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## **Press Release**

### **City Manager appoints John M. Lewis as New Public Works Director**

The City of Oregon City is pleased to announce that City Manager, David Frasher, has appointed John M. Lewis to serve as the City's next Public Works Director, effective immediately. Lewis, who previously held the position of Public Works Operations Manager, will now oversee all of Oregon City's Public Works Department including Engineering, Development Services, Capital Improvement Services, Construction Services and Fleet Services. He will also be responsible for directing the City's Water, Wastewater, Stormwater, and Street Divisions.

"John has been serving as the Interim Public Works Director since July 2012, during which time he has demonstrated exceptional leadership ability, dedication, and superior job performance needed for the position," said City Manager, David Frasher. "John's appointment will provide continuity for major projects like the Water Rate Rollback and completion of the \$22 million dollar Jughandle project at I-205 and Hwy 213."

Prior to joining Oregon City in 2004, Lewis was the Engineering Project Supervisor for the City of Lake Oswego. He holds a Bachelor of Science Degree in Civil Engineering Technology and an Associates degree in Public Works Technology from the Oregon Institute of Technology. John grew up in Southern Oregon, graduating from Medford Senior High School in 1983 and went on to graduate from OIT in 1989. John and his wife, Bunny, and daughter, Carly, are 9 year residents of Oregon City.

"I am so excited about this new opportunity to work with staff and City Commission," said John Lewis. "Building on the City's rich history, opportunities at the Public Works Director level abound. The City's character as a regional center, its uniqueness with the Willamette River and Clackamas River boundaries, and its distinction as a community

with strong community pride all represent the ingredients of a rich experience for the City's Public Works Director."

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