

## Oregon senators welcome bipartisan Infrastructure Bill passage

*Historic bill includes Wyden's Oregon priorities: power grid resiliency provisions, wildfire risk mitigation funding, Western drought and Tribal water assistance, and funding for essential services in rural communities*

WASHINGTON, D.C. – U.S. Senator Ron Wyden, D-Ore., today welcomed House passage of the bipartisan infrastructure legislation, which includes essential priorities for Oregon and the West. The bill now goes to the President's desk to be signed into law.

"I've said for a long time, you can't have a big-league economy with little league infrastructure. And today Oregon and the American West will finally get the significant investments needed to deal with catastrophic wildfires and severe drought, build back hard-hit rural economies, improve access to public transit and make sure clean drinking water is a right for everyone," Wyden said. "And while now we can

put people to work to build a more resilient and stronger Oregon, my work isn't over to deliver on equally-important priorities in the Build Back Better package."

The bipartisan infrastructure legislation passed by both the House and Senate will create millions of good-paying jobs to rebuild and strengthen our nation's crumbling infrastructure, including roads, bridges and airports, address the climate crisis by expanding access to public transit and electric vehicles, ensure clean drinking water is available for every community, and make infrastructure more resilient against extreme weather events caused by the climate emergency, stated a press release.

**Key measures include:**

- \$5 billion for provisions of Wyden's Disaster Safe Power Grid Act to secure the power grid from extreme weather and natural disasters to prevent severe wildfires;
- \$5 billion to help farmers, ranchers and communities

respond to drought;

- \$162 million for Klamath habitat restoration work through the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service secured by Wyden and Senator Jeff Merkley;
- \$250 million for Wyden's Western Tribal Water Infrastructure Act to help improve drinking water quality and services for tribal communities in Oregon and nationwide. This will help address the emergency water situation on the Warm Springs Reservation.
- Three additional years of funding (\$290 million per year) for the Secure Rural Schools (SRS) program, which dedicates funding for rural communities facing budget shortfalls to address essential needs like schools and emergency services, totaling \$870 million nationwide;
- \$6 billion for wildfire risk mitigation and forest health treatments, including an additional \$100 million secured by Wyden for the Collaborative Forestry Landscape Res-

toration Program (CFLRP), as well as a Wyden provision to clarify that CFLRP funding can be used for existing projects. The provision will ensure existing collaboratives, like the Lakeview Collaborative that has been facing the Bootleg Fire, can get access to \$100 million of additional Collaborative Forest Landscape Restoration Program funding;

- \$65 billion to connect every American to high-quality, reliable broadband internet access, including in rural and mountainous Oregon communities, with Oregon expecting to receive a minimum allocation of \$100 million to help provide broadband coverage across the state, including providing access to the at least 136,600 Oregonians who currently lack it.
- An estimated \$747 million over five years allocated to the state of Oregon to improve public transportation options across the state.

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## Safety review workgroup okays Pfizer-BioNTech for 5- to 11-year-olds

SALEM, Ore.—The Western States Scientific Safety Review Workgroup on Nov. 2 completed its review of the federal process and has unanimously concluded that the Pfizer-BioNTech vaccine is safe and effective for youth 5 to 11 years of age.

The Workgroup provided its confirmation to the Governors of California, Nevada, Oregon, and Washington the following morning.

On Friday, Oct. 29, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) authorized the use of the vaccine in 5- to 11-year-olds, and the CDC affirmed that decision on Tuesday. The Workgroup reviewed and affirmed the federal decisions Wednesday the following week.

The Workgroup reviewed safety data for the vaccine, including the absence of any severe adverse events among vaccine recipients in the clinical trial. Reactions were mild and similar to those seen in adolescents and adults and with other vaccines routinely recommended for children and

were less common at ages 5-11 years than at 16-25 years, stated a press release.

Washington, Oregon, and Nevada joined California's COVID-19 Scientific Safety Review Workgroup in October. The workgroup, made up of nationally-acclaimed scientists with expertise in immunization and public health, has concurrently reviewed the FDA's actions related to COVID-19 vaccines. It will continue to evaluate other COVID-19 vaccines as they go through the federal process.

"This is great news for Oregon children, parents,

and families," said Oregon Governor Kate Brown. "Vaccination is the best tool we have to protect ourselves and our loved ones. With today's review by leading doctors, pediatricians, and health experts, Oregon parents and children can be confident in the safety and effectiveness of the Pfizer-BioNTech vaccine for 5-to-11-year-olds. It is completely normal for parents and kids to have questions about vaccines—I urge you to reach out to your family doctor, health care provider, or pharmacist and get your questions answered today."

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**6th & Gibbs Church of Christ**  
195 N. 6th St. • 541-942-3822  
10:00am  
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[www.6thandgibbs.com](http://www.6thandgibbs.com)

**Calvary Baptist Church**  
77873 S 6th St • 541-942-4290  
Pastor: Riley Hendricks  
Sunday School: 9:45am  
Worship: 11:00am  
The Journey: Sunday 5:00pm  
Praying Thru Life: Wednesday 6:00pm

**Church of Christ**  
420 Monroe St • 541-942-8565  
Sunday Service: 10:30am

**Cottage Grove Bible Church**  
1200 East Quincy Avenue  
541-942-4771  
Pastor: Bob Singer  
Worship 11am  
Sunday School: 9:45am  
AWANA age 3-8th Grade,  
Wednesdays Sept-May, 6:30pm  
[www.cgbible.org](http://www.cgbible.org)

**Cottage Grove Faith Center**  
33761 Row River Rd.  
541-942-4851  
Lead Pastor: Kevin Pruett  
[www.cg4.tv](http://www.cg4.tv)  
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**Delight Valley**  
Church of Christ  
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541-942-7711 • Pastor: Bob Friend  
Two Services:  
9am - Classic in the Chapel  
10:30am - Contemporary in the Auditorium

**First Baptist Church**  
301 S. 6th st • 541-942-8242  
Pastor: David Chhangle  
Sunday School 9:30am  
Worship Service 10:30am  
Youth Wednesday 6:30pm  
[cgfirstbaptist.com](http://cgfirstbaptist.com)

**First Presbyterian Church**  
3rd and Adams St  
541-942-4479  
Rev.: Karen Hill  
Worship: 10:00am  
Sunday School: 10:00am  
[fpcgrove.com](http://fpcgrove.com)

**Hope Fellowship**  
United Pentecostal Church  
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541-942-2061  
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Worship Service: Saturday, 10:40  
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