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Hyak boat lift project gets boost

A \$7 million grant from the state Legislature

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The state Legislature has approved \$7 million in funding for Hyak Maritime's boat lift project at Tongue Point, which would be the first zero-emission electric mobile lift operating in the U.S.

The grant covers a sizable portion of the project, expected to cost \$35 million for the lift and investment in the site.

The mobile lift would be able to hoist vessels weighing up to 1,500 tons, allowing it to service boats that would otherwise travel out of state or get on a waitlist for repairs at a Portland dry-dock.

Hyak believes the \$21 million lift will alleviate pressure on a maritime industry that has seen 16 shipyards in Oregon and Washington state close in the last 15 years, as well as an increase in federal regulations requiring vessels to be inspected more frequently.

"There's this horrible collision of supply and demand: we've got a lot of vessels that need to be inspected, very few places that can do it," said Robert Dorn, Hyak's CEO. "Tongue Point's kind of the

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Landslide money targeted at priorities

Near hospital and at First and Commercial

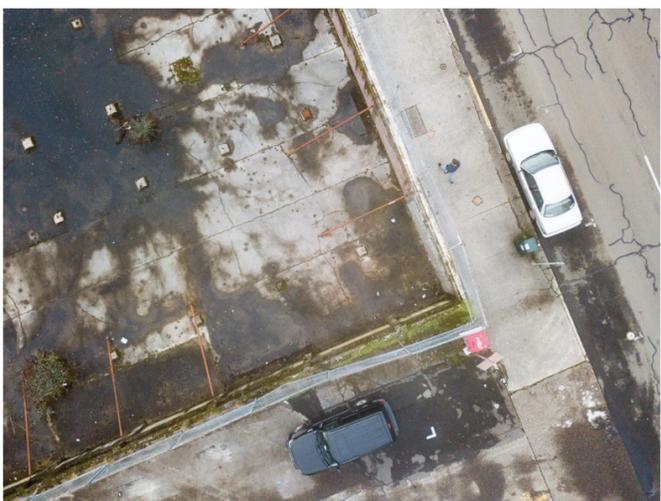
By KATIE FRANKOWICZ
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Anyone who has spent time in Astoria or considered buying property in the city often learns one thing very quickly: It is a landscape prone to sliding.

The evidence of past slides can be as subtle as oddly slanted trees on a hillside, but the scar of one slide visible just beyond two major tourist attractions — the historic Flavel House Museum and the Oregon Film Museum — is more obvious.

A looming retaining wall where W. Bond Street narrows and meets Hume Avenue also speaks to the city's moving hillsides. It holds back a massive slide that twisted a portion of Commercial Street above.

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A workforce housing project is being proposed for Heritage Square.

Developer gathers feedback on Heritage Square

Parking, location, mental health are concerns at open house

By NICOLE BALES
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Dozens of people attended the first open house on a proposed workforce housing project at Heritage Square, with the most common concerns centered around parking, the location downtown and the mental health component.

Representatives from Edlen & Co., the Portland-based developer collaborating with the city, and the other partners set up stations at the

Astoria Armory on Monday evening covering different aspects of the project. More than 120 people signed in to review the plans, ask questions and leave comments.

The project would involve workforce housing for lower-wage workers and supportive housing for people struggling with mental health and substance abuse challenges and facing homelessness.

Amy Baker, the executive director of Clatsop Behavioral Healthcare, Clatsop County's mental health and substance abuse treatment provider, said many of the questions involved how people would qualify for the supportive housing.

"The fear is that somebody will

just walk in off the street and get housed," she said.

There would be a process with intermediary steps, Baker said. People would need to demonstrate some level of readiness and those who are receiving treatment from Clatsop Behavioral Healthcare would be prioritized.

At the open house, people were able to leave comments on paper and through the city's website.

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'BEAT THE WAVE'

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Read the reports and maps from the Oregon Department of Geology and Mineral Industries at: <https://www.oregongeology.org/tsuclearinghouse/beatthewave.htm>

State report details new earthquake, tsunami models for the North Coast

The latest information covers Astoria, Cannon Beach, Arch Cape and Falcon Cove

By ERICK BENGEL
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In the brief interval between a megaquake and a tsunami, it will be important to know where to head for safety — and how fast to get there.

The Oregon Department of Geology and Mineral Industries has released new "Beat the Wave" reports for Astoria and the South County communities of Cannon Beach, Arch Cape and Falcon Cove.

These are the latest, and final, reports for Clatsop County in the agency's "Beat the Wave" series, which models and maps Oregon Coast communities that are vulnerable to a quake along the offshore Cascadia Subduction Zone. The

agency has already published reports for Hammond, Warrenton, Clatsop Plains, Gearhart and Seaside.

Scientists say there is a reasonable chance that a massive earthquake, followed by a series of tsunami waves, could hit the Pacific Northwest within the next half century. Anyone in the inundation zone will have minutes — perhaps 30, perhaps 10 — to reach higher ground, likely by foot.

Cities that lie on the coast, such as Seaside and Cannon Beach, will get hit fast and hard. Astoria, situated on the Columbia River, is not as endangered, but flooding is almost certain, as are other quake-induced impacts.

Land will liquefy and slide. Roads will be blocked or broken. Bridges and buildings may collapse. Infra-

structure, from plumbing to electrical power, will be damaged and disrupted. Emergency response could be paralyzed.

Of Oregon's coastal counties, Clatsop is at the highest risk based on the population and property that lie in the inundation zone, according to Tiffany Brown, the county's emergency manager. "We have the greatest number of locations where you're challenged to get to high ground," she said.

Years ago, the Department of Geology and Mineral Industries published tsunami inundation maps showing the areas inland where scientists expect a tsunami to travel. Black arrows indicate recommended evacuation routes.

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Tsunami evacuation maps are placed along the Astoria Riverwalk.
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