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WASHINGTON, DC- Congressman Peter DeFazio (D-Springfield) today announced he has secured approval for \$500,000 to be used for the Coos Bay Waterfront Development Initiative. The funding was included in the Transportation, HUD Appropriations bill for fiscal year 2011. The bill was approved by the House Appropriations Committee on Tuesday, July 21, 2010.

"Improving our infrastructure is key to stimulating the economy, attracting new business and creating new jobs," DeFazio said. "The Coos Bay Waterfront Development has been a long time in the coming, and this funding couldn't come at a better time to help move this project forward and to help kick-start the local economy."

The Coos Bay Waterfront Development Initiative; \$500,000;

Funding will be used for site prep and plaza construction at the future site of the Coos Bay Regional Center (CBRC). This project has been in the works for nine years and is strongly supported by local and state government, local tribal government, business groups, trade unions, school districts, and Southwestern Community College. When fully complete, the Coos Bay Waterfront Development Initiative will consist of the 18,000 square foot CBRC and public venue with outdoor plaza and walkway, parking and water access on 3 acres of formerly industrial, now abandoned, waterfront property along Highway 101 in Coos Bay.

The Transportation-HUD Appropriations bill must now be approved by the full House of Representatives.