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**CITY OF NEWPORT
AWARDED NATIONAL SCENIC BYWAYS GRANT**

The City of Newport was recently notified that it is the recipient of a \$557,696 National Scenic Byways Grant for improvements to the Agate Beach Wayside. The project will improve access from the byway (Highway 101) to Agate Beach. The parking area that serves as an existing wayside and access point to the Lucky Gap Trail will be redesigned, sidewalks will be constructed, and permanent restrooms and a shower facility will be added. NW Gilbert Way will be extended to allow vehicles to exist from the neighborhood, and the trail will be improved to the north end of Agate Beach. The process for completing the improvements will take approximately two years. This project is one of only three National Scenic Byways Grants awarded in Oregon.

Project partners include Lincoln County which shared costs on the concept plan; and the Surfrider Foundation. In addition to grant monies, it is anticipated that funding for the match, and additional monies to complete the project will come from various city funds, including the transient room tax fund, gasoline tax, and street and stormwater system development charge funds.

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