

2024 Transportation Growth Management Grant Application

Instructions

Be sure to download and review the [2024 Application Packet](#) before filling out this grant application.

You can save your progress and revisit this form at any time by clicking the "Save" button at the bottom of the page.

Applications must be received by July 31, 2024 at 11:59 p.m. (PDT)

Applicant information

Instructions: Complete this information for the applicant. Provide both a designated contact and an authorized representative (if different than the designated contact) for your entity.

Response instructions are on page 9 of the 2024 Application Packet.

Primary applicant jurisdiction

City of Rainier

Mailing address

PO BOX 100

Address Line 1

Address Line 2

Rainier, OR Oregon 97048

City

State

Zip Code

Website

<https://www.cityofrainier.com>

Contact person name

William Jorgensen

First

Last

Contact person title

City Administrator

Contact phone

(503) 556-7301

Contact email

sjorgensen@cityofrainier.com

Name of person empowered to sign the agreement with ODOT, if different from the applicant contact

First

Last

Title of above named person

City Administrator

Phone

(503) 556-7301

Email

sjorgensen@cityofrainier.com

List co-applicants (if a joint project)

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Providing match?

Upload your resolution or authorized letter with associated meeting minutes from the governing body of applying jurisdiction(s) here:

Signed TGM Grant Letter.pdf

CC 06172024 signed minutes.pdf

PDFs only. Max 2mb per file.

Project information

Response instructions are on page 10 of the 2024 Application Packet.

Project title

Rainier Transportation System Plan Update

Project area: Using either of the two fields below, attach a map of the project area or describe the area your project is located in.

Option 1: Project area map

PDFs only, 1 file maximum, 2mb file size limit.

Option 2: Project area description

Rainier City Limits and current and future Urban Growth Boundary

ODOT region (1-5)

[ODOT Region Map](#)

Region 2

Refer to the region map if you are unsure of your region.

Type of grant

Category 1: Transportation System Planning

Summary description of project

Rainier's current Transportation System Plan was adopted in 1997 and is in need of updating. The City has been awarded a grant to fund the work to facilitate the process for a potential urban growth boundary land swap. Such a land swap would have an effect on the city's transportation systems and traffic patterns. An updated TSP reflecting those changes would better help the city with its long-term transportation system planning efforts.

Describe the purpose of your project and how the expected outcomes will address a transportation problem, need, opportunity, or issue. (Maximum characters: 750)

Project cost table

Response instructions are on page 11 of the 2024 Application Packet.

TGM funds requested for the work identified in Criterion 3	Consultant \$400,000.00	Local reimbursement 	Total TGM funds requested \$400,000.00
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Local match	Minimum Match (Calculated) \$45,781.79 <i>Approximately 11.5% of requested funds</i>
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Match to be provided	Labor, supplies and services during project \$45,781.79	Payment when Intergovernmental Agreement is signed
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Total Match to be Provided
\$45,781.79

Award criteria

Criterion 1: Proposed project addresses a need and supports TGM

objectives (up to 40 points)

The application demonstrates the proposed project clearly and effectively addresses a local or regional transportation or transportation-related land use issue, problem, need, or opportunity and will achieve one or more of the TGM Objectives.

Response instructions are on page 13 of the 2024 Application Packet.

What is the transportation or transportation-related land use issue, problem, need, or opportunity the proposed project will address?

Rainier's current Transportation System Plan is based on its existing Urban Growth Boundary, which has remained largely unchanged since its initial establishment. However, that UGB includes many geographic constraints that have helped hamper the city's growth and development. The City has been awarded a grant to fund the facilitation of a potential UGB land swap and is starting that process. If a UGB land swap takes place, the City will need an updated TSP to reflect any of those changes and their impacts on traffic patterns and its overall transportation system. This will better enable the City to conduct long-term planning for future growth and development.

Maximum characters: 3,000 | (Text box automatically expands. Click and drag right-hand corner of text box to manually expand it.)

What are the proposed Project Objectives? How will the Project Objectives achieve one or more of the TGM Objectives?

The primary objective is to have a TSP that will be in alignment with the adjusted Urban Growth Boundary that could result from the land swap process that is already being conducted by the City. Another is to have a TSP that will enable the City to have adequate transportation capacity for any future growth and to plan for any potential multimodal transportation opportunities that may arise.

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Criterion 2: Proposed project is timely and urgent (up to 25 points)

The application demonstrates timeliness and urgency. The project is needed now to:

- address pressing local transportation and land use issues
- make amendments to local plans or regulations necessitated by changes in local conditions or in federal regulations, state requirements, or regional plans
- build on, complement or take a necessary step toward completing or implementing other high priority community initiatives, including Governor's Regional Solutions Team priority
- resolve transportation or land use-related issues affecting the project readiness of local, regional or state transportation projects for which funding is expected to be obligated within the near future

Response instructions are on page 15 of the 2024 Application Packet.

Why is it important to do the proposed project in this grant cycle?

Updating the City's TSP in tandem with an adjusted Urban Growth Boundary would better enable timely alignment of those documents and facilitate better planning of transportation and other infrastructure to meet future growth needs.

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What local actions are needed to move the proposed project forward? Have these actions been taken and if so, when? If those efforts are underway, when will they be completed?

A series of public hearings will be held in the second half of 2024 at the City's Planning Commission and Council meetings regarding the potential UGB land swap. A similar set of hearings will take place at the county level as part of that same process.

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How does the proposed project relate to other planning efforts, developments, or initiatives? Which of those are completed, underway, or waiting on the completion of this project?

A buildable lands inventory is being conducted as part of the UGB land swap process to determine how many acres within the current UGB can be considered constrained. That is being followed by an alternatives analysis to determine the areas surrounding the existing city limits that would be most suitable for future growth. An updated TSP would complement these efforts by providing clear direction on necessary improvements to transportation infrastructure and systems.

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Criterion 3: Proposed project approach supports policy decision (up to 20 points)

The application demonstrates a clear approach to achieving the expected outcome and includes consideration for adoption. Where substantial coordination with other local, regional, and state planning efforts will need to occur, the mechanisms and responsibilities for the coordination are clear.

Response instructions are on page 16 of the 2024 Application Packet.

Tasks and deliverables table

What are your proposed tasks and deliverables

An Updated TSP will be provided by the consultant, based on input from the community through a series of hearings and public meetings of the City's Planning Commission and Council. That updated TSP will then be adopted by the Council and used by the City for future planning decisions.

For each project task, describe the major deliverables and who is responsible for its preparation, decisions to be made, and expected timeline. Clearly identify which local plans or regulations the final document(s) will create, amend or update and which entity or entities will need to take action to adopt them.

How will the project approach support investment decisions for Safe Systems, Climate Action, and Equitable Outcomes?

The City's current TSP does not address safety in areas outside of its Urban Growth Boundary that may end up incorporated into the UGB as part of the land swap process. An updated TSP could also be used to identify projects to enhance and create opportunities for multimodal transportation, such as bike paths and pedestrian trails for more connectivity.

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If adoption hearings will be held as part of a larger project, when will that be and as part of what project? (optional)

The City would take the same approach that other cities such as Gresham and Milwaukie have taken with their recent TSP updates. A critical component will be outreach to the residents of the adjusted UGB area to obtain their input on desired transportation system improvements.

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Criterion 4: Proposed project has community support (up to 5 points)

The application demonstrates that there is local support for project objectives, a commitment to participate, and a desire to implement the expected outcome.

Response instructions are on page 17 of the 2024 Application Packet.

Upload letters of support here

Chamber Letter of Support.pdf

PDFs only. Max 2 mb per file.

Criterion 5: Proposed project sponsor is ready and capable (up to 10 points)

The application demonstrates that the local government is ready and able to begin the project within the TGM timetable and that there is local commitment and capability to manage and complete the project. The application demonstrates, if applicable, successful performance on previous TGM projects.

Response instructions are on page 18 of the 2024 Application Packet.

Describe the experience and availability of key staff

City Administrator W. Scott Jorgensen will take the lead on the TSP update project. He has over six years of experience in local government management, including obtaining and implementing grant projects. The City's contract planner, Skip Urling, has decades of experience working on transportation plans.

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Explain how the applicant has the capacity to scope the proposed project during the next 15 months and manage it to completion within 3 years

The Commission will begin the UGB land swap process in the fall of 2024, at which point it will go to the Council. A parallel process will occur with the Columbia County Planning Commission and Board of Commissioners. City staff will then work closely with the Planning Commission to implement the Transportation System Plan update before its adoption before the City Council.

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If applicable, list applicant’s TGM projects within last 10 years and their status

If applicable, list local jurisdiction’s TGM projects within last 10 years and their status

TGM File Code	Project Title	Status
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300 character limit.

Bonus points: Housing (up to 10 points)

Response instructions are on page 19 of the 2024 Application Packet.

How will the adoption of the final document(s) address barriers to a broad range of housing types and affordability or work to link the location of future workforce housing to walkable/bikeable areas with good transit?

The single largest barrier to housing in Rainier right now is a lack of buildable land. The buildable lands inventory that has already been conducted as part of the UGB land swap process has identified 400 acres within the City and its UGB that are constrained and unbuildable. Swapping those lands out for land that is more developable will open the City up for many more housing opportunities. Once the City has adjusted its UGB, it will be critical to identify and plan for future transportation needs based on those changes.

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Required forms

Title VI: Racial & Ethnic Impact Statement form
Racial-Ethnic-Impact-Statement.pdf

[Download the Racial & Ethnic Impact Statement form here](#)

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Certifications

Response instructions are on page 20 of the 2024 Application Packet.

Eligibility criteria

- This application demonstrates a clear transportation relationship
- This application demonstrates adoption of products to meet project objectives
- This application demonstrates the support of local officials

Preparation of application

- This application was prepared by staff of the primary applicant or staff of one of the involved jurisdictions
 - This application was prepared by the following COMPENSATED consultant (indicate below)
 - This application was prepared by the following UNCOMPENSATED consultant (indicate below)
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Yes No I am already subscribed

Clicking "Yes" authorizes us to add your email to our e-newsletter mailing list. You can unsubscribe at any time.

Today's date

7/22/2024

If you encounter any issues with the submittal process, please contact:

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Friday, May 31, 2024

To: The Oregon Department of Transportation's TGM program

RE: Authorization Letter for Grant Application for City of Rainier TSP Update

On the behalf of the Rainier City Council, I am writing to give authorization for the City's application to ODOT for its TSP update.

The City's current TSP is from 1997 and is inadequate for planning our future transportation needs.

Last year, the City was awarded a grant to facilitate the process for a potential Urban Growth Boundary land swap. In the event that such a swap is done, it will change the City's future growth patterns. This would also ultimately affect our transportation system, its patterns and its configuration.

It appears that this is exactly the kind of scenario that this grant program was intended to address.

With an updated TSP and an adjusted UGB, the City would be well-positioned to manage any possible growth for years to come. Please consider this request so that the City can begin its processes and start properly planning for the future.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be "J. Cole", is written over the "Sincerely," text.

Mayor Jerry Cole

**City of Rainier
City Council Meeting
June 17, 2024
5:30 p.m.
Rainier City Hall**

Mayor Jerry Cole called the council meeting to order at 5:34 p.m.

Council Present: Scott Cooper, Robert duPlessis, Paul Langner and Denise Watson

Council Absent: Connie Budge, Jeremy Howell and Mike Kreger

City Attorney Present: No

City Staff Present: Gregg Griffith, Police Chief; W. Scott Jorgensen, City Administrator; Russ Reigel, Public Works Director

Flag Salute

Mayor's Address: Mayor Jerry Cole said that Rainier Days was scheduled to take place July 12-14. The summer concert in the parks series is going well and the organizer is interested in doing a farmer's market.

Additions/Deletions from the Agenda: City Administrator W. Scott Jorgensen requested that TGM grant authorization be added to the agenda. Councilor Paul Langner moved to add that item to the agenda. That motion was seconded by Councilor Scott Cooper and adopted unanimously. Langner moved that the second reading of Ordinance 1099 be deleted from the agenda and the formation of a committee to discuss it be added to the agenda. That motion was seconded by Cooper and adopted unanimously.

Visitor Comments: There were no visitor comments at this time.

Approval of the Consent Agenda

Consider Approval of the June 3, 2024 Regular Council Meeting Minutes and Financial Statements—Cooper moved to approve the consent agenda. That motion was seconded by Langner and adopted unanimously.

New Business

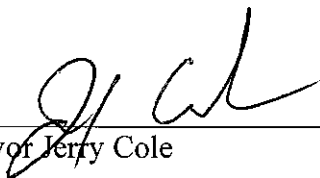
- a. Award Bid for City Hall Gutter Replacement—Public Works Director Russ Reigel said he received a bid for \$14,461 for city hall and \$5,267 for the water plant and recommends moving forward with it. Cooper moved to approve the bid. That motion was seconded by Langner and adopted unanimously.
- b. Award Contract for Sanitary System Services—Councilor Robert duPlessis moved to approve the contract. That motion was seconded by Councilor Denise Watson and adopted unanimously.
- c. Resolution 24-06-02—Authorizing Interfund Loan Not to Exceed \$130,000 from the Timber Fund to the Special Projects Fund for City Hall Window Restoration—Cooper moved to approve the resolution. That motion was seconded by Langner and adopted unanimously.

- d. TGM Grant Authorization—duPlessis moved to authorize Jorgensen to apply for the grant. That motion was seconded by Langner and adopted unanimously.
- e. Ordinance 1099 Committee—Cooper moved to form a committee to study the lateral connection issue consisting of himself, Jorgensen, Reigel, Langner, Al Guist, Ron Roche and duPlessis, with Watson as an alternate if duPlessis is unavailable. That motion was seconded by Langer and adopted unanimously.

Unfinished Business

- a. Hudson Garbage Rate Request—Cooper said he met with representatives of Hudson to obtain more information. Hudson has an on-call option, in which customers can have garbage picked up at their convenience rather than weekly or monthly. Hudson District Manager Josh Brown said that option costs \$7.60 per pickup. The monthly rate is \$9.60 for monthly pickup. Cole said a big reason for the rate request is that the county is charging Hudson more. Brown said Hudson does do payment arrangements with customers. Langner moved to approve the rate request. That motion was seconded by Cooper and adopted unanimously.
- b. Award RFP for Auditor Services—Langner moved to approve the bid that was submitted by Singer Lewak. That motion was seconded by Cooper and adopted unanimously.
- c. Award Bid for Fox Street Paving Project—Reigel said he obtained a bid for \$117,000. That's close to the original estimate of ~~\$120,000~~. duPlessis moved to approve the bid. That motion was seconded by Watson and adopted unanimously.

Cole adjourned the meeting at 6:09 p.m.



Mayor Jerry Cole



W. Scott Jorgensen, City Administrator



Community & Business working together

P.O. Box 1085
Rainier, OR 97048

rainierchamberofcommerce@gmail.com

Wednesday, July 26, 2023

To: The Oregon Department of Transportation's TGM program

RE: City of Rainier TSP Update

I am writing on behalf of the Rainier Chamber of Commerce, its board of directors and its members in support of the City of Rainier's application to ODOT for its Transportation System Plan update.

The City's current TSP is from 1997, and much has changed around town since then. What hasn't changed is the need for our small local businesses and their customers to be able to move products and supplies safely through the city and to markets in other communities.

Rainier and Columbia County are also actively looking to bolster the tourism that comes to the area. With that being the case, a TSP that looks to the future can be truly beneficial to those efforts.

We thank you for your consideration and commitment to improving the safety and security of residents and visitors of our community.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "BreAnna Grissom", is written over the word "Sincerely,".

BreAnna Grissom
Rainier Chamber President

RACIAL AND ETHNIC IMPACT STATEMENT

This form is used for informational purposes only and must be included with the grant application.

[Chapter 600 of the 2013 Oregon Laws](#) require applicants to include with each grant application a racial and ethnic impact statement. The statement provides information as to the disproportionate or unique impact the proposed policies or programs may have on minority persons¹ in the State of Oregon if the grant is awarded to a corporation or other legal entity other than natural persons.

1. The proposed grant project policies or programs could have a disproportionate or unique positive impact on the following minority persons:

Indicate all that apply:

Women	Asians or Pacific Islanders
Persons with Disabilities	American Indians
African-Americans	Alaskan Natives
Hispanics	

2. The proposed grant project policies or programs could have a disproportionate or unique negative impact on the following minority persons:

Indicate all that apply:

Women	Asians or Pacific Islanders
Persons with Disabilities	American Indians
African-Americans	Alaskan Natives
Hispanics	

3. The proposed grant project policies or programs will have no disproportionate or unique impact on minority persons.

If you checked numbers 1 or 2 above, please provide below the rationale for the existence of policies or programs having a disproportionate or unique impact on minority persons in this state. Further provide evidence of consultation with representative(s) of the affected minority persons.

By checking this box, I hereby certify the information contained on this form is true, complete, and accurate to the best of my knowledge.

Dated:

Printed Name:

Title:

Agency Name:

¹ “Minority person” are defined in SB 463 (2013 Regular Session) as women, persons with disabilities (as defined in ORS 174.107), African Americans, Hispanics, Asians, or Pacific Islanders, American Indians and Alaskan Natives.