local Option Levy

- Requires ballot measure voter approval
- > Requires renewal every five years *
- ➤ Revenue collection managed by Lane County
- * Capital levy can have a ten year term



Parks & Open Space Fee

- Fees on utility bills most common current method of revenue enhancement for local governments
- > Collected locally via existing utility bill system
- Amount can be established and adjusted by Council via Resolution (no community vote)
- > Resolution establishes allowed uses of funds



Public Safety Support Fee

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- Collected locally via existing utility bill system
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Local Lodging Tax

- > ORS Restricts use of funds (70% Tourism, 30% GF-Unrestricted)
- May impact existing Lane County Lodging Tax revenues (unverified)
- Collected/managed by Oregon Dept of Revenue
- > Annual revenues less predictable than fees on utility bill
- > Smaller revenue stream with current short-term housing in Coburg



Food & Beverage Tax

- May not legally require ballot/vote, but would be best practice (and may be legally required)
- >Annual revenues less predictable than fees on utility bill
- > Smaller revenue stream with current restaurant businesses in Coburg
- May negatively impact businesses and tourism in Coburg



Business License Fee (increase)

- > Not a significant additional revenue stream (under \$10k)
- > Need to compare existing fee to others within region
- > Need to clearly define and communicate intent/purpose of the fee



Tree Fee (increase)

- > Tree related expenses exceed existing Tree fee revenues
- > Existing fee is used for both right of way and park property trees
- > Existing fee is Street Fund revenue
- ➤ Proposed Fee increase could expand the use of the funds to both Parks (General Fund) and Streets/rights of way (Street Fund)

GENERAL FUND

Staff Proposal

- Park & Open Space Fee = \$5 per month (with CPI index)
 - Justification
 - ✓ Increased labor and material costs for existing operations and maintenance of park system
 - ✓ New park (Coburg Creek) expands park system maintenance by 15-20%
 - ✓ Expanded Pavilion Park & new restroom increases maintenance costs by 5-10%
 - ✓ Parks specific equipment replacements required in FY26 (mowers, weedeaters, etc)
 - ✓ Parks budget must pay its cost share of heavy equipment utilitized for park maintenance/repair (truck, backhoe, dump truck, trailer, etc)
- Tree Fee Increase = \$2 per month (with CPI index)
 - Justification
 - ✓ Multi-year trend of tree expenses exceed existing tree fee revenues
 - ✓ City tree inventory is emergency management risk/liability (power outages, road blockages)
 - ✓ Additional Funding will allow proactive tree management to reduce risk, increase public safety





GENERAL FUND

Staff Proposal – Future (FY27+)

- Storm Drain Maintenance Fee of \$3 per month
 - Implement in FY27 after completion and approval of Storm Water Master Plan
 - Storm Drain SDC Fee (developer fee, not utility customer)
- Local Lodging Tax of 1% (verify no impact to existing Lane County allocation)
 - Proposed 2025 legislative changes may allow expanded uses of funds
 - Long term revenue potential greater than projected short term impact
- Diesel Tax of 2-4%
 - Not a direct cost to Coburg residents/customers
 - Revenue is restricted to transportation related operations/maintenance/capital in Street Fund



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Summary:

Coburg, Oregon; General Obligation

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Credit Profile

Coburg full faith and credit rfdg obligations ser 2020 due 06/30/2055

Long Term Rating A-/Stable Downgraded

Credit Highlights

- · S&P Global Ratings lowered its long-term rating on Coburg, Ore.'s existing full-faith-and-credit obligations two notches to 'A-' from 'A+' and removed the rating from Under Criteria Observation.
- The outlook is stable.
- The rating change reflects the application of our criteria, "Methodology For Rating U.S. Governments," published Sept. 9, 2024, on RatingsDirect, noting the city's thin nominal reserves and more narrow economic base relative to higher-rated state and national peers.

Security

The obligations are secured by the city's full-faith, credit, and taxing power, including ad valorem property tax subject to statutory and constitutional limitations. Our rating reflects our view of the city's general creditworthiness, as obligor, because the ad valorem taxes are not levied on a narrower or distinctly different tax base than the city and there are no limitations on the fungibility of resources available for debt service.

Credit overview

The 'A-' rating reflects our view of the city's relatively thin general fund reserve (\$207,000 or 7% of revenues in 2024), small and limited local economy, and debt burden that is largely supported by its enterprise water and sewer system. Available reserves and key credit weakness relative to peers, have decreased 72% since fiscal 2021. Following a change in senior leadership over the last two years, we view the city's strengthening budgeting and financial practices as supporting stable credit quality over the near-term.

Coburg has demonstrated mixed financial performance over the last four fiscal years, including substantial deficits, largely due to rising public safety expenditures, particularly police salaries, and ongoing capital expenditures for parks-related projects. For fiscal 2024, the city continued to scale back capital projects and seek cost saving measures to remain structurally balanced while targeting a long-term plan to rebuild fund balances. The city's adopted fiscal 2025 budget projects nearly balanced operations, and the city's multi-year projections reflect similar year-end results through fiscal 2028. We believe that in the short term the city will adjust its budget to align with possible changes in its revenue environment and service demands, replenish its fund balances, and balance its budget. In addition, we expect that total cash and liquid investments across the total organization (including enterprise utilities) will remain stable, and we have not identified sources of material contingent liquidity risk.

Coburg is located roughly eight miles north of Eugene. Because of its proximity to major interstates, the city is

continuing to attract development, especially following its annexation of about 106 acres in early 2024 that will likely add to its transportation-oriented land uses, supporting continued growth in assessed value. We expect the city's stable tax base will continue to support property tax revenue resilience in the next few years.

The rating reflects our view of the city's:

- Location in Lane County where county-wide measures of economic output and incomes are below average nationally. The city's location along Interstate 5 supports potential growth in the logistics sector and provides local residents access to the broader Eugene-Springfield regional economy for employment opportunities. In addition, the local tax base is growing but remains concentrated.
- Balanced to negative net performance in the general fund over the last four fiscal years that has led to deterioration in available reserves. We anticipate that the city's low nominal reserve position could persist over the near-term, barring any material cuts to services or improvements in the city's revenue structure.
- Improving financial practices under new management including monthly investment and budget-to-actual reports provided to the council, a five-year capital improvement plan with funding sources and project costs, a three-year budget forecast included in the fiscal 2025 budget, and an informal reserve target of building a contingency of \$250,000. Coburg also follows state guidelines for investments and does not have a debt management policy.
- · Current costs for debt and liability that we expect will remain manageable, with no significant medium-term debt plans. We understand that a large portion of the city's outstanding series 2020 full faith and credit obligations are supported by its enterprise water and sewer utilities, limiting contingent exposure to the city's general fund. We view the city as being potentially exposed to rising pension costs over the medium term. As of the latest measurement date (June 30, 2023), the city's net pension liability under the Oregon Public Employees Retirement System (OPERS) was \$1.7 million. The pension system was funded 81.7% based on a 6.9% discount rate. Although contributions remain a relatively small portion of the budget, the city's required contributions to the OPERS have risen 128% since 2020.
- · For more information on our institutional framework assessment for Oregon municipalities, see "Institutional Framework Assessment: Oregon Local Governments," published Sept. 11, 2024, on RatingsDirect.

Environmental, social, and governance

We view the city as facing acute physical risk given the region's exposure to seismic activity originating off the Pacific Coast. We view the city's social and governance factors as neutral in our credit rating analysis.

Outlook

The stable outlook reflects our expectation that the city will continue to review and adjust its budget while evaluating options to rebuild reserves over the near-term. In addition, we expect tax base trends to remain positive providing stability to the city's primary source of operating revenue.

Downside scenario

We could lower the rating if the city's operating performance further deteriorates, resulting in further weakening of its available reserves or liquidity.

Upside scenario

We could raise the rating if the city's financial performance were to improve, and available reserves were to grow and be sustained at levels commensurate with that of higher-rated peers.

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Coburg, Oregoncredit summary	
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Individual credit profile (ICP)	3.86
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Management	2.30
Debt and liabilities	3.00

Table 2

Coburg, Oregonkey credit metrics				
	Most recent	2024	2023	2022
Economy				
Real GCP per capita % of U.S.	71			71
County PCPI % of U.S.	88			88
Market value (\$000s)	663,366	639,041	541,228	453,165
Market value per capita (\$)	474,850	457,438	387,422	393,031
Top 10 taxpayers % of taxable value	29.9	29.9	31.3	32.3
County unemployment rate (%)	4.2	4.2	4.0	4.3
Local median household EBI % of U.S.	89		89	81
Local per capita EBI % of U.S.	86		86	76
Local population	1,397		1,397	1,153
Financial performance				
Operating fund revenues (\$000s)		3,101	2,756	2,597
Operating fund expenditures (\$000s)		3,149	2,743	2,905
Net transfers and other adjustments (\$000s)				
Operating result (\$000s)		-48	13	-308
Operating result % of revenues		-1.5	0.5	-11.9
Operating result three-year average %		-4.3	-5.5	-15.3
Reserves and liquidity				
Available reserves % of operating revenues		6.7	9.3	14.7
Available reserves (\$000s)		208	256	382
Debt and liabilities				
Debt service cost % of revenues		2.9	0.8	0.9
Net direct debt per capita (\$)	4,587	4,587	4,785	5,169
Net direct debt (\$000s)	6,408	6,408	6,685	5,960
Direct debt 10-year amortization (%)	34	37		
Pension and OPEB cost % of revenues		7.0	7.0	7.0
NPLs per capita (\$)		1,473	1,242	988

Table 2

Coburg, Oregonkey credit metrics (cont.)					
	Most recent	2024	2023	2022	
Combined NPLs (\$000s)		2,058	1,735	1,139	

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Oregon Psilocybin Services

What is psilocybin?

Psilocybin is a naturally occurring psychedelic compound. It is found in over 200 species of mushrooms. For centuries, Indigenous and tribal communities around the world have used psilocybin for spiritual, ceremonial, and other purposes.

Regulated psilocybin services are now a legal option in Oregon. However, psilocybin is still a Schedule I substance under the Federal Controlled Substances Act.

What are the benefits of psilocybin?

Research suggests psilocybin may help address depression, anxiety, trauma, and addiction. Studies have also found it can increase spiritual well-being.

To learn more about the research on psilocybin benefits and risks, see the <u>Scientific Literature</u> <u>Review and Cultural and Anthropological</u> <u>Information</u>. These publications are available in English and Spanish.

What are psilocybin services?

In Oregon, "psilocybin services" refers to preparation, administration, and integration sessions provided by a licensed facilitator.

The psilocybin products consumed must be cultivated or produced by a licensed psilocybin manufacturer, tested by a licensed laboratory, and may only be provided to a client by a licensed psilocybin service center during an administration session. Clients must remain at a licensed service center for the duration of the administration session.

Clients must be age 21 or older. Clients do not need a prescription or medical referral and they do not need to be Oregon residents.



The Oregon Psilocybin Services Act

The Oregon Psilocybin Services Act was voted into law by Oregonians in November 2020 and was codified in Oregon law in Oregon Revised Statutes Chapter 475A. ORS 475A directs the Oregon Health Authority (OHA) to license and regulate the production of psilocybin products and the provision of psilocybin services. Oregon is the first state in the U.S. to create a regulatory framework for psilocybin services.

Oregon Psilocybin Services Section

The Oregon Psilocybin Services section (OPS) is housed within the Oregon Health Authority's Public Health Division. OPS is responsible for administering ORS 475A, which includes adoption of administrative rules, issuing licenses, and regulating licensees to ensure compliance with statute and rules. OPS began accepting license applications on January 2, 2023, and licensed psilocybin service centers began to open their doors to clients in the summer of 2023.



How an Individual Accesses Psilocybin Services:



1) Schedule a Session: A person interested in accessing psilocybin services will contact licensed service centers for information about psilocybin services. Once they find a service center that fits their needs, the potential client will schedule a preparation session with a licensed facilitator associated with the licensed service center they choose to work with. The OPS Licensee Directory includes contact information for service centers that have consented to being listed. Potential clients may also verify if a service center has a valid license by using the Search for License or Permit Status tool.



2) Preparation Session: The client meets with a <u>licensed facilitator</u> for a preparation session and completes <u>required forms</u> (including: client information, bill of rights, informed consent, safety and support plan, transportation plan, and accessibility). A licensed facilitator determines whether they can provide services to the client, and the client determines whether they want to move forward with an administration session.



3) Administration Session: The administration session takes place at a <u>licensed service</u> <u>center</u>. The client buys psilocybin products from a licensed service center and consumes psilocybin at the beginning of their administration session. The client remains at the service center with the licensed facilitator until they are ready to be released from the session. For group administration sessions, a minimal client-facilitator ratio is required. Within 72 hours after the session, the licensed facilitator contacts the client to check on them. An optional integration session is offered.



4) **Integration Session:** If the client chooses to take part in an optional integration session, they may review their safety and support plan or request referrals for community resources, peer support networks, and other resources at that time.

How Psilocybin Products get to a Licensed Service Center:

- 1. Psilocybin products are cultivated and/or processed by a <u>licensed manufacturer</u> and are tracked in the OPS product tracking system.
- 2. The products are tested by a <u>licensed laboratory</u> accredited by the Oregon Environmental Laboratory Accreditation Program (ORELAP), and test results are entered into the OPS product tracking system.
- 3. The products are sold or transferred from a licensed manufacturer to a licensed service center. All product sales are tracked in the OPS product tracking system.



