2024 Transportation Growth Management Grant Application

Instructions

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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.

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

Type of grant

Category 1: Transportation System Planning

Summary description of project

Clatsop County is experiencing many changes impacting the efficient and equitable movement of people and goods within the county. Residents live and work in a mix of urban, suburban, and rural communities - from Astoria to Arch Cape, and Seaside to Knappa. Since the last TSP, job centers changed, new retail hubs grew and resource-based jobs are being impacted by state and federal policy changes. Tourism continues to grow. In 2022, more than 1,482,000 tourism trips and 3,662,000 overnight visits made Clatsop County, Oregon's 2nd highest tourism county per capita. The current TSP does not address these changes. Anticipated population growth and economic shifts need to be supported by a complete transportation system. The updated TSP will address community supported transportation projects, and new methods for connecting people, employment and community.

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 | Local reimbursement | Total TGM funds |
|--------------|---------------------|-----------------|
| \$275,000.00 | | requested |
| | | \$275,000.00 |

Minimum Match (Calculated) Local match

\$31,474.98

\$31,500.00

Approximately 11.5% of requested funds

Match to be provided

Labor, supplies and services during project Agreement is signed

Payment when Intergovernmental

Total Match to be Provided

\$31,500.00

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?

Clatsop County's economic and transportation needs are evolving. The County adopted previous Transportation System Plans, most recently in 2015. Since then, the location of new major public facilities, including new schools in Seaside and Warrenton, county jail expansion, and shifting employment nodes caused the county to reassess how our transportation system works. The underlying goal is to provide great choices in how people and goods move within Clatsop County. TGM Goal 1.1

The 2015 TSP does not adequately address the transit system and how it serves the community. Congestion during peak seasons and lack of consistent market routes impacts local business success. The Sunset Empire Transit District is implementing the 2016 plan and the County will incorporate applicable sections of their plans in order to improve a multi-modal system approach. TGM Goal 1.2 and 1.3

The housing crisis in Clatsop County and our ability to build the needed housing inventory depends on a safe multi-modal transportation infrastructure. New approved developments and anticipated redevelopment projects are likely to change how and where people live and work. Specifically, the City of Warrenton recently approved plans for a 450-unit mixed style housing development along Ridge Road (County Road). The City of Seaside and Astoria are actively pursuing significant mixed-use and residential redevelopment projects in their downtown areas. TGM Goal 3.1.

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

- Objective #1. Create new multi-modal transportation goals that reflect new development conditions, tsunami preparedness for our recreational sites, and efficient movement of employees from home to work. TGM Goal 1.1, 1.3
- Objective #2. Assess the economic impacts of state and federal regulation changes, including the recently adopted Habitat Conservation Plan and anticipated FEMA BIOP rules on our ability to manage and grow the transportation services available to all County residents. TGM Goal 1.3, 3.2
- Objective #3. Support new transit programs that reduce auto-dependence and climate impacts caused by traditional vehicle use. TGM Goal 1.3, 5.1
- Objective #4. Coordinate State, County and City planning and construction programming to ensure the efficient use of limited financial resources. TGM Goal 4.2
- Objective #5. Review connectivity of neighborhoods and communities and the locations of new climate-resilient facilities to provide safer transportation options to all residents. TGM Goal 2.1
- Objective 6. Assess new transportation infrastructure needs including regional EV charging stations and encourage the use of new technologies and reduce carbon impacts. TGM Goal 1.1, 5.1.

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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?

The current TSP served the community well. Many identified issues have been addressed, although not all. The following events cause the County to need to update its TSP:

- New climate-resilient public facilities were built in Seaside and Warrenton shifting traffic patterns in both communities. State, county, and local roadways are impacted by these changes. Several facilities are already completed and more are planned.
- The County recently updated the Comp. Plan and is completing an Economic Opportunity Analysis (EOA) which highlights changing employment patterns in the County. The EOA will focus on ways to efficiently increase the development of existing lands within current urban areas and will be completed by Winter of 2024. The TSP will capitalize on the momentum of the EOA and implement some of the final recommendations of the EOA and Comp. Plan update.
- The Sunset Empire Transportation District (SETD) is moving towards a stronger future with service levels increasing. The current SETD plan was completed after the current TSP. New goals and policies will be adopted that reflect the District's growth and change.
- The City of Warrenton approved the Fort Pointe PUD with 450 residential units along a county road (Ridge Road) that also serves as the major access to Fort Stevens State Park the busiest state campground in Oregon. Ft. Stevens Campground hosted more than 350,000 camper nights in 2023 up from 305,000 in 2021. Residential construction is expected to begin in 2026 and last for up to 10 years. Finding innovative ways to connect these new residential areas to employment centers will be a critical part of the plan.
- The county population growth between 2010 and 2024 was 5,816 new residents (15.7% over 14 Years). The growth does not consider that a significant percentage of our housing stock is used by the tourism industry as short-term rentals and second homes. In some neighborhoods, up to 24% of the housing stock is used for short-term rentals. Many of these tourism residences are located in the rural unincorporated communities near Arch Cape and Clatsop Plains.
- The County is undertaking a buildable lands inventory to assist cities with local infrastructure planning, and where applicable, housing needs analysis data is being compiled. The project is projected to be completed in the Summer of 2025. The Housing Study and TSP will address the Governor's goals to construct new housing at a rate of 36,000 housing units in ten years.

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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?

The Clatsop County Board has authorized the submittal of the grant request. No additional actions are required before we start the planning 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?

The updated TSP will implement policies in the updated 2023 Clatsop County Comprehensive Plan, and Community Plans. The project will support the policies and recommendations from the 2024 County Economic Opportunities Analysis and the 2025 Clatsop County Housing Study. Each of these projects will be completed prior to the start of the transportation system plan process. The TSP will review the existing development code to ensure development patterns reflect current multi-modal transportation needs for the entire community.

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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

Clatsop County is open to new and creative methods to complete the planning process and extend public connection efforts. The following representative of what we will work towards:

- 1: Project Kick-off Meetings
- Conduct project team kick-off meeting
- Assemble a Project Advisory Committee (PAC) Representative of the community seeking involvement for groups that have traditionally not participated in planning processes.

Who: County Staff and Consulting Team

Deliverable: Project Team Alignment, Public Advisory Committee Representing Cross-section of Community (PAC), Project Schedule

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.

- 2: Create a Public Involvement, Inclusion, and Equity Plan
- Develop a project webpage and social media presence
- Seek participation from groups traditionally not part of the local government planning process Sunset Empire Transportation, Consejo Hispano, etc.

Who: County Staff and Consulting Team

Deliverable: Interactive Website, Inclusion and Equity Plan

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.

3: Existing Conditions Evaluation

- Inventory existing vehicle, bike, pedestrian, transit, water, rail, and air systems
- Examine safety, mobility, and bike/ped/transit analysis methods
- Obtain most current traffic counts and accident data to identify capacity and safety issues on the existing transportation system
- Consider ADA accessibility, Safe Routes to Schools, pedestrian and bicycle level of traffic stress, first and last mile transit connections, population density, street classification, and occurrence of crashes
- Identify deficiencies in these systems and analysis methods

Who: Consulting Team

Deliverable: Inventory of Current Conditions, Analysis of Multi-modal Systems and Deficiencies,

Review of Current Code for Consistency with State Regulations

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.

4: Future Conditions Evaluation

- Predict future capacity needs using population and employment forecasting
- Consider climate resiliency planning efforts in future needs analysis
- Focus on equity and minority needs regarding mobility, accessibility, safety, connectivity, health, sustainability, and economic vitality

Who: PAC, County Staff and Consulting Team

Deliverable: Analysis of Future Multi-modal System Needs, Review of Climate Impacts of Local

Systems, Public Review of Analysis

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.

5: Prioritized Project List

- Update prioritization criteria for projects.
- Apply evaluation criteria to Project list
- Conduct community meetings to confirm project feasibility and priority rankings
- Develop list of High Priority (10 years), Medium Priority (15 years), and Low Priority (25 years) projects based on findings from Tasks 3 and 4
- Incorporate multi-modal options for community connections and alternate methods to match employee residences and employment centers

Who: PAC, County Staff and Consulting Team

Deliverable: Recommended Construction Program, Recommended Code Changes to Improves all Systems, Public Review of Recommendations

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.

6: Financially Constrained List

• Develop a Financially Constrained Transportation Plan that includes the transportation solutions that are off state highways, are reasonably expected to be funded by the planning horizon, and have the highest priority for implementation

Who: County Staff and Consulting Team
Deliverable: Report on System Improvements

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.

7: Code & Policy Amendments

- Amend County Code and Comprehensive Plan to ensure state consistency and facilitate the implementation of the TSP project list.
- Update standards for roadway cross-sections, multimodal access spacing, lighting, pedestrian access, transit facilities, and traffic impact studies

Who: PAC, County Staff and Consulting Team

Deliverable: Recommended Code and Policy Changes, Public Review of Final Recommendations (Revisions)

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.

8: TPR Reporting and Compliance

- Prepare necessary reports to comply with the changes to the Statewide Transportation Planning Rule (TPR).
- Participate in County Commissioner meetings, as needed, to present TPR-related reports and findings.

Who: PAC, County Staff and Consulting Team

Deliverable: Recommendation to County for Consistency with State Rules

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.

9: Final TSP and Adoption by County Board of Commissioners and Submittal to State for Comment and Review

Who: PAC, County Planning Commission, County Board of Commissioners, County Staff, Consulting Team

Final Project Deliverables:

- Updated Transportation System Plan reflecting current and anticipated conditions.
- Prioritized work program for Capital Improvements Programming
- Updated code requirements and comprehensive plan policies ensuring consistency with all state planning goals and transportation plans.
- Establish an on-going county coalition for future transportation planning

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?

Our objectives include improving vehicular and pedestrian safety in future development and construction. This will be done by reviewing current traffic safety methods in design and construction. The project will seek ways to support the enhancement of transit services to all communities, including newly planned residential and mixed-use project within the cities. In working toward the efficient movement of people and goods and the expansion of alternate modes of travel, the plan will strive to reduce carbon impacts. Additionally, the new climate-resilient (outside tsunami evacuation zones) public spaces are creating new movement and traffic patterns that will be considered in the update. This is a logical follow-up to the 2019 Clatsop County Tsunami Evacuation Facility Improvement Plan.

The County plays an important role in the development/management of infrastructure for housing. The TSP update will help insure that safe and varied modes of transportation are available to all.

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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

Combined Letters of Support 2024 TGM-compressed.pdf

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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

Principal Staff Local Staff

Terry Hendryx, Public Works Director, Licensed Surveyor, has worked for the County for 35 years. His focus is surveying, permitting, designing, property acquisition and inspection. Mr. Hendryx served three years as Assistant Public Works Director, prior to becoming the Public Works Director.

Dean Keranen, County Engineer- Professional Engineer, was hired in 2019. He supervises design staff on road, bridge and culvert projects, including planning, design and permitting. He oversees contract management, budget preparation, and ODOT reporting. Dean has a total of 29 years of experience in the civil engineering, surveying and land use planning fields.

Jay Blake, Planning Manager- Jay joined Clatsop County in 2024 as Planning Manager where he is working long-range planning projects including the Opportunities Analysis, Clatsop County Housing Buildable Lands Inventory, and Development Code updates. Prior to joining the County Jay worked for the City of Warrenton, as Planning Director and worked for nearly 20 years in Minnesota as Planning Director at various levels of government.

In addition, professionals from the County Manager's Office, County GIS, and Community Development will support the completion of this project. The Community Development Department has dedicated 20% of the Planning Manager's time to this project.

The two large planning projects currently in progress (County Economic Opportunities Analysis and the County Housing Needs Analysis will both be completed prior to the initiation of the TGM planning process.

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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

Each Department/Division Head will assign appropriate time for the project based on the final scope. As current long-range planning projects are finishing, the County will be prepared to take on this phase of our long-term planning program.

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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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| 2B-01 | 2015 Clatsop County TSP - Completed | Completed and Adopted by the County Board of Commissioners in 2015 Development Code Updates Completed Capital Improvements Programming Supported by Recommendations 300 character limit. |
| 2D-19 | 2019 Tsunami Evacuation Facilities Improvement Plan - Completed | Completed and Adopted by the Clatsop County Board of Commissioners in 2022 Improved public information campaign initiated. Several public organizations are actively pursuing facility relocation and improvements as a result of the recommendations. The expanded Clatsop County Emergency Management Office 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 County plays an important role in the needed infrastructure for housing. The TSP will support a wise use of limited resources; promote options to reduce individual auto-dependence; and encourage improved safety in design, construction and maintenance. For example, the Fort Pointe PUD includes 450 units of mixed style and price-point housing to be built over the next 10 years. The County worked to ensure safe traffic and pedestrian movements in the area, including a multi-use path and crosswalks to the Ft Stevens State Park.

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Required forms

Title VI: Racial & Ethnic Impact Statement form Racial and 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.

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

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

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BEFORE THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS FOR THE COUNTY OF CLATSOP

In the Matter of:

Authorizing submittal of a
Transportaton and Growth
Management (TGM) Grant
application to the state of Oregon for
the preparation of an updated
Clatsop County Transportation
System Plan

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RECITALS

WHEREAS, Clatsop County Community Development Department, with support from the County Public Works Department, requests approval to submit a grant application for funding technical assistance to prepare an updated Transportation System Plan (TSP) through the State of Oregon Transportation and Growth Management (TGM) Program; and

WHEREAS, Clatsop County updated the TSP between 2013 and 2015 and significant changes to the residential, commercial and institutional development patterns in the region have occurred since that time; and

WHEREAS, this new housing construction, changing employment centers and increases to the tourism industry have impacted how the local and regional transportation systems are working for all residents; and

WHEREAS, Clatsop County wishes to ensure compliance of its plans with new State of Oregon transportation and planning goals, and identify and prioritize the multi-modal transportation system improvements needed to ensure the efficient movement of people, goods, and materials within and through Clatsop County;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Clatsop County Commissioners approves the application for the TGM grant by the Clatsop County Community Development Department to update the Clatsop County Transportation System Plan.

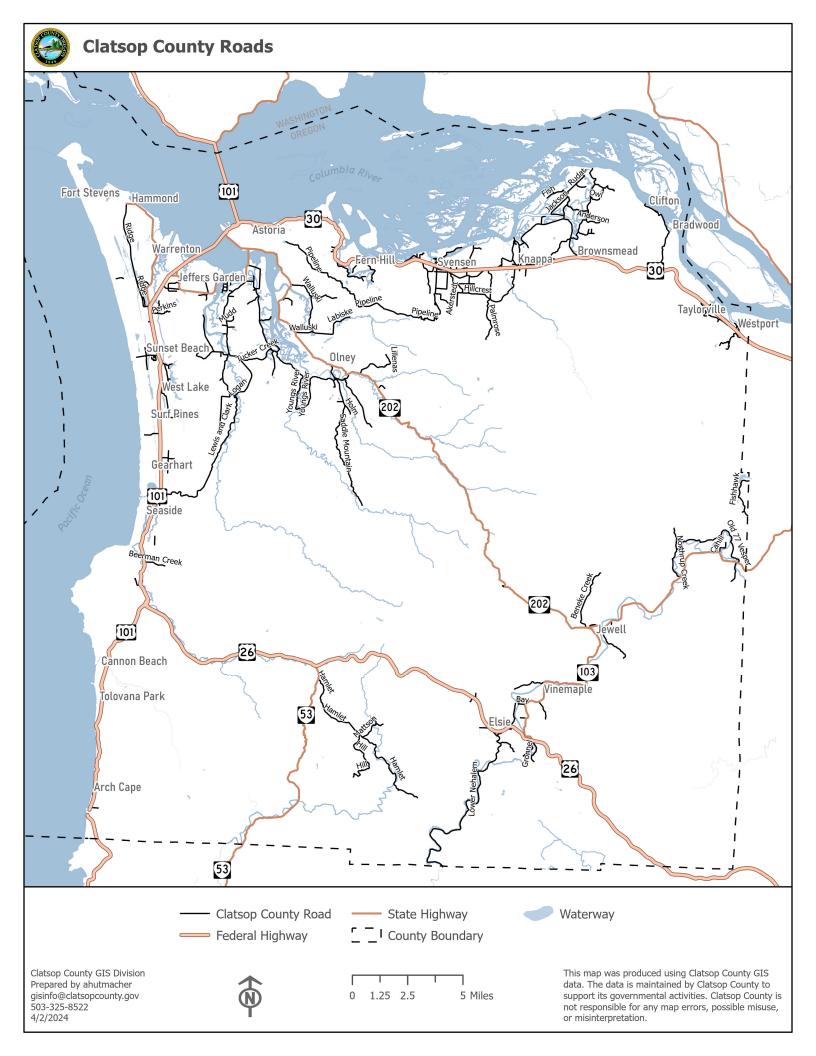
THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS FOR CLATSOP COUNTY, OREGON

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Craig Hoppes, Superintendent 785 Alameda Avenue – Astoria, OR 97103 Phone: 503-325-6441 – Fax: 503-325-6524 www.astoria.k12.or.us

May 17, 2024

Dear Transportation and Growth Management (TGM) Program Coordinator,

Clatsop County is beginning an important planning process that will help prepare our transportation system for the next generation. Clatsop County is requesting TGM funding for an updated Transportation System Plan (TSP). The current plan was completed before impactful changes in our economy and local construction projects were completed, including new and expanded schools in the Astoria School District. The construction of new climate-resilient public facilities and a growing tourism sector have changed how we move people, goods, and visitors to and through our area.

A renewal of our local transit system and the changing employment sectors need to be reflected in our plans. The County recently completed an update of its comprehensive plan and is finishing work on a new Economic Opportunities Analysis. The TSP will be will have a great impact on the planning stages for transportation.

As Clatsop County prepares for a new multi-modal transportation plan, we would like to offer this letter of support as part of the County's application for a Transportation and Growth Management Program grant. The County's efforts will positively affect residents and visitors of Clatsop County.

Sincerely,

Craig Hoppes

Astoria School District

Superintendent



CITY OF CANNON BEACH

May 29, 2024

Dear Transportation and Growth Management (TGM) Program Coordinator,

Clatsop County is embarking on an important planning process that will help prepare our transportation system for the next generation and beyond. Clatsop County is requesting TGM funding for an updated Transportation System Plan (TSP). The current plan was completed before some major changes in our economy and local construction projects were completed, including new and expanded schools in Knappa, Warrenton, and Seaside. The construction of new climate-resilient public facilities and a growing tourism sector have changed how we move people, goods, and visitors to and through our area.

The reinvigoration of our local transit system and the changing employment sectors need to be reflected in our plans for the future. The County recently completed an update of its comprehensive plan and is finishing work on a new Economic Opportunities Analysis. The TSP will be where the proverbial rubber hits the road. We need to rethink how we safely move people and goods. Our organization supports this work.

As Clatsop County prepares for a new multi-modal transportation plan for the next generation, we would like to offer this letter of support as part of the County's application for a Transportation and Growth Management Program grant. It is understood that the County's efforts will positively affect residents and visitors of Clatsop County.

Thank you very much.

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Sincerely,

Barb Knop Mayor



Mayor Kerry Smith City of Gearhart PO Box 2510 Gearhart, Oregon 97146

Jay Blake Clatsop County Planning Manager 800 Exchange Street Suite 100 Astoria, Oregon 97103

May 14th, 2024

Dear Jay Blake,

I am writing on behalf of the City of Gearhart to express our full support for Clatsop County's grant application to the Oregon Department of Transportation's Transportation and Growth Management Program. This initiative to update the 2014 County Transportation System Plan is crucial, considering the significant changes in our region's transportation needs and land use patterns over the past decade.

The growth in housing development, both planned and recently completed, has notably impacted traffic flows and safety. Additionally, the evolving dynamics of business development demand a modernized approach to how we manage and facilitate transportation, ensuring efficiency in the movement of goods and commuting of employees. The increased tourism has also reshaped the way our community accesses and enjoys the local amenities, underscoring the need for a comprehensive transportation strategy that accommodates all modes of travel.

We are particularly supportive of the proposal's commitment to integrating a wide array of local and regional perspectives into the planning process. This inclusive approach is key to developing a transportation system that is not only efficient and sustainable but also equitable. By fostering a collaborative environment, we can ensure that the updated plan reflects the diverse needs of all Clatsop County residents and stakeholders.

The City of Gearhart recognizes the importance of a well-planned transportation infrastructure in enhancing the quality of life for our residents and in supporting the economic vitality of our region. We believe that with this grant, Clatsop County will be

able to lay out a safer and more efficient transportation system that will benefit everyone in our community.

Thank you for your efforts in spearheading this vital initiative. Please feel free to include this letter with your grant application package, and do not hesitate to reach out if further information is required.

Sincerely,

Mayor Kerry Smith City of Gearhart



989 Broadway Seaside, OR 97138 (503) 738-7100 cityofseaside.us

May 16, 2024

Dear Transportation and Growth Management (TGM) Program Coordinator,

Clatsop County is embarking on an important planning process that will help prepare our transportation system for the next generation and beyond. Clatsop County is requesting TGM funding for an updated Transportation System Plan (TSP). The current plan was completed before some major changes in our economy and local construction projects were completed, including new and expanded schools in Knappa, Warrenton, and Seaside. The construction of new climate-resilient public facilities and a growing tourism sector have changed how we move people, goods, and visitors to and through our area.

The reinvigoration of our local transit system and the changing employment sectors need to be reflected in our plans for the future. The County recently completed an update of its comprehensive plan and is finishing work on a new Economic Opportunities Analysis. The TSP will be where the proverbial rubber hits the road. We need to rethink how we safely move people and goods. Our organization supports this work.

As Clatsop County prepares for a new multi-modal transportation plan for the next generation, we would like to offer this letter of support as part of the County's application for a Transportation and Growth Management Program grant. It is understood that the County's efforts will positively affect residents and visitors of Clatsop County.

Sincerely.

Spencer Kyle, City Manager



May 31, 2024

Dear Transportation and Growth Management (TGM) Program Coordinator,

Clatsop County is initiating a critical planning process to prepare our transportation system for the future. A request for TGM funding has been made by Clatsop County for an updated Transportation System Plan (TSP). The original plan was finished prior to significant changes in our economy and the completion of local construction projects, such as the construction of new and larger schools in Knappa, Warrenton, and Seaside. With the development of climate-resilient public facilities and a thriving tourism industry, our movement of people, goods, and visitors in our area has been affected.

To anticipate and adapt to changes in our local transit system and employment sectors, we must address them in our transportation plans. Clatsop County has recently completed updates to its comprehensive plan and is currently finalizing a new Economic Opportunities Analysis. However, it is through the Transportation System Plan (TSP) that we will truly be able to implement these changes on the ground. We must reconsider our approach to safely moving people and goods to meet the needs of our evolving community. Our organization fully supports this vital undertaking.

We want to express our support for Clatsop County as it embarks on developing a new multi-modal transportation plan. We are pleased to offer this letter of support for the County's application for a Transportation and Growth Management Program grant. We recognize that the County's efforts will have a positive impact on the residents and visitors of Clatsop County and the City of Warrenton.

Sincerely,

Esther Moberg

City Manager

Matthew Ellis, AICP
Planning Director



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June 17, 2024

Transportation Growth Management Program Oregon Department of Transportation 555 13th Street NE Salem, OR 97301

Dear ODOT Region 2 Lead Grant Manager,

The Clatsop County Board of Commissioners request your consideration of the County's Transportation Growth Management (TGM) grant application, to aid our efforts in updating the County's Transportation System Plan (TSP). This important planning process will help prepare our transportation system for the next generation and beyond.

The County's current TSP was completed in 2014, before some major changes in the local economy and before significant construction projects were completed—including new and expanded schools in the Knappa area, the City of Warrenton, and the City of Seaside. The construction of new climate-resilient public facilities and a growing tourism sector have changed how the region moves people, goods, and visitors to and through the County. The reinvigoration of the County's local transit system and the changing employment sectors need to be reflected in the community's plans for the future.

Clatsop County has demonstrated its commitment to this vital work with the recent update of its comprehensive plan and undergoing an Economic Opportunities Analysis that is nearing completion. Updating the County's TSP is a crucial next step in understanding the community's changing needs and creating a clear pathway forward.

We respectfully urge your strong consideration of Clatsop County's funding request and the significant benefits it would provide to the community. Thank you for your time and this valuable opportunity.

Sincerely,

Mark Kujala, Chair

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Clatsop County Board of Commissioners



June 10, 2024

Transportation Growth Management Program Oregon Department of Transportation 555 13th Street NE Salem, OR 97301

Dear ODOT Region 2 Lead Grant Manager,

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Clatsop County's current TSP was completed in 2014, before some major changes in the local economy and before significant construction projects were completed—including new and expanded schools in the Knappa area, the City of Warrenton, and the City of Seaside. The construction of new climate-resilient public facilities and a growing tourism sector have changed how the region moves people, goods, and visitors to and through the County. The reinvigoration of the County's local transit system and the changing employment sectors need to be reflected in the community's plans for the future.

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I respectfully urge your strong consideration of Clatsop County's funding request and the significant benefits it would provide to the community. Thank you for your time and this valuable opportunity.

Sincerely,

Matthew D. Phillips, Sheriff

Matthew DP



June 21, 2024

Oregon Department of Transportation 635 Capitol Street NE Suite 150 Salem, OR 97302

RE: Letter of Support for Clatsop County Transportation Growth Management Grant Application

Dear Oregon Department of Transportation,

As the City Manager of the City of Astoria, I am writing in support of the Transportation Growth Management (TGM) grant application submitted by Clatsop County to update the County Transportation System Plan. The County Transportation System Plan was last updated in 2014. The funds would be directed to updating this Plan to reflect current transportation and land use issues that have evolved in the past 10 years.

The last 10 years have seen a great amount of change throughout the County, and this project is a great opportunity for Clatsop County to reexamine how people, students, goods and tourists all move in and out of the County. In particular, within the City of Astoria, housing developments, and the number of tourists visiting the area have drastically increased the number of people travelling through the area. The expansion of good producers in the area, including the brewery industry in Astoria, has also changed what goods are moving in and out of the City.

As part of this project, Clatsop County will enlist a wide variety of local and regional perspectives on transportation to lay out a safer and more efficient transportation system to better serve all of Clatsop County. This essential update to the Clatsop County Transportation System Plan will increase livability for all residents and visitors to the County, as well as further develop a transportation system that businesses can rely on to move their goods, and employees in a safe and efficient manner.

Thank you for your time, and consideration as you review Clatsop County's grant application. I strongly urge you to consider them for the TGM grant.

THE CITY OF ASTORIA

Scott Spence

City Manager | City of Astoria



June 27, 2024

Department of Land Conservation and Development 635 Capitol Street, NE Suite 150 Salem, Oregon 97301

Dear Transportation and Growth Management (TGM) Program Coordinator,

As the economic development district of Northwest Oregon, ColPac supports initiatives that are central to regional economic infrastructure, including advanced transportation planning. I am writing this letter in support of Clatsop County's TGM Grant, which will focus on an update to their TSP that will tie together recent land use and economic work, which is critical to having a strong economy and a coordinated land use and transportation system.

Clatsop County is embarking on a necessary planning process that will help prepare its transportation system for the next generation and beyond. Clatsop County requests TGM funding for an updated Transportation System Plan (TSP). The current plan was completed before some major changes in their local economy and local construction projects were completed, including new and expanded schools in Knappa, Warrenton, and Seaside. The construction of new climate-resilient public facilities and a growing tourism sector have changed how we move people, goods, and visitors to and through our area.

The reinvigoration of the local transit system and the changing employment sectors need to be reflected in the County plans for the future. The County recently completed an update of its comprehensive plan and is finishing work on a new Economic Opportunities Analysis. The TSP will be where the proverbial rubber hits the road. We need to rethink how we safely move people and goods. Furthermore the County TSP update will be able to coordinate with a recent federal safety grant that the County received.

As Clatsop County prepares for a new multi-modal transportation plan for the next generation, we would like to offer this letter of support as part of the County's application for a Transportation and Growth Management Program grant. It is understood that the County's efforts will positively affect residents and visitors of Clatsop County.

ColPac fully supports this TGM Grant proposal.

Sincerely,

P.O. Box 1535 St. Helens Oregon 97051 503.397.3099 info@nworegon.org

www.nworegon.org

Colin Cooper Executive

Director



July 3, 2024

Transportation Growth Management Program Oregon Department of Transportation 555 13th Street NE Salem, OR 97301

Dear ODOT Region 2 Lead Grant Manager,

I am pleased to extend my strong support for Clatsop County's Transportation Growth Management (TGM) grant application, to aid the County in updating its Transportation System Plan (TSP). The County is embarking on an important planning process that will help prepare its transportation system for the next generation and beyond.

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Clatsop County has demonstrated its commitment to this important work with the recent update of its comprehensive plan and undergoing an Economic Opportunities Analysis that is nearing completion. Updating the County's TSP is a crucial next step in understanding the community's changing needs and creating a clear pathway forward.

I respectfully urge your strong consideration of Clatsop County's funding request and the significant benefits it would provide to the community. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Representative Cyrus Javadi

State of Oregon House of Representatives



June 10, 2024

Transportation Growth Management Program Oregon Department of Transportation 555 13th Street Salem, Oregon 97301

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I respectfully urge your strong consideration of Clatsop County's funding request and the significant benefits it would provide to the community. Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully,

Senator Suzanne Weber Oregon Senate District 16

Suzanne Weber



SUNSET EMPIRE TRANSPORTATION DISTRICT 900 Marine Drive Astoria, Oregon 97103

May 15, 2024

ODOT Transportation and Growth Management Program Salem, OR 97301

To Whom It May Concern,

On behalf of Sunset Empire Transportation District (SETD), I am pleased to offer support to Clatsop County in their grant request to update the Clatsop County Transportation System Plan. The transportation dynamics in Clatsop County have changed dramatically since the plan was last updated in 2014. A new plan would allow the County to account for these changes and plan appropriately for the future.

SETD is excited to be a participant and partner in the process as we are the transportation providers in the community that delivers these services to the citizens of Clatsop County. Unfortunately, the last plan did not adequately reflect a level of cooperation that is needed between all transportation stakeholders to supply services efficiently and cost-effectively. An updated plan utilizing all of Clatsop County's available transportation resources could prove to be beneficial for all the providers in the County.

If there are any questions or if I can provide any other information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Craig Johnston

Executive Director

Sunset Empire Transportation District

cjohnston@ridethebus.org

(503)861-5399

May 16, 2024

SESQUICENTENNIAL

Oregon Department of Transportation 355 Capitol St. NE MS11 Salem, OR 97301

Dear Transportation and Growth Management (TGM) Program Coordinator,

The Astoria-Warrenton Area Chamber of Commerce is comprised of 600 local businesses, organizations, and institutions across all sectors of our local economy. We have seen tremendous change and progress in our communities over the past two decades and anticipate significant evolution in the years to come.

Transportation has been either at the center of, affected by, or a factor in nearly every significant project in that time. In certain instances, it threatens to be a limiting factor in future projects and opportunities.

Clatsop County is embarking on an important planning process that will help prepare our transportation system for the next generation. Clatsop County is requesting TGM funding for an updated Transportation System Plan (TSP). The current plan was completed before some major changes in our economy and local construction projects were completed, including new and expanded schools in Knappa, Warrenton, and Seaside. The construction of new climate-resilient public facilities and a growing tourism sector have changed how we move people, goods, and visitors to and through our area.

The reinvigoration of our local transit system and the changing employment sectors need to be reflected in our plans for the future. The County recently completed an update of its comprehensive plan and is finishing work on a new Economic Opportunities Analysis. The TSP will be where the proverbial rubber hits the road. We need to rethink how we safely move people and goods. Our chamber supports this work.

As Clatsop County prepares for a new multi-modal transportation plan for the next generation, we would like to offer this letter of support as part of the County's application for a Transportation and Growth Management Program grant. It is understood that the County's efforts will positively affect residents and visitors of Clatsop County.

Sincerely,

David L. Reid, Executive Director



Warrenton Fiber Co.

389 NW 13th Street PO Box 100 Warrenton, OR 97146

Phone: 503.861.3305 Fax: 503.861.2925 Transportation Growth Management Program Oregon Department of Transportation 555 13th Street NE Salem, OR 97301

Re: Support for Clatsop County TGM Funding

Dear Transportation and Growth Management (TGM) Program Coordinator,

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The reinvigoration of our local transit system and the changing employment sectors needs to be reflected in our plans for the future. The Clatsop County recently completed an update of its comprehensive plan and is finishing work on a new Economic Opportunities Analysis. The TSP will be where the proverbial rubber hits the road. We need to rethink how we safely move people and goods. Warrenton Fiber Company/Nygaard Logging moves a significant amount of goods, people, and equipment over and through Clatsop County, and our organization greatly supports this critical work.

As Clatsop County prepares for a new multi-modal transportation plan for the next generation, we would like to offer this letter of support as part of the County's application for a Transportation and Growth Management Program grant. It is understood that the County's efforts will positively affect residents and visitors of Clatsop County, and we highly recommend them for TGM Funding accordingly.

Sincerely,

John M. Nygaard

Secretary/Treasurer of Warrenton Fiber Company

RACIAL AND ETHNIC IMPACT STATEMENT

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

<u>Chapter 600 of the 2013 Oregon Laws</u> 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.

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