

# WSNA Concerns: Salem Emergency Management Plan (SEMP)

West Salem...  
You're on Your OWN!

# The SEMP is Salem's action plan to mitigate for, respond to and recover from a disaster...

- The objective of the SEMP is to provide effective emergency management capabilities within the City to:
  - minimize loss of life
  - preserve property
  - protect the environment
- SEMP includes the National Preparedness Goals:
  - Mitigating loss of life and property by lessening the impact of future disasters
  - Responding quickly to save lives, protect property and the environment, and meet basic human needs in the aftermath of a catastrophic incident

# The SEMP is supposed to protect...

- Critical Infrastructure that supports the delivery of critical and essential services. Damage to this infrastructure could significantly disrupt those activities, produce cascading effects, and result in large-scale human suffering, property destruction, economic loss, and damage to public confidence and morale. Key facilities that should be considered in infrastructure protection planning include:
  - Public and private utilities and infrastructure that are vital to maintaining or restoring normal services to areas damaged by hazard events.
  - According to 2012 Seismic Lifelines report, Center and Marion Street bridges are Critical Infrastructure

But what if a **CRITICAL** piece of the plan is missing?

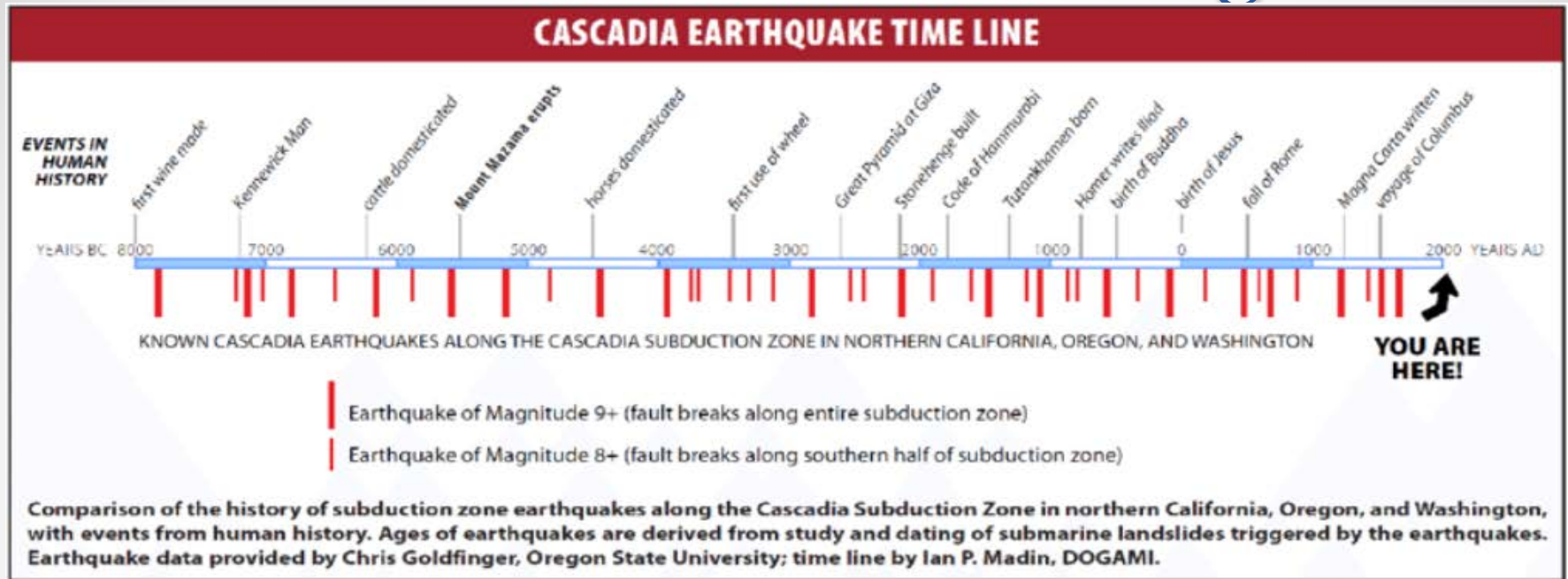


# Our bridges won't be there when we need them...

"After Cascadia, ALL of the bridges will be gone. There won't be any help for West Salem for at least 14 days...and probably much longer!" – Roger Stevenson, Emergency Manager, City of Salem (WSNA Meeting 2/19/2018)

- 2012 ODOT Report – Seismic Lifelines Evaluation
  - Center and Marion Street bridges identified as our Seismic Lifeline
  - Neither bridge is expected to survive Cascadia earthquake
- 2012 City of Salem Natural Hazards Mitigation Plan
  - Salem bridges are HIGHLY vulnerable to earthquakes
- 2017 ODOT Bridge Condition Report
  - Center Street bridge – "Functionally Obsolete"
  - Marion Street bridge – "Structurally Deficient"

# We know what's coming...



- 2012 City of Salem Natural Hazards Mitigation Plan
  - Likelihood of major earthquake – HIGH within 10 – 35 years
  - 50 – 75% of population expected to be displaced from homes
  - Emphasized – “physical infrastructure are critical during a disaster and are essential for proper functioning and response. The lack or poor condition of infrastructure can negatively affect a community’s ability to cope, respond and recover from a natural disaster.” (4-29)
  - “Considering, Salem is the State Capital and the second largest city in Oregon, it is critical to maintain the quality of built capacity (transportation networks, critical facilities, utility transmission, etc.) throughout the area, as it is likely that surrounding jurisdictions will seek assistance from Salem.” (4-29)

Why does the plan neglect  
this reality?



# Capital Manor 2018 2019?





# Brush College Elementary 2018 2019?



# Some perspective from City Council

- [Councilors Opinions](#)

# The facts are clear...

- Cascadia is overdue
- The bridges will fail
- West Salem will be cut off from critical services:
  - Salem Hospital Trauma Center
  - Police
  - Water
  - Equipment to dig out survivors
  - Public health – body disposal
  - Etc...

# Salem needs a real plan... time is running out

In the urgent interest of public health and safety, WSNA respectfully requests Salem City Council to:

- Move rapidly to build the new bridge
- Allocate funding in the 2018 budget to provide essential services in West Salem as enumerated in our letter submitted to the City Manager
- Amend the SEMP in collaboration with federal, state and county stakeholders to accurately reflect known risks
- Work with WSNA to devise effective plans to mitigate these risks, and make response and recovery possible after a Cascadia event