

Metro FY2026 Community-Initiated Project Quotes:

“The City of Portland thanks Senator Wyden, Senator Merkley, and Congresswoman Dexter for delivering these much-needed resources,” **said Portland Mayor Keith Wilson.** “This funding will strengthen our community’s infrastructure and improve the resiliency of our wastewater system to better serve Portlanders during both daily operations and emergencies.”

“This funding will allow the Oregon Zoo’s condor recovery effort to reach new heights — helping more young birds survive in the wild and advancing our broader work with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Yurok Tribe and other conservation partners. For a critically endangered species like this, each new hatching is a vital step toward recovery. Thank you Senators Merkley and Wyden for supporting this important work,” **said Lynn Peterson, Metro Council President.**

“Setting students up for good paying jobs in Oregon’s semiconductor industry is critical to our state’s economy. I appreciate Senator Wyden’s, Senator Merkley’s and Congresswoman Bonamici’s support for state-of-the-art equipment that will allow Portland State University students to be career ready while supporting our faculty on groundbreaking research,” **said Rick Tankersley, Vice President for Research and Graduate Studies, Portland State University.**

“The City of Beaverton is thrilled to have Senators Merkley and Wyden’s support in funding the North Transmission Line Intertie (NTLI) project,” **said Mayor Lacey Beaty.** “NTLI will contribute to the sustainability of both Beaverton’s and the region’s water supply and will help us prepare for the future with a seismically resilient water line and additional capacity for our growing community needs.”

“THPRD is grateful to Senator Merkley and Senator Wyden for their tremendous support for funding urban wildfire protection. With 162 natural areas and more than 1,600 acres of land, it is essential that we get the funding to secure these vital natural areas and ensure we are deploying the best wildfire protection practices we can for the safety of our community,” **said Alfredo Moreno, President, THPRD Board of Directors.**

