



Seaside Civic and Convention Center

Scene from a virtual tour of the convention center at seasideconvention.com.

## Seaside City Council issues bonds for \$15M convention center renovation plan

A message to financial markets, public

By R.J. MARX  
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SEASIDE — In June, the city put the financial framework in place for renovation of the Seaside Civic and Convention Center. Bonds for the convention center renovation will be sold for \$15 million, then transferred to construction funds.

On Monday night, the City Council unanimously voted to authorize issuance of those bonds. The bonds will be paid back by an increase in the city's lodging tax, approved last November.

"This is the next big step in the project," Mayor Jay Barber said.

The project will add about 10,000 square feet to the 62,000-square-foot facility, and renovate more than 13,000 square feet of the space.



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Rendering of the renovated convention center.

"This signals to the financial market that you are going to be out there and issue those bonds," City Manager Mark Winstanley said. "It also instructs staff to tell the public the council is looking to issue \$15 million of bonds, and if they have questions they can refer those questions to the council."

Earlier this year, the convention center selected Portland-based Holst Architecture and Convergence Design of Kansas City for the contract

to design the renovation and expansion of the 45-year-old facility.

This fall, the convention center added O'Brien and Co. Construction to the project team.

The renovation's design phase could take six months

and construction up to two years. Work is expected to be complete in the spring of 2019.

"Thank you for the sale of the bonds," Russ Vandenberg, general manager of the convention center, said Monday. "It's very exciting to move forward with this project. It's going along very nicely as we are entering the design phase."

Vandenberg plans to present an update on construction progress at the council's Nov. 27 meeting.

In addition to the renovation, he said, the convention center has updated its website at seasideconvention.com.

"It's refreshed. It's interactive. It's beautiful," Vandenberg said. "It's got many features the other site didn't provide."

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## Head-on crash leaves man in stable condition

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A man was in stable condition at a Portland hospital after a head-on crash on U.S. Highway 30 Friday night.

Anthony Bubar Sr., 39, of St. Helens, was driving a blue 1993 Oldsmobile westbound near the John Day River bridge at about 7:45 p.m. when it crossed into the eastbound lane. The car then collided with a 2000 Freightliner truck and trailer

that was hauling wood chips. Both vehicles came to a stop on the eastbound shoulder.

Bubar Sr. was rescued by firefighters from the vehicle and taken to Columbia Memorial Hospital before moving to Oregon Health & Science University Hospital. The driver of the freightliner was uninjured.

Oregon State Police is still investigating the crash, but it believes that alcohol was a contributing factor, Lt. Mark Duncan said.

## The search continues for Seaside shooting suspects

By JACK HEFFERNAN  
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Authorities are still looking for suspects in a robbery and shooting that occurred in Seaside early Sunday morning, but believe it was an isolated incident.

A 36-year-old Washington state man was taken to Columbia Memorial Hospital following the incident inside a room at the Beachside Inn at about 2 a.m. He was then

flown to a Portland-area hospital, where his condition has since been upgraded.

"Police believe the victim and suspects had made contact prior to the robbery and shooting and this was not a random act," according to a Seaside police press release.

Because the investigation is ongoing and they do not believe the suspects are a threat to the community, police have not disclosed the names of those involved.

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