



OREGON COAST
COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Proposed College Bond Information Meetings

Please join President Birgitte Ryslinge at one of four meetings to learn more about proposed Measure 21-224.

- **Tuesday, April 9** – OCCC Welding Lab, Port of Toledo, 5:30-6:15pm
- **Tuesday, April 16** – OCCC Central County Campus, Newport, 5:30-6:15pm
- **Tuesday, April 23** – OCCC South County Center, Waldport, 5:30-6:15pm
- **Tuesday, April 30** – OCCC North County Center, Lincoln City, 5:30-6:15pm

Learn more about the proposed \$33,165,000 school bond measure that will be on the May 21 ballot.

If passed, the proposed bond measure would:

- Fund construction of a new trades education facility
- Upgrade safety and security of existing facilities
- Expand access to career training
- Estimated to not increase current bond tax rate
- Qualify the College to receive an \$8 million state matching grant. The College would receive the matching grant only if the proposed measure passes.

What would the proposed measure cost if it passes?

- \$33,165,000 proposed bond measure, to be repaid over 21 years.
- Bond tax rate is estimated not to increase because existing bond is retiring in 2025
- Estimated bond tax rate would remain \$0.21 per \$1,000 of assessed property value
- The owner of a home assessed at \$200,000 would pay \$42 per year or \$3.50 per month.

What happens if the proposed bond measure does not pass?

- If the measure does not pass, the proposed projects and services would not be completed as planned and the proposed new \$0.21 per \$1,000 of assessed value tax would not be assessed.
- The current \$0.21 per \$1,000 of assessed property value tax expires in 2025.

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OREGON COAST COMMUNITY COLLEGE PROPOSED **COLLEGE BOND MEASURE 21-224**

Oregon Coast Community College has referred to voters a \$33,165,000 bond measure that, if passed, would provide funds to construct a new trades education building, and support safety updates and modernizing existing facilities.

If the proposed bond measure passes, funds would be used to:

- **Construct a new trades education facility** on land the College already owns at its Campus in Newport.
- **Repair and update existing buildings**, including roofs and HVAC systems and controls.
- **Increase safety and security and emergency preparedness capacity** by replacing security cameras and systems with modern versions, updating common areas, replacing and updating backup generators and providing better secured entry points, and more.
- **Upgrade the learning environment** by modernizing classrooms to support modern learning modalities.
- **Increase access to career training**, with expansion of Aquarium Science Program with new aquaculture infrastructure.

The proposed bond measure is estimated to maintain the current bond tax rate, if it passes.

The College first commissioned plans for the proposed trades education facility in 2017. The goal of developing trades-focused pre-apprenticeship training programs and trades has been identified in the College's past two strategic planning documents. Its current



Strategic Priorities plan for 2022-2028 includes construction of the facility and growth in career and technical education offerings. The College's existing facilities were funded in 2004 and safety concerns and technology requirements have changed in the intervening decades. Because the scope of the identified projects is beyond what the College can fund through its annual budget, the OCCC Board of Education unanimously decided to refer a bond proposal that, if passed, would finance the identified projects.

1 The College's capital construction bond tax rate is estimated to remain at the current \$0.21 per \$1,000 of assessed property value if the proposed bond measure passes.

That's because existing debt is retiring in 2025. Property owners would pay an estimated \$42 per year, or \$3.50 per month for a home assessed at \$200,000, if the proposed measure passes.

2 The College would receive an \$8 million state matching grant if the proposed bond measure passes.

Oregon Coast Community College would receive an \$8 million grant from the Oregon Legislature to apply to the costs of construction of the trades education facility if the proposed bond measure passes in the May 2024 election. The College would not receive the matching grant if the proposed bond measure doesn't pass.

Would local jobs be created if the proposed bond measure passes?

The College would structure portions of the bond projects into smaller contracts that local contractors could bid on.

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Could proposed bond funds be used for other purposes?

If the proposed bond measure passes, bond funds could only be used for costs associated with the projects listed in the bond proposal in the ballot measure. Proposed bond funds could not pay for salaries or operational costs.

What oversight would be provided for bond spending?

If the bond measure passes, the Board of Education would appoint an oversight committee. This body would monitor the progress, schedule, and costs of the bond. That committee would report back to the full Board of Education on a regular basis during its public meetings.

What would be the total amount available for bond projects if the proposed bond measure passes?

The College would have a total of \$41,165,000 to use for the proposed bond projects if the bond passes. The College would receive an \$8 million state matching grant, in addition to \$33,165,000 from the proposed bond measure.

How were projects identified for the proposed bond measure?

Research and community input played roles in determining the priorities for the proposed bond measure. In 2017, the College commissioned GLAS Architects, LLC, to draft basic plans for the trades education center, now named the Oregon Coast Advanced Technology and Trades Center. Increasing Career and Technical Education was identified in the College's 2015 Strategic Framework (2015-2020), and is also identified as an objective in the College's 2022-2028 Strategic Priorities.

Safety, modernization, and maintenance projects were identified in a Facilities Assessment Study, prepared by GLAS Architects, LLC and submitted to the College on Nov. 2, 2023.



Please remember to vote!

You can register to vote online at <https://sos.oregon.gov/voting/pages/registration.aspx?lang=en>

April 30 is the deadline to register to vote in this election.

Ballots will be mailed May 1, and must be deposited in an official Lincoln County Elections ballot drop box by 8 p.m. on May 21. Ballots that are mailed must be postmarked by May 21.



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