MEMO

To: **Mayor and Members of Council**
From: **Vincent Martorello, City Manager**
CC: **City Council File**
Re: **Week of March 8, 2026 - Update**
Date: **March 13, 2026**

Here is a summary of my activities for the week of March 13, 2026.

- The City prepared the attached summary to outline the annual financial support provided to the Historic Museum. This information is shared for context, as a museum representative has repeatedly stated that the museum is unable to expand public hours due to financial constraints, including utility costs. The summary below reflects the City's financial contributions related to the museum facility and demonstrates that utility costs associated with the facility are supported by the City.

City of Creswell
Annual Financial Support of Historic Museum

	Electric	Water/ Sewer	Foregone City	FY Total
FY 24	547.73	1,050.21	207.98	1,805.92
FY 25	612.87	1,047.37	214.21	1,874.45
FY 26 (as of 2/24/2026)	393.61	708.93	220.64	1,323.18
				5,003.55

- I met with the private landowners considering donating property for the family in need initiative at Everyone Village. We met there so they could see the model and ask questions directly to Gabe. We discussed the transition housing program and how the principles of the operation can be adapted to a family only operation. There is a lot for them to process and consider before they can make any decision.
- I had a debrief meeting with the project team for the family in need facility and we discussed next steps. The most feasible option for the City is for the Families in Need facility to be established on private property. This approach avoids potential financial expenditures by the City and ensures that no public property is removed from the City's inventory. Toward this end, the team will continue to review potential options involving private property owners.

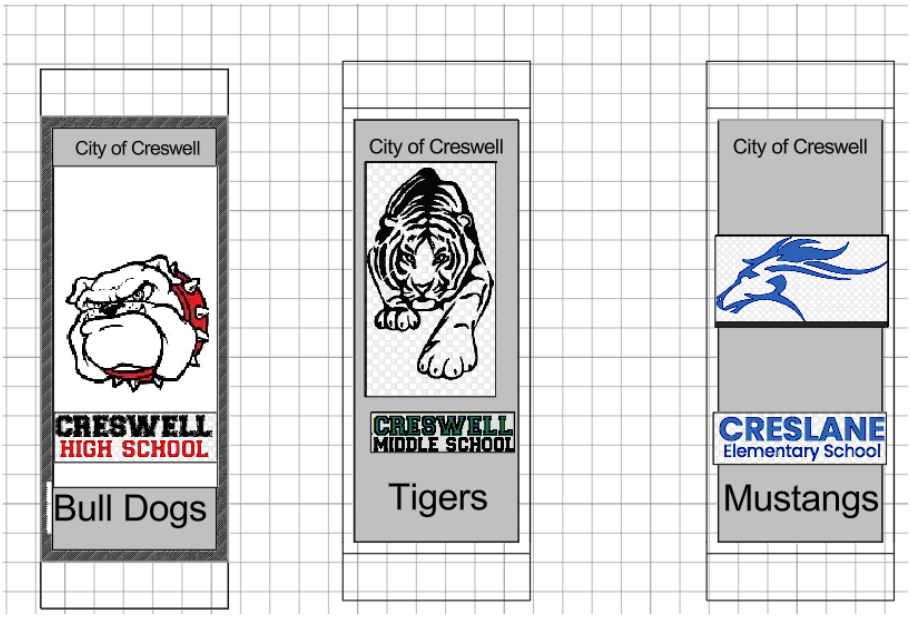
  A property discussed was the St. Philip Benizi Catholic Church property. This arose after a rumor circulated suggesting the City was in discussions to purchase the property. That information is not accurate. However, the rumor prompted staff to recognize that the property may potentially be available. Gabe will follow up with the church to confirm whether the property is available or not.

Gabe is also reaching out to the Masonic Lodge and other faith-based organizations to explore the potential availability of private property. A presentation and update will be provided to the Council at the June work session. Below is a preview of the subject matter for that work session:

a. Initial operating costs, based on the operating model used by Everyone Village. This will be a high-level estimate based on six units.
b. Review of available housing units and support structures, including an assessment of the village's existing inventory of housing units and a building that could serve as common space and may be available at no cost.
c. Assessment of start-up costs, such as utility and sewer connection costs and potential staffing needs. This may be presented as a general cost estimate based on linear footage for utility connections.

The goal of the work session will be to present cost information, a potential programmatic framework, and other components that may be involved in a proposal. We are reaching out to other parties to attend that have partnered with Everyone Village to see if they will attend to provide the Council with a broader context of the community impact. In addition, we are reaching out to our local resources who provide family support to provide council a broader context of the level of support already in place for families.

- I am developing a banner campaign that will span over a year. The idea is to showcase a group or entity over a month's time. For example – June and September would be a display of banners to celebrate the schools in Creswell. November would be a celebration of military and first responders, another month would be to display non-profits within Creswell. I developed a few ideas for the school banners (shown below) and spoke with CSD and they agreed to design the banners for me. They will prepare the final design. Once completed, the design will be sent to the city's sign maker with the goal of installing the banners by June.



- I attended a Chamber of Commerce business after hours function at Banner Bank. I will host an upcoming business after hours at city hall.
- I had legal discussions throughout the week with our city attorney and litigator.
- I attended a Park and Tree Advisory Board meeting.
- I finished the landscape plan for the Oregon Ave and 1st Street intersection landscape plan – see attached. The crews have removed the landscape on the corners of the intersection and we will begin to source the plant material.

Anticipated Work for the Week March 15, 2026

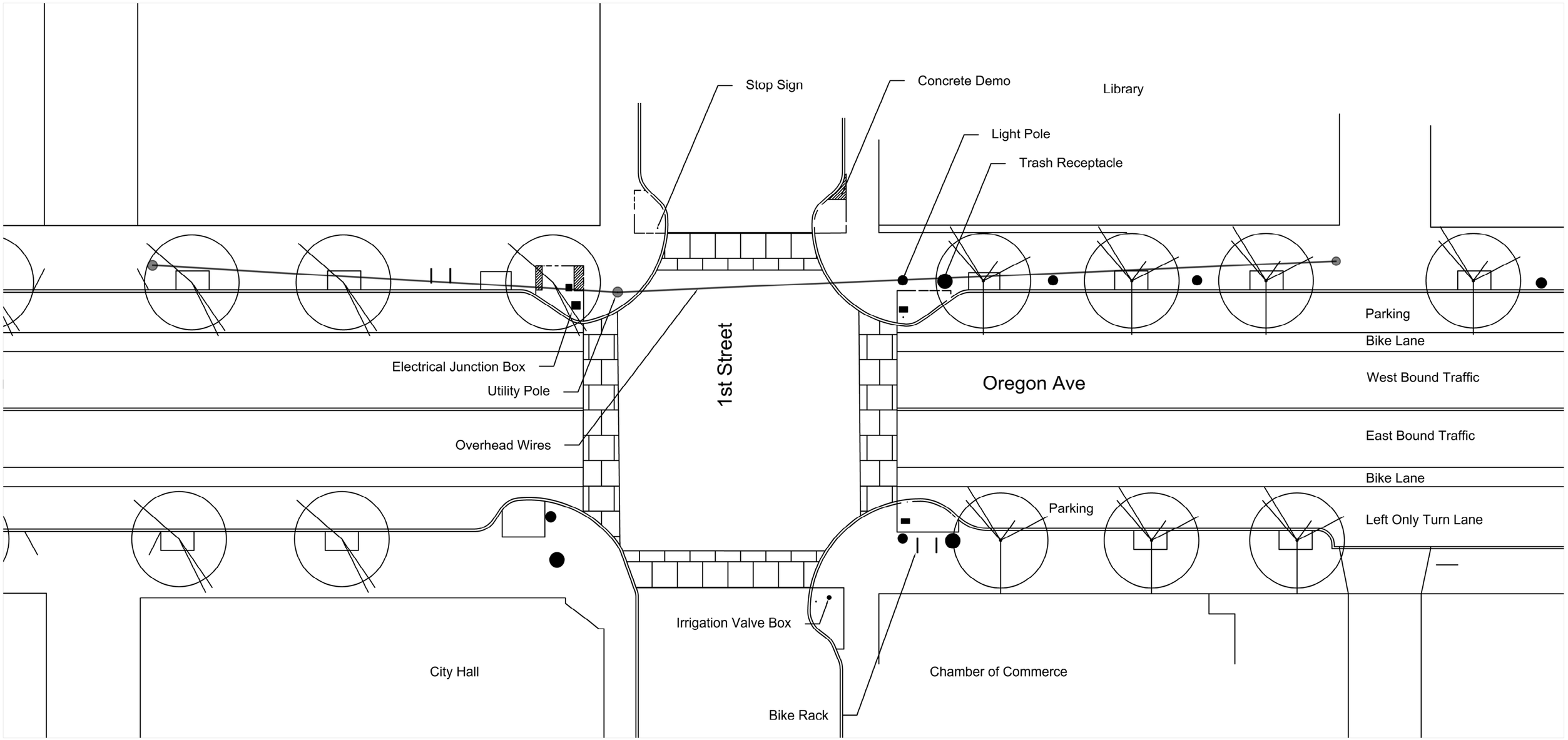
- March 16 - MWMC/Goshen/Creswell Wastewater Quarterly Coordination
- March 19 - Planning Commission meeting

Upcoming Work

- March 23 – Council work session
- March 27 – City of Creswell ODOT Oregon Ave jog meeting

Let me know if you have any questions or concerns.

With Gratitude,
Vincent



Oregon Avenue - 1st Street Landscape Improvement

Existing Conditions and Demolition Plan

Date: March 12, 2026

Designer: vm

Revision:

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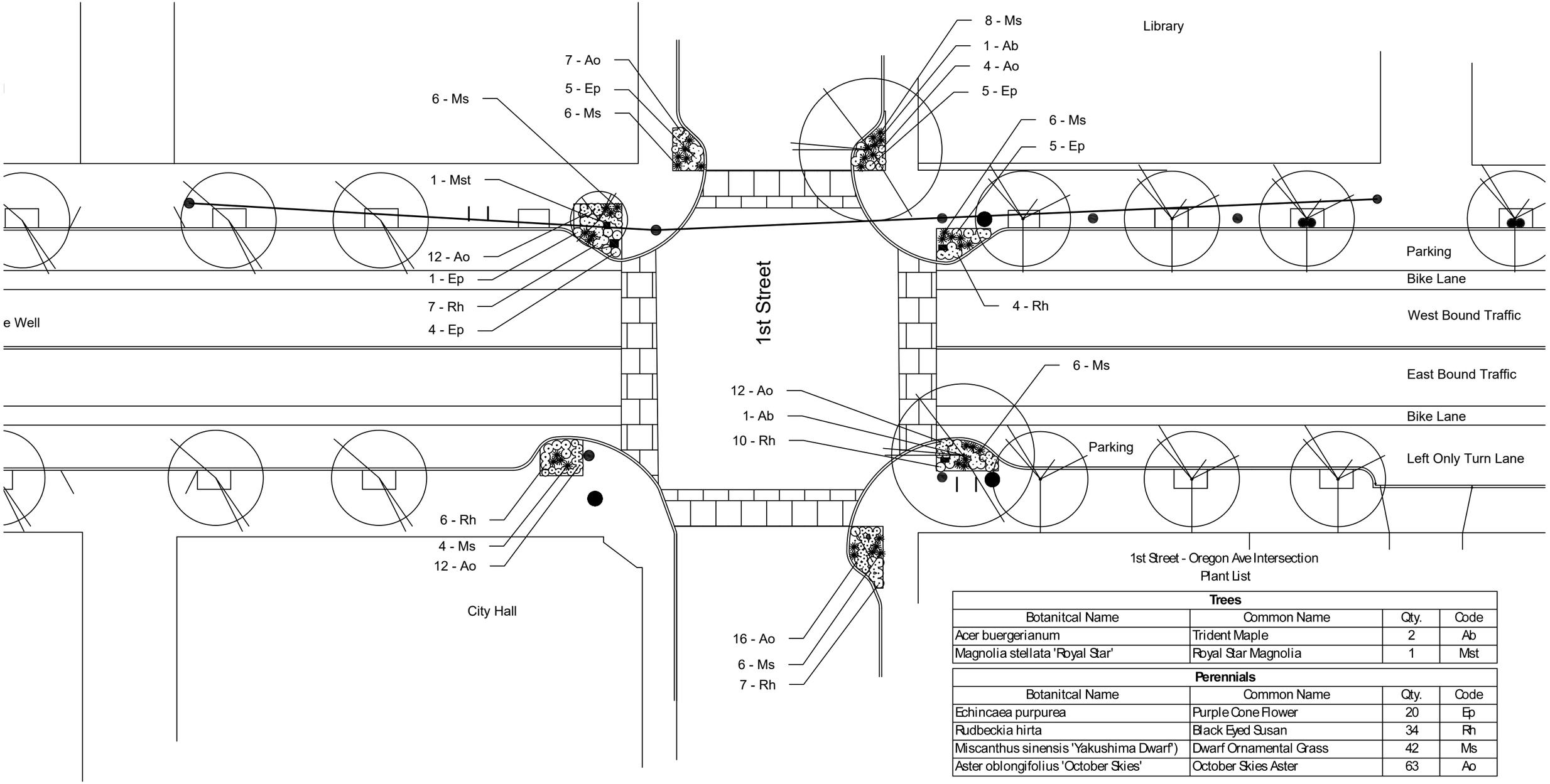

1st Street - Oregon Ave Intersection
Plant List

Trees			
Botanitcal Name	Common Name	Qty.	Code
Acer buergerianum	Trident Maple	2	Ab
Magnolia stellata 'Royal Star'	Royal Star Magnolia	1	Mst

Perennials			
Botanitcal Name	Common Name	Qty.	Code
Echincaea purpurea	Purple Cone Flower	20	Ep
Rudbeckia hirta	Black Eyed Susan	34	Rh
Miscanthus sinensis 'Yakushima Dwarf')	Dwarf Ornamental Grass	42	Ms
Aster oblongifolius 'October Skies'	October Skies Aster	63	Ao

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