



City of Yachats
Public Works and Streets Committee Meeting
To Be Held Via Zoom & In Person
Tuesday, July 14, 2026, 2:00 PM

In Person Meeting Location:

Commons Building, Civic Meeting Room 1
441 N. Hwy 101, Yachats OR 97498

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Agenda

Work Session

- GSI Presentation: GSI is the consulting firm that produced the WMCP and both Source Water Protection plans. They will speak about the Mid-Coast partnership.
- Committee members present their trial with Rick's calculator & Tiered Rates
- Options for balancing Public Works Budget: Storm and/or Street Fees, Reducing current 2 Included Units to 1 or 0, other options for consideration.

Regular Session

- I. Call to Order**
- II. Announcements & Correspondence**

III. Citizens' Concerns (limited to items not on the Agenda, 5-minute limitation per person)

IV. Reports

- a. Meeting Summary
- b. Fire Dept Report
- c. Emergency Preparedness workgroup Report
- d. Public Works Report
 - i. Monthly Speed Data - on hold until August meeting
- e. PW Finance Report

V. Current Business

- a. Report on CLPUD Street Lighting information on hold until August meeting

VI. Other Business

- a. From Commission
- b. From Staff
- c. Next Meeting

VII. Adjourn

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POSTED July 9, 2026 By: Neal Morphis, Deputy Recorder

City of Yachats Water Conservation Efforts

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July 14, 2026



Why Conserve Water on the Mid-Coast?

Water Conditions



Watersheds are rain-fed, making water supplies dependent on rainfall.



Streams are the primary water sources. Groundwater is limited due to the local geology.



Streamflows are lowest in summer/early fall when rainfall is lowest and water demands are highest (due to added demand from outdoor water use and tourism).



Drought conditions have become more common.
Climate change is anticipated to cause hotter, drier summers, further stressing summer water supplies.

Why Conserve Water on the Mid-Coast?

- Water is critical to the health and vitality of our communities and environment.
- Water conservation helps:
 - Reduce demand on water sources important to:
 - Residents
 - Businesses/industries
 - Recreation and tourism
 - Ecosystems
 - Support economic stability
 - Enhance community resilience to events, such as drought
 - State-declared droughts in Lincoln County in 2018, 2021, 2023, and 2025
- To comply with State-required Water Management and Conservation Plans

Yachats Water Conservation Approaches

- Water Management and Conservation Plan (and Water System Master Plan)
- Mid-Coast Water Conservation Consortium
- Drinking Water Protection Plan
- Mid-Coast Water Planning Partnership

Yachats Water Management and Conservation Plan (WMCP)

- Required by Oregon Water Resources Department (OWRD)
 - To ensure efficient water use
 - To encourage implementation of water management and conservation measures
 - To require water supply planning
- Yachats WMCP approved 5/11/2022
 - WMCP Progress Report due 5/9/2027
 - WMCP update due 11/9/2031

What is in the WMCP?

Descriptions of:

- Water supplier
 - Including water demand, consumption, and loss; water rights and reliability; and water system
- Water management and conservation measures
- Water curtailment plan
- Water demand projections, schedule to exercise water rights permits, and comparison of projected need to available sources

Example WMCP Conservation Benchmarks

Conservation Measure	Example Yachats Five-Year Benchmarks (2021)
Annual water audit	In the next five years, the City will begin tracking water consumption by customer category.
System-wide metering	The City will continue to install meters on all new water connections.
Meter testing and maintenance	In the next two years, the City will replace the old meters at both intakes with magnetic meters.
Water rate structure	In the next year, the City will bring a tiered water rate structure proposal to City Council for consideration and will implement that rate structure if approved. (A tiered water rate structure is when water rates increase when water use reaches certain volume thresholds to promote water conservation.)

Example WMCP Conservation Benchmarks

Conservation Measure	Example Yachats Five-Year Benchmarks (2021)
Water loss analysis	Within two years of approval of this WMCP, the City shall provide OWRD with 1) results of water audits for the past two years and 2) a description and analysis identifying potential factors for the water loss and selected actions for remedy.
Public education	In Fiscal Year 2021-2022, the City will add indoor and outdoor water conservation information, including leak detection information, to its website.
Technical and financial assistance	In the next 5 years, the City will provide an online home water audit tool on its website for customers to better understand their personal water use.
Retrofitting or replacement of inefficient fixtures	In the next 5 years, the City will begin offering free water-efficient faucet aerators and showerheads to customers.
Water reuse and recycling	The City will continue its effort to obtain funding to recycle water treatment plant backwash water.



The Mid-Coast Water Conservation Consortium

- Formed in April 2021
- A group of water providers in Lincoln County, Oregon, working to:
 - Promote water conservation,
 - Share knowledge and resources, and
 - Improve regional supply resilience.

Members Include

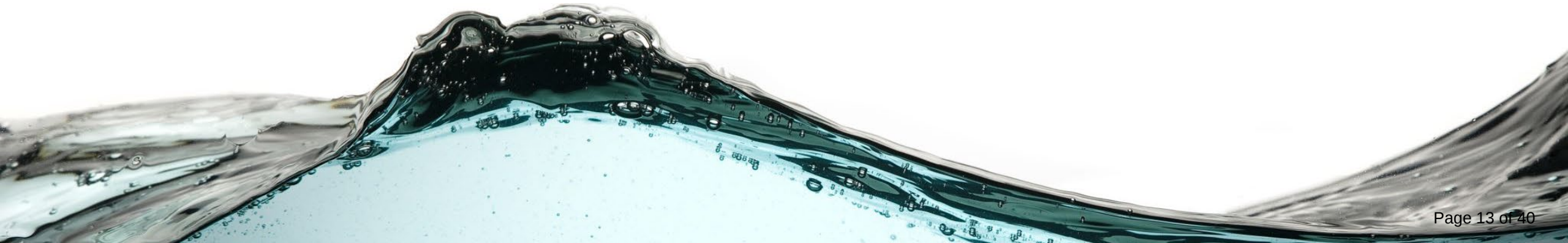


- Goal: All Mid-Coast water providers participate

Conservation Consortium Accomplishments

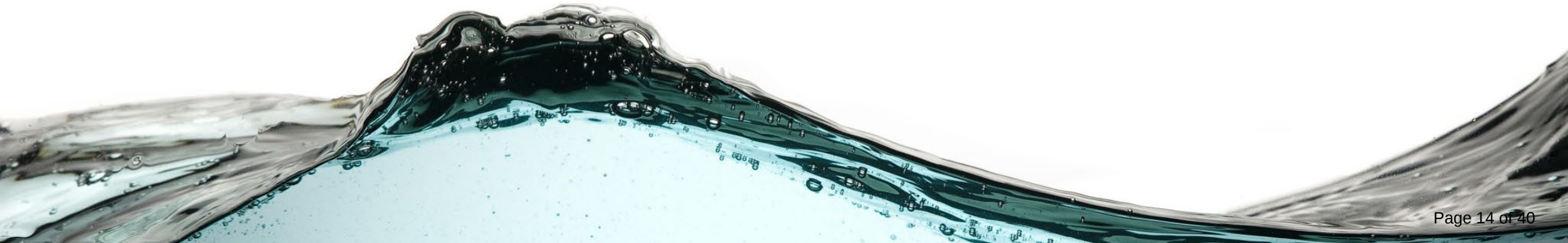
Water conservation outreach:

- Press releases
- Newsletter articles
- Billing inserts and messages
- Social media messages
- Kids activity sheet and bookmarks
- Consumer Confidence Report content
- Website: midcoastwater.org



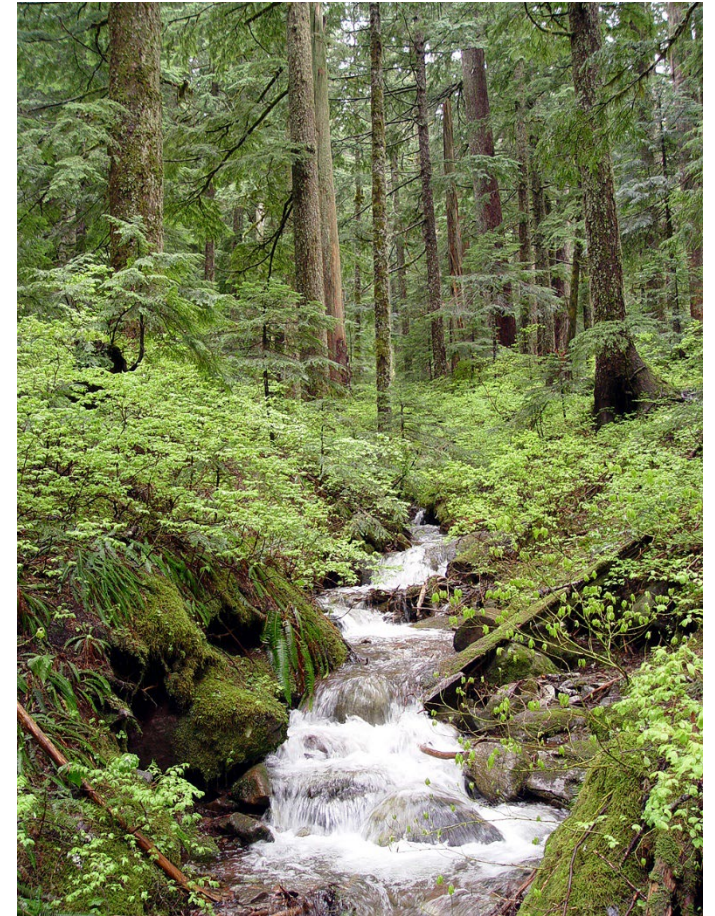
Conservation Consortium Accomplishments

- Water-efficient fixtures (showerheads and faucet aerators) and leak detection tablets purchasing and distribution
- Student water conservation education
 - Lesson plan and regional partnerships
- Event booth hosting
- Lodging outreach



Yachats 2021 Drinking Water Protection Plan (DWPP)

- Voluntary plan, approved by DEQ/OHA
- Goal: Protect the City's drinking water sources
 - Focused on current sources: Reedy Creek and Salmon Creek
- Background
 - DEQ Source Water Assessment (2016)
 - Grant from Oregon Health Authority (2019)
 - Initiated DWPP Development (2020)
 - Form a team to guide the process (residents, local organizations, agencies, conservation groups, technical advisors)



DWPP Components

Drinking water source area delineation review

Risk identification and prioritization

Strategies to address risks

Implementation plan

Contingency plan

Future water sources

DWPP Risks



Risk Category	Examples of Risks
Natural Disasters	• Drought and low flows • Climate change • Wildfire • Severe weather events
Forestry Management	• Timber harvest • Forestry pesticides • Access roads
Municipal, Commercial, and Residential Property Management	• Development • Property management • Aging municipal infrastructure

Strategies to Address Risks

Communications
and Advocacy

Public Education
and Technical
Assistance

Critical Area
Protection

Municipal Policies
and
Infrastructure
Management

Plan and Program
Development and
Enhancement

Monitoring

Contamination
Prevention
Programs

Watershed
Restoration
Support

Examples of DWPP Conservation Strategies

- Public Education and Technical Assistance
 - Promote water conservation and educate the community on the impacts of droughts, low flows, and projected impacts of climate change.
- Municipal Policies and Infrastructure Management
 - Implement water conservation policies to reduce demands during low flows in the summer, such as rate structures and property management ordinances that require efficient water use.
- Plan and Program Development and Enhancement Assistance
 - Implement a water conservation program aligned with the City's WMCP that benefits water supplies under conditions of low flows, drought, and climate change.

Yachats DWPP Implementation

- Awarded funding from OHA in 2021 to help implement the DWPP
- Source water protection education and outreach
 - To develop relationships with interested parties and to promote the reduction or elimination of chemical applications in sensitive areas
- Conservation ordinance development
 - Research and report with recommendations for conservation ordinances
 - Examples of ordinances: require efficient flow rates for plumbing fixtures, require irrigation schedule, incorporate water efficiency requirements in short-term rental licensing
- Water Quality Monitoring Plan
 - Water quality and streamflow monitoring at drinking water sources to address risks of climate change, severe weather events, and timber harvest and pesticides

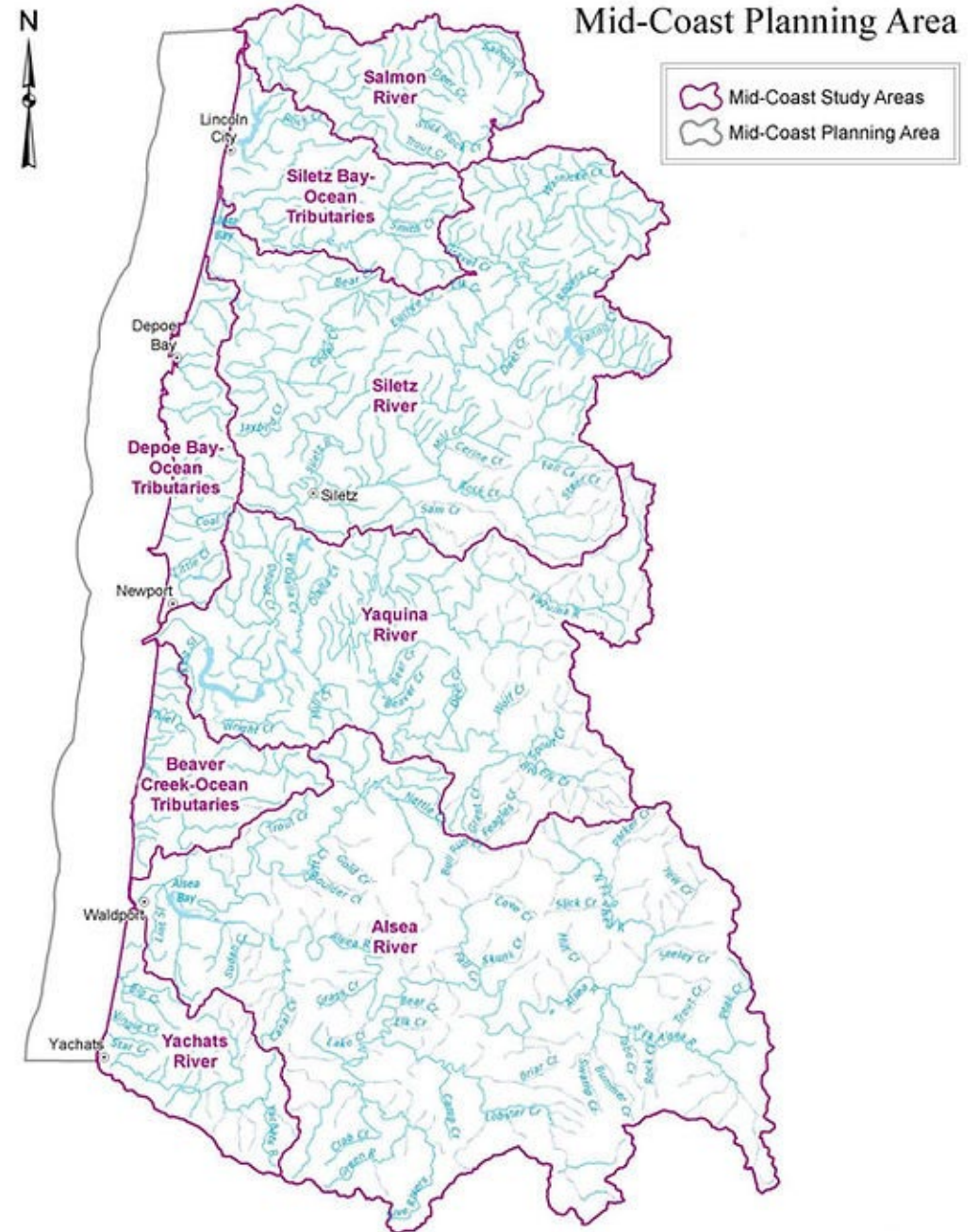
Regional Water Partnerships

- Mid-Coast Water Conservation Consortium
- Mid-Coast Water Planning Partnership

Mid-Coast Water Planning Partnership

- Place-Based Water Planning collaborative of regional partners working to ensure sustainable water resources for the environment, the economy, and coastal communities.
 - Initially funded by OWRD grant to develop state-recognized Place-Based Water Plan.
- Established in 2016
- Voluntary, locally led
- Wide variety of interests represented

midcoastwaterpartners.com



Mid-Coast Water Planning Partnership

Water Action Plan (2022)

Purpose:

“To provide a framework and pathway forward to address water supply and use challenges in the Mid-Coast region, and sustainably balance water needs for people and native fish and wildlife.”



Mid-Coast Water Planning Partnership

Water Action Plan Imperatives

**59 actions under
8 categories
(imperatives)**

Public awareness
and support

Monitoring and
data sharing

Regional capacity
and collaboration

Water
conservation,
efficiency, and
reuse

Ecosystem
protection and
enhancement

Resilient water
infrastructure

Source water
protection

Water supply
development

Example Conservation Actions in the Water Action Plan

- Public awareness and support
 - Mid-Coast Water Conservation Consortium
 - Yachats WMCP implementation
 - Yachats DWPP implementation
- Water conservation, efficiency, and reuse
 - Mid-Coast Water Conservation Consortium
 - Yachats WMCP
 - Yachats DWPP
- Source water protection
 - Yachats DWPP
 - DWPP also incorporates water conservation strategies to address risks to water sources
- Regional capacity and collaboration
 - Mid-Coast Water Conservation Consortium
 - WMCPs (Yachats and other water providers)
 - DWPP (Yachats and other water providers)

Questions?

For more information:
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CITY OF YACHATS
PUBLIC WORKS & STREETS COMMITTEE
MEETING SUMMARY MINUTES
City Hall, 441 Hwy 101 N, OR 97498
Tuesday, June 9, 2026

WORK SESSION

I. Work Session called to order at 2:00 pm

II. Roll Call

Committee Members	P/A
Linn West, Chair	P
Don Groth, Vice Chair	P
Alex Cox	A
James Welch	P
Kevin Erdahl	P
Don Phipps	P

Staff Members	
Neal Morphis, City Clerk	Kimmie Jackson, Recorder
Rick McClung, Water Lead	Dave Buckwald, Wastewater Lead

III. Water Rate Structure Discussion

(01:28) Rick McClung, Water Lead, provided a presentation reviewing operating and maintenance (O&M) costs, water utility revenues, and potential approaches for establishing a more sustainable and understandable rate system.

Discussion continued around establishing a base rate sufficient to cover the utility's fixed operating costs, including treatment and distribution systems, routine maintenance, staffing, administration, billing, customer service, regulatory compliance, and insurance. Also discussed options for implementing tiered water rates to encourage conservation and generate revenue for capital improvement projects. Historical water usage data for the City's largest water users were examined to identify potential tier breakpoints. Members discussed several possible tier structures and considered the

impacts on residential, commercial, and high-volume users. The committee's consensus was to continue evaluating options, review additional billing and usage data, and further refine potential rate models before making any formal recommendations.

REGULAR MEETING 3:07 PM

IV. Meeting called to order

V. Announcements / Correspondence - None

VI. Citizens' Concerns (5-Minute Limit) - None

VII. Reports

- a. Meeting Summary - No changes
- b. Fire Dept. - (1:08:40) Chair West reported that the Fire Department's current focus is on evaluating options for providing ambulance service. The Fire District has adopted its budget and continues to assess service delivery alternatives.
- c. Finance Report - No May Report
- d. Emergency Preparedness Report - (1:08:59) The workgroup is currently focused on planning a "Two-Week Ready" preparedness fair scheduled for October. The event will feature educational stations based on Oregon Emergency Management preparedness guidelines. Planning is underway, commitments have been received from participating organizations, and emergency preparedness supplies and storage improvements continue to be developed.
- e. Public Works Report - (1:13:24) The committee received updates regarding public works operations and capital projects. Discussion included street improvement planning, project prioritization, staffing capacity, and opportunities to perform certain smaller street projects with City crews rather than contracting all work externally. The committee reviewed upcoming street and infrastructure projects and discussed the process for obtaining engineering services, preparing bid documents, and advertising projects for construction. Members reviewed project scopes and considered future opportunities for cost savings through phased implementation and staff participation.

- f. Speed Monitoring Report – (1:22:26) Member Phipps reported that speed-monitoring data continues to show positive results following the reduction of the Highway 101 speed limit to 35 mph. While overall traffic entering the city center was down approximately 4% compared to the previous year, compliance with the speed limit improved. The number of vehicles traveling at the posted speed increased, and excessive speeding (more than 10 mph over the limit) decreased by roughly one-third, dropping from about 20,000 vehicles to 12,000. Members noted that both the reduced speed limit and the City's speed radar trailer appear to be contributing to safer driving behavior. The committee also discussed ongoing concerns about speeding at the south end of town and the potential need for additional speed-limit signage.

Adjourn Meeting 3:31 pm.

Minutes prepared by: Kimmie Jackson, Recorder



Workgroup: Emergency Preparedness

Report Date: 7/1/2026

Overview of Activities

- Cemetery Conex: Shelving is about 60% complete; will finish the week after the 4th
- Supplies for the Conexes ordered for '25/'26 are arriving
- Supplies for the Commons Emergency Shelter ordered for '25/'26 are arriving
- Crestview Conex: PW assisted with a Water purification demo with our portable equipment... took water from the creek and it came out clean. Will repeat this exercise periodically so we have several individuals who understand how to operate it.

Progress and Achievements

- First Draft of the Protocol for an Emergency Shelter compiled: Members reviewing, 2nd draft for August Meeting
- A couple of members attended an Emergency Preparation Class in Lincoln City, put on by
- Have identified qualified people for instructing at all 8 Tables for the 2Week Ready Fair.

Group Goals

- Setting a Date with the Red Cross for a Simulation Training for an emergency Shelter, hoping they can accommodate a September time frame
- Oct 3 is the 2Week Ready Fair at the Commons
- Expecting Public Works to install the gravel pad for the Conex up on Horizon Hill, which is being given to us by FXR & ODHR
- Further analysis of bringing back sirens as a means of alerting, as Yachats had before, will occur this summer.
- The distribution of the purchased supplies and the up-to-date inventory of each conex will take place this summer.



Date: July 7, 2026

To: Bobbi Price, City Manager

From: Public Works Department

Re: June 2026 Public Works Report/WW CIP Report

Rainfall at Yachats Public Works:

	2026	<u>Inches</u> 2025	2024	2023
June	1.61	0.91	3.03	0.29
Rain year to date:	21.87	27.69	46.50	33.73

Total water produced: **4,825,300** gallons

Total water accounted for: **4,506,348** gallons Water loss efficiency: 92%

Total wastewater treated: **4,173,000** gallons

The following is a list of what was done by Public Works staff in June 2026.

Streets:

- Multiple potholes filled.

Storm Drainage:

- Storm drain cleaning.
- Brush cut multiple storm drains.
- Overlook culvert cleaned.
- Brush cut Crestview drainage structure.
- CCTV'd

Water Treatment Plant:

- Water systems operations.
- Water plant maintc.

- TAG worked on the treated water pump and the backwash pump.

Distribution Sys:

- Meter reading and rereads.
- Meter maintc. and replacements.
- Leak inspections.
- Repaired a damaged fire hydrant on Lincoln Ave.
- Investigated possible leak on Marine Drive.
- Repaired blow off on Keenan.
- Hydro excavated water valve on Shell St.

Wastewater Treatment Plant:

- Wastewater systems operations.
- Plant maintc. & clean-up.
- Biosolids operations.
- Sent out a load of biosolids to Heard Farms.

Collection Sys:

- Lift station inspections.
- Degreased lift stations.
- Float cleaning.
- CCTV Hanley sewer main.
- Sewer leak on Overlook fixed.
- Sewer cleaned 900 feet of sewer main on Ocean View Drive and Beach Street.

Public Works:

- Shop maintc. and clean up.
- Customer complaints.
- Fleet maintc. & repair.
- Equipment maintc. & repair and fueling.
- Multiple locates.
- Brush box handling.
- PW administration.
- Piles picked up for Trails crew.
- Garbage removal at the Commons.
- Samples to Newport.
- City Hall and Commons and new Library work orders.
- PW yard organizing.
- Brush cutting water and sewer utilities.
- Parts run to Newport.
- Code Compliance.
- Generator and equipment fueling.
- City beautification, curb stripe painting.

- Power outage.
- Safety meeting.
- Placed vegetation labels on boardwalk.
- Crestview Emergency Container water system test.
- Installed banners.
- Install two more concrete cap

Wastewater Capital Improvement Projects:

- **3rd Street Project:**
 - Engineering Phase.
- **Main Lift Station Improvements:**
 - May paint in house. Moving the roofing portion to next fiscal year.
- **Quiet Water Lift Station Improvements/Riverside Force Main Replacement:**
 - Engineering in process.
- **Pontiac Force Main Replacement / 3rd St Improvements:**
 - Engineering in process. Planning to move construction into FY 2028.
- **Wastewater Treatment Plant Upgrades:**
 - Majority of 2025-26 work is complete.
- **Hanley Manholes:**
 - No bids given. Moving into FY 2027.

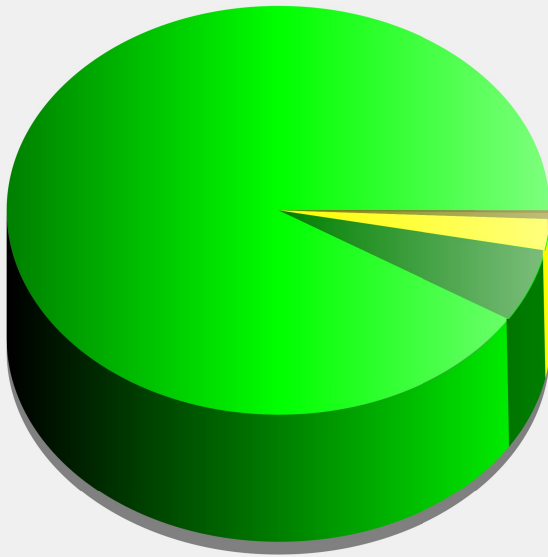


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Gallons of Water Produced																		
Water Plant	3,541,300	3,201,800	3,344,100	4,017,200	3,767,100	3,980,800	5,327,200	5,205,500	4,551,900	4,037,800	3,698,000	3,463,500	4,503,300	3,300,800	3,153,200	4,099,000	4,263,800	4,825,300
Total	3,541,300	3,201,800	3,344,100	4,017,200	3,767,100	3,980,800	5,327,200	5,205,500	4,551,900	4,037,800	3,698,000	3,463,500	4,503,300	3,300,800	3,153,200	4,099,000	4,263,800	4,825,300
Gallons of Accounted for Water																		
Reservoir Level Feet	29.7	26.3	23.0	29.9	29.9	21.9	28.8	29.5	26.3	28.0	24.8	22.3	28.1	28.6	26.2	27.5	29.5	27.0
Reservoir +/- Gallons 41,666 per Foot	29,166	-141,664	-137,498	287,495	0	-333,328	287,495	29,166	-133,331	70,832	-133,331	-104,165	241,663	20,833	-99,998	54,166	83,332	-104,165
Waterline Flushing/Est. Water main breaks in gallons.	84,000	64,000	350,000	12,000	0	0	45,000	0	30,000	67,000	0	45,000	17,000	60,000	0	0	75,000	80,000
Gallons Sold	3,396,930	2,493,510	2,821,291	3,370,443	3,097,012	4,355,395	4,397,716	4,799,998	4,303,596	3,273,398	3,323,274	3,012,106	3,513,042	3,109,301	3,135,758	3,454,444	3,265,222	4,506,348
Total Water Accounted for	3,510,096	2,415,846	3,033,793	3,669,938	3,097,012	4,022,067	4,730,211	4,829,164	4,200,265	3,411,230	3,189,943	2,952,941	3,771,705	3,190,134	3,035,760	3,508,610	3,423,554	4,482,183
Final Water Report																		
Water Loss Efficiency	99%	68%	89%	90%	78%	N/A	86%	92%	92%	81%	85%	83%	79%	96%	96%	83%	74%	92%
Unaccounted Gallons per Month	31,204	785,954	310,307	347,262	670,088	N/A	596,989	376,336	351,635	626,570	508,057	510,559	731,595	110,666	117,440	590,390	840,246	343,117
Unaccounted Gallons per Minute	0.7	19.5	7.0	8.0	15.5	N/A	13.8	8.7	8.1	14.5	11.8	11.8	16.9	2.6	2.7	13.7	19.5	7.9

Note: We had an undetermined amount of water loss from leaks and hydrant flushing.

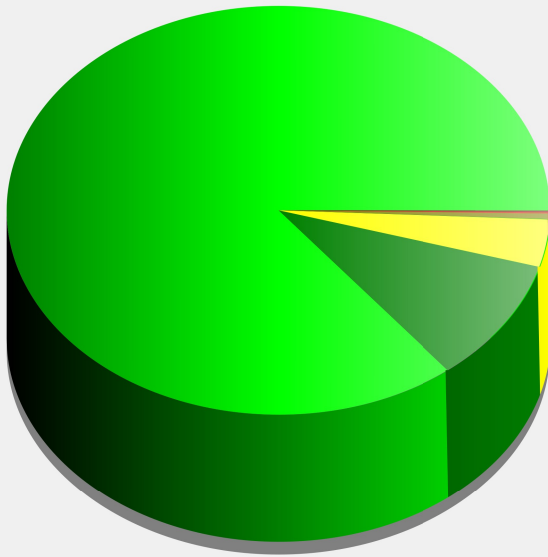
Note: Public Works will begin leak detection.

Incoming vehicles



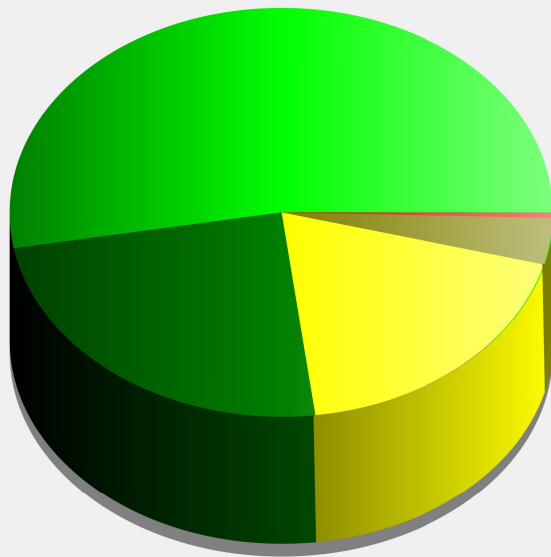
	<= 25 Mph : 91,551 - (91.08 %)
	26 - 30 Mph : 5,805 - (5.78 %)
	31 - 35 Mph : 2,478 - (2.47 %)
	36 - 40 Mph : 505 - (0.50 %)
	41 - 45 Mph : 132 - (0.13 %)
	46 - 65 Mph (and more) : 41 - (0.04 %)

Outgoing vehicles



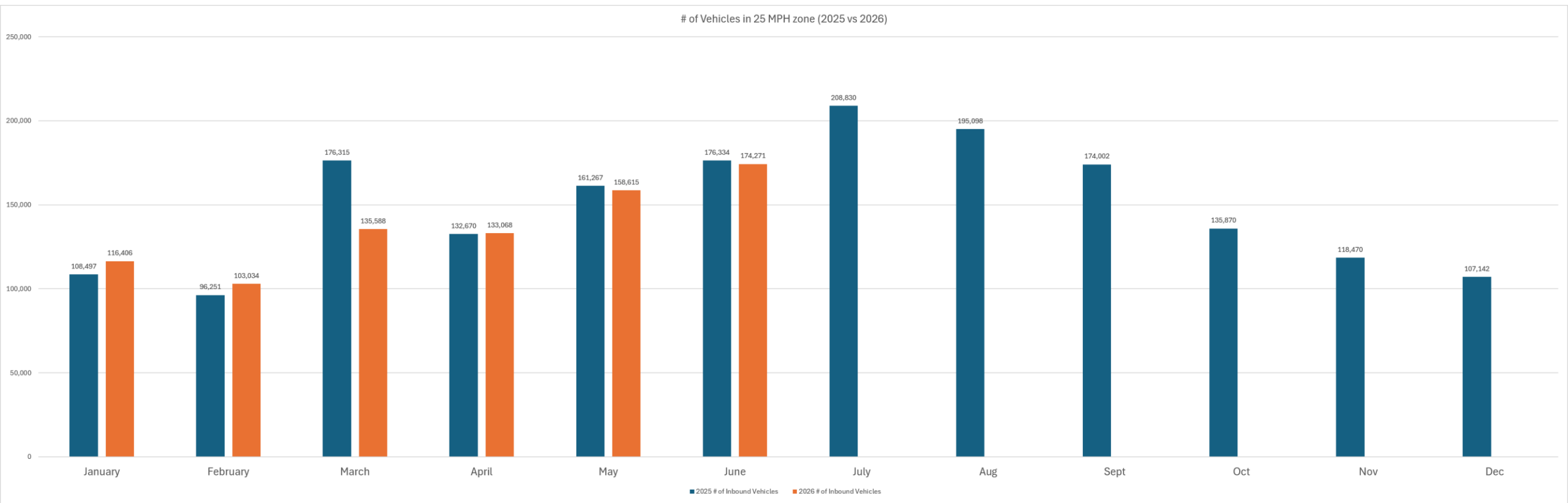
	<= 25 Mph : 86,267 - (85.71 %)
	26 - 30 Mph : 9,897 - (9.83 %)
	31 - 35 Mph : 3,783 - (3.76 %)
	36 - 40 Mph : 459 - (0.46 %)
	41 - 45 Mph : 90 - (0.09 %)
	46 - 65 Mph (and more) : 149 - (0.15 %)

Incoming vehicles

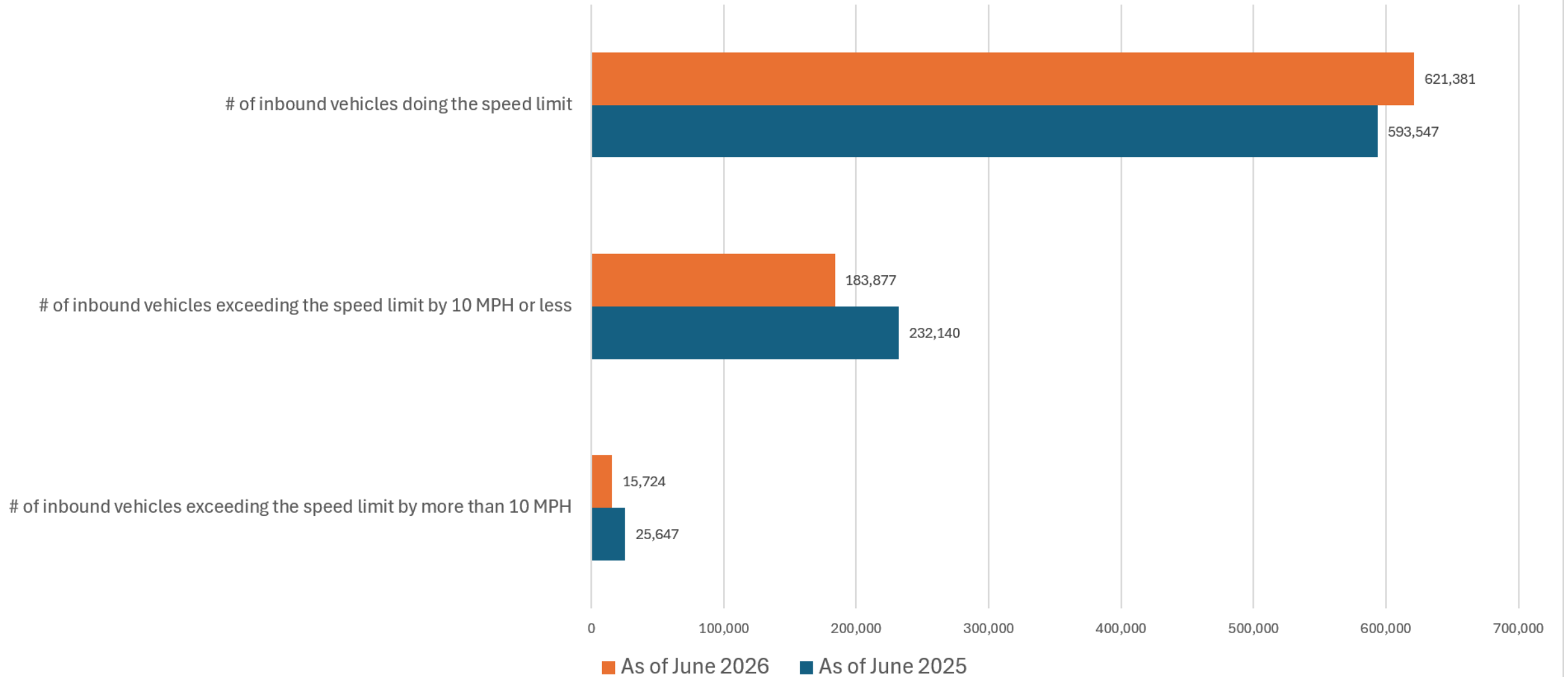


	<= 25 Mph : 38,948 - (52.80 %)
	26 - 30 Mph : 17,841 - (24.19 %)
	31 - 35 Mph : 13,966 - (18.93 %)
	36 - 40 Mph : 2,695 - (3.65 %)
	41 - 45 Mph : 292 - (0.40 %)
	46 - 65 Mph (and more) : 17 - (0.02 %)

- There has been a **39% reduction** in excessive speeding (speed in excess of 10 MPH) in the city center since the establishment of the 35 MPH speed limit on the two outer sections of 101 Highway and the introduction of the portable speed camera.
- There has been a **23% reduction** in total speeding in the city center since the establishment of the 35 MPH speed limit and the introduction of the portable speed camera.

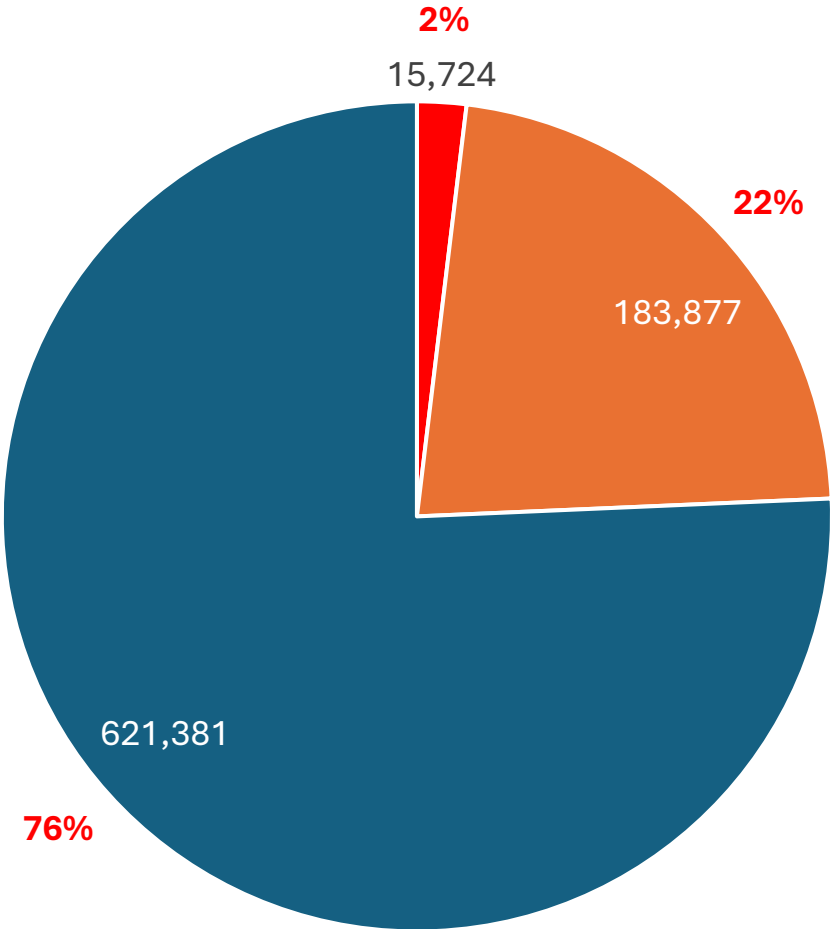
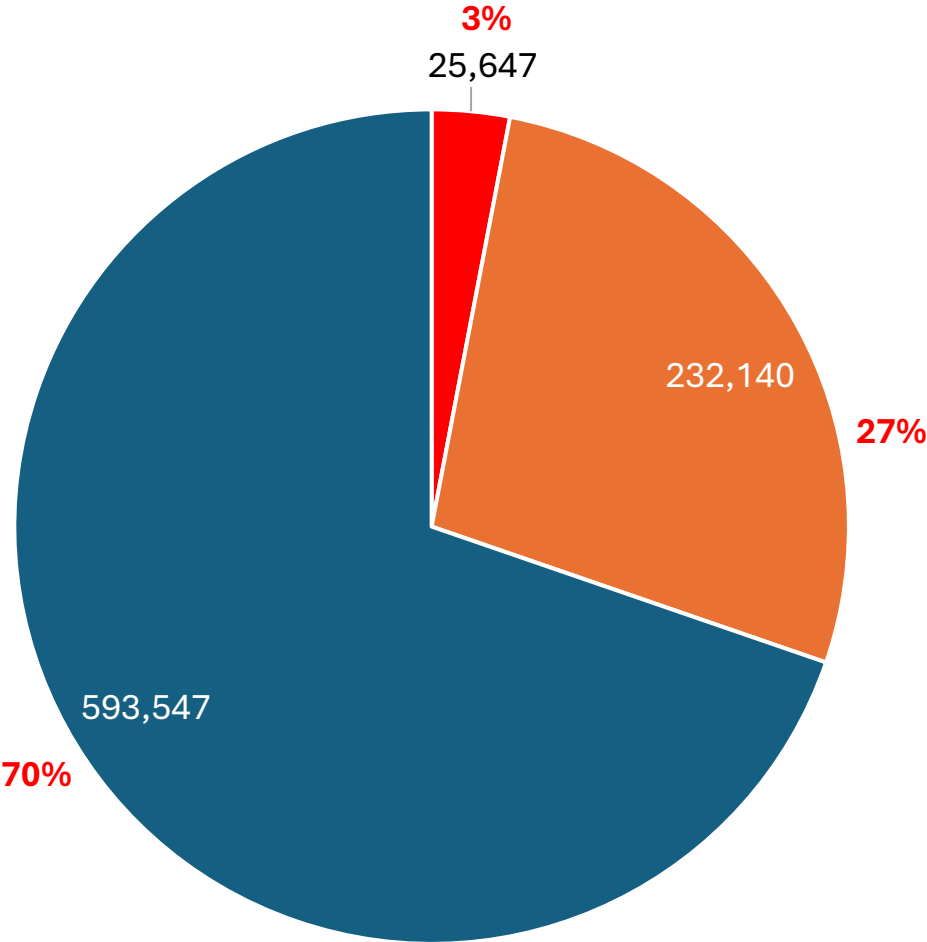


Comparison YTD of Speed In the City Center (2025 vs. 2026)



Through June 2025 Speeding in Yachats 25 MPH Zone (City Center)

Through June 2026 Speeding in Yachats 25 MPH Zone (City Center)



- # of inbound vehicles exceeding the speed limit by more than 10 MPH
- # of inbound vehicles exceeding the speed limit by 10 MPH or less
- # of inbound vehicles doing the speed limit

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