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Water: A question arose: “After the subduction earthquake, which SW utilities — power, gas, water, cell towers — will be the first to recover?” (We’re not even entertaining questions about access to food, prescriptions, other services and travel.) With almost all of our power lines strung above ground amid our ubiquitous tree cover, it probably won’t be electricity.

It probably won’t be water either. Portland Water Bureau says, “Portland’s water mains (pipes) that cross the Willamette River are more than 50 years old and will probably not survive a major earthquake...” The Willamette River Crossing Project has engaged a team to build a new pipe that is more protected from earthquake risks. Excellent graphics depict the planned pipe deep in bedrock versus the existing pipe on liquefiable soils just under the Willamette River.

<https://www.portlandoregon.gov/water/article/742060> This re-pipe project is not going to be completed quickly. Meanwhile, reconsider the “store enough water for two weeks” preparation guide. Recalculate if you are thinking that a couple of gallons of water is sufficient to get you through the resilient recovery phase. Contact your NET team for details and resources.

Register to vote: With voter purges — meant to disenfranchise voters — becoming more common, it’s important to check your registration status. Even if you think you’re registered to vote, it’s worth checking. And check on relatives and new neighbors to make sure they are registered. You will automatically receive a new certificate every two years if you haven't moved from the address at which you are registered. More info at Register to Vote <https://sos.oregon.gov/voting/Pages/registration.aspx?lang=en>

Terwilliger@Primrose Bus Stop: Following up on a neighbor’s concern about our problematic non-maintained bus-stop-in-the-ditch, CV Outreach contacted TriMet. Here is TriMet’s response: “...For shelter requests, we evaluate ridership and infrastructure. To consider shelter placement, we require an average of at least 50 people per day getting on the bus and the existing infrastructure to support a shelter. This stop does not have this level of ridership and could not support a shelter without significant upgrades. Unfortunately, we do not have the resources for this work. It is generally up to the local jurisdiction or the neighboring property owners to install sidewalks. The City of Portland has marked this location as a high priority for a crossing

enhancement, but there is no funding allocated or timeline for implementation. Nor is it clear if this would result in a significant improvement to the bus stop area. With this in mind, our options are to keep the bus stop where it is, or to remove the stop and require customers to walk along Terwilliger to access the neighboring bus stops. Please let me know if you have any questions. SHABINA SHARIFF, Community Affairs Specialist, TriMet”

Equity and Inclusion is Social Connection: Can’t drive, bike or walk, and buses too few and too far away? Check out **Ride Connection** at <https://rideconnection.org/> Ride Connection is a private, nonprofit organization based in Portland, dedicated to coordinating and providing transportation services to people with limited options. It primarily serves people 60 years of age and older and people with disabilities, “...[T]ransportation is a basic human right. Access to transportation means mobility, and being mobile allows a person to connect with his or her community and other essential life destinations... services are offered at no cost, although donations are gladly accepted...”

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