

# 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)***

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## 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

Wasco County, Oregon

### Mailing address

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City

Oregon

State

97058

Zip Code

### Website

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### Contact person name

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Last

### Contact person title

Long Range/Special Projects Planner

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

Kelly

First

Howsley-Glover

Last

**Title of above named person**

Community Development Director

**Phone**

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**Email**

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**List co-applicants (if a joint project)**

**List co-applicants (if a joint project)**

**Providing match?**

n/a

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

Resolution 24-006 Transportation and Growth Management Grant Authorization SIGNED 06-05-2024.pdf

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## Project information

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

**Project title**

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**

2009 Wasco County TSP Study Area Map.pdf

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

**Option 2: Project area description**

All lands within unincorporated Wasco County

**ODOT region (1-5)**

Region 4

[ODOT Region Map](#)

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

**Type of grant**

Category 1: Transportation System Planning

**Summary description of project**

Wasco County is requesting a TGM grant to complete a comprehensive update to its TSP. The current TSP was adopted in 2009 and is at the end of its useful life. Policies from the County's 2021 Comprehensive Plan and 2023 Transit Development Plan will help guide the TSP's update. An updated TSP will also provide new emphasis on multi-modal investments, evacuation routes, innovative mobility, and tourism travel.

*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.

<b>TGM funds requested for the work identified in Criterion 3</b>	<b>Consultant</b> \$218,000.00	<b>Local reimbursement</b> 	<b>Total TGM funds requested</b> \$218,000.00
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<b>Local match</b>	<b>Minimum Match (Calculated)</b> \$24,951.08 <i>Approximately 11.5% of requested funds</i>
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<b>Match to be provided</b>	<b>Labor, supplies and services during project</b> 	<b>Payment when Intergovernmental Agreement is signed</b> \$25,000.00
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**Total Match to be Provided**  
\$25,000.00

**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?**

Wasco County's 2009 TSP no longer reflects the current transportation vision. The TSP transit section is also now invalid. The transit service provider is now different, and the system has since expanded. The County adopted a new Comprehensive Plan in 2021, a Transit Development Plan in 2023, Climate Resilience Plan in 2023, and Community Wildfire Protection Plan in 2024. The goals and policies from these documents must be incorporated into Wasco County's new TSP.

As the economy evolves, recent investment in renewable energy projects in rural Wasco County is straining the transportation system. Two solar farms are under construction, and use Bakeoven Road between Maupin and Shaniko. The State has approved another farm adjacent to these two, while another is in the planning stages. When completed, the four solar farms will occupy nearly 11,000 acres. The same issue is unfolding east of Dufur on a proposed wind/solar farm covering 4,000 acres. All adjacent roadways are farm to market roads, surfaced with a patchwork of asphalt and gravel. These roads were not designed to carry oversized, heavy trucks for construction and maintenance of these facilities. Energy developers are continuing to identify other sites. The County needs an updated TSP that will target investments to support this growing part of Wasco County's economy.

Cyclists regularly use transportation routes around Dufur, The Dalles and Mosier. The current TSP includes a sparse bicycle/pedestrian plan with few new projects, demonstrating little interest in this mode of travel. Meanwhile, Wasco County regularly host cycling events such as Cycle Oregon, an annual Gorge Gravel Grinder bike race around Dufur with over 1,100 participants in 2024.

Whitewater enthusiasts, fishers, and hunters flock to the Maupin area during the summer and fall months. Due to its small population of 425, the State does not require the City of Maupin to have its own TSP. Yet Maupin's population swells with visitors annually. Highway 197's design through Maupin is very basic, without active transportation amenities for safe travel between Deschutes River and downtown. A health clinic and assisted living facility are also located on the western edge of Maupin, without a safe ped/bike route along most of Highway 197 to downtown. Maupin is currently working with the TGM program to develop a Street Design Standards Plan. Smaller city goals, policies and investment priorities should be incorporated into the TSP update.

Lastly, the entire County is in a moderate to very high wildfire hazard area. Over half of the land area is within either a high or very high wildfire hazard zone. The County updated its Land Use and Development Ordinance to require defensible space, construction standards, and safe private driveway access standards to mitigate fire damage. Evacuation route planning is another area needing more attention in the updated TSP. All of these challenges require an updated TSP.

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

Wasco County's updated TSP must support the evolving demands of our County residents and a modern transportation system. These local needs support the TGM Objectives 1, 1.1 – 1.4; 3, 3.1 – 3.3; 4, 4.1; 5, 5.1. Below is a list of local TSP objectives that support the listed TGM objectives:

- Incorporate the goals, policies, and projects from the 2021 Comprehensive Plan, 2023 Transit Development Plan, 2023 Climate Resiliency Plan, and 2024 Community Wildfire Protection Plan.
- Develop and prioritize accessible, safe, and equitable active transportation projects to accommodate users of all ages, incomes, background, and abilities. This objective will include ADA Transition and Safe Routes to Schools projects. This objective will also include a new pedestrian/bicycle plan, and associated projects.
- Include projects and roadway design solutions to support the evolving clean energy and outdoor tourism sectors. This will include projects that move goods, services, tourists, and the workforce to destinations that support economic growth.
- Support regional transit options by establishing projects that support "last mile" connectivity from the transit stops and various destinations within the County, especially in areas where car ownership is limited along US-30 (between Mosier and The Dalles), the unincorporated Chenoweth area, Pine Grove, Tygh Valley, Wamic, Simnasho, and Pine Hollow.
- Identify policies and projects that will connect to the northern Warm Springs tribal residents and all South Wasco residents to shopping and medical services in The Dalles. Support workforce vanpools and innovative mobility solutions to the newly re-opened Kahneeta resort, jobs in Government Camp and other employment destinations for all southern Wasco County residents.
- Create policies and support programs that offer more access to electric charging stations throughout Wasco County, particularly in areas that are easily accessible to tourists, commuters, and residents in multi-family complexes or manufactured home parks.
- Build on work in the 2024 Community Wildfire Protection Plan, and 2023 Wasco County Public Access Road Inventory and Fire Risk Assessment to address emergency evacuation and add projects to the TSP to maintain and enhance important emergency routes.
- Prioritize repairs and enhancements to the County's 17 load-limited bridges, especially along major collectors.

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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?**

Wasco County needs the TGM grant funding in this funding cycle because:

- The current TSP's planning horizon is 2030. If the TGM program awards a grant this funding cycle, the update will be complete just before the end of this horizon. If awarded in future years, the County runs the risk of finishing the update close to or after 2030.
- The existing Pedestrian and Bicycle System portion of the TSP is very deficient and needs to be consistent with State standards. In addition, cycling is a part of a growing outdoor recreation tourism sector, composed of avid cyclists who use Wasco County roads for recreation and races.
- The TSP does not yet identify investments for Safe Routes to Schools or ADA Transition Planning. This is an urgent issue statewide.
- The TSP does not incorporate policies and projects from the updated 2021 Comprehensive Plan, 2023 Transit Development Plan, 2023 Climate Resiliency Plan, and 2024 Community Wildfire Protection Plan. A TSP should be updated at the same time as or as close as possible to the adoption of related plans.
- DLCD staff indicated in the 2023 TSP Assessment that current functional classifications are inconsistent with 2013 Federal updates to the classification system.
- The TSP does not evaluate policies and investments to determine if they are equitable to underrepresented populations.
- Over half of Wasco County is in a high or very high wildfire hazard area. The County does not have emergency evacuation or supply routes. The updated TSP needs to address this increasingly important need.
- In 2009, the County had two load-limited bridges in its jurisdiction. Wasco County now has 17. Many of these bridges are on major collectors that supply important routes for agriculture, industry, and emergency management. An updated TSP will prioritize urgent investments on County bridges.
- Lastly, the County is unable to apply for grants to build important transportation projects not listed in the TSP. One such example is for road safety projects around the County landfill. The landfill now accepts garbage statewide. The Average Daily Traffic on Five Mile Road has at least tripled in recent years. The County needs to build safety improvements in this area to mitigate risks associated with this extra truck traffic. Other projects include adding safe bicycle routes along the Oregon Sherar's Falls Scenic Bikeway, Seven Mile Road between the Dalles and Mosier, and along Fifteen Mile Road east of The Dalles.

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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 County has been busy updating its plans and policies, making this the perfect time to update the TSP. The County adopted the following plans in recent years. All of these updated plans should be incorporated into the new TSP:

- Comprehensive Plan in 2021;
- Transit Development Plan (TDP) in 2023
- Climate Resilience Plan in 2023; and
- Community Wildfire Protection Plan in 2024

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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?**

In 2023, The County completed a DLCD Rural Transportation Equity Grant to reach communities with limited access to cars. The County was able to learn more about the needs of tourism workers in South Wasco County and the workforce that harvests cherries and pears around The Dalles. This project helped the County better target transit services.

The County is currently managing a DLCD grant to update its code to support clear and objective housing standards. The first phase includes an update to a 2009 Buildable Land Study of unincorporated residential communities. The final report, due this summer, will show those areas where housing demand is highest. The results will guide the new TSP policies and project list.

Finally, in 2017 the Oregon Parks and Recreation Commission approved the designation of a 33-mile route around Sherar’s Falls as a State Scenic Bikeway. A new TSP will identify bicycle and roadway improvements needed to enhance this statewide amenity.

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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**

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**Task 1: Project Management (Starts in Month 1-24)**

- Project Kick-Off Meeting with consultant and Project Management Team (PMT).
- Establish membership rosters for PMT, Technical Advisory Committee (TAC), and Public Advisory Committee (PAC).
- PMT Virtual Meetings throughout project. Agendas set by consultant, and scheduled by County.
- Project Website content provided by consultant and maintained by County.
- Project Schedule maintained by consultant.
- Monthly Progress Reports from consultant.

**TOTAL: \$15,000 Consultant**

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.

**Task 2: Public and Stakeholder Involvement (Starts in Month 2 – 24)**

- Consultant will create an Involvement Plan with input from the PMT.
- TAC and PAC meetings, led by consultant for Tasks 3, 4, and 5.
- Meeting agenda content provided by consultant.
- Geographic Information Systems (GIS) support provided by a combination of County and Consultant.
- Public Project Presentations provided by consultant.
- Open House public information content and mailer design supplied by consultant.
- Open House supported by consultant and County. Open House will occur during Task 6.

**TOTAL: \$40,000 Consultant**

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.

**Task 3: Goals and Objectives (Months 3-5)**

- PMT will transmit applicable background plans and policies to the Consultant, such as 2009 TSP, Comprehensive Plan, Transit Development Plan, and Climate Resilience Plan.
- Consultant will produce the following technical memos for the review and approval of the PMT:
  - Summary of Plans, Policies, and Funding Context;
  - Summary of TSP Goals, Objectives and Evaluation Criteria;

**TOTAL: \$12,000 Consultant**

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.

**Task 4: Existing and Future Conditions Analysis (Months 6-8)**

- Consultant will produce the following technical memos for the review and approval of the PMT:
  - Evaluation Methodology; and
  - Existing and Future Conditions Inventory and Analysis

**TOTAL: \$73,000 Consultant**

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.

**Task 5: Develop and Evaluate Transportation System Improvements (Months 9-12)**

- Consultant will produce the following technical memos for the review and approval of the PMT:
  - Evaluation Methodology; and
  - Existing and Future Conditions Inventory and Analysis

**TOTAL: 40,000 Consultant**

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.

**Task 6: Preferred Improvements and Funding Program (Months 13-16)**

- Consultant will produce the following for the review and approval of the PMT:
  - Draft Updated TSP;
  - Draft Implementing Ordinances; and
  - Draft Findings;
- Consultant will produce the following adoption-ready documents:
  - Updated TSP
  - Implementing Ordinances; and
  - Findings;

**TOTAL: \$48,000 Consultant**

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.

**Task 7: Final TSP Adoption (Months 17-24)**

- Planning Commission will review the draft TSP in a work session. Consultant will prepare presentation materials and will jointly deliver the presentation with PMT.
- County staff will review the draft TSP in a work session with Board of County Commissioners. Staff will use presentation materials from Planning Commission work session.
- Planning Commission hearing, recommendation to Board of County Commissioners
- Hearing Adoption hearing before Board of County Commissioners.

**TOTAL: \$15,000 Consultant**

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?**

Wasco County adopted a Climate Resilience Plan in 2023. The TSP must be consistent with this plan. Public electric vehicle (EV) charging stations are largely unavailable to County residents. The TSP must offer projects that will improve access to EV charging in strategic locations.

Pedestrian, bicycle, and transit access improvements will be an essential part of this TSP update. The project team must evaluate safe, active transportation improvements through an equity lens, ensuring that improvements are located in areas available to underrepresented and vulnerable populations.

Wasco County's population is composed of nearly 19% identifying as Hispanic, while about 14% of the Oregon's population identifies this way. In addition, over half of the Confederated Tribes of the Warm Springs reservation territory is within the County. The project approach must be intentional and accessible, building on existing relationships with tribal members and Latinx residents.

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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)**

Not applicable.

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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**

Compiled TGM Application Letters of Support 07-29-2024.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**

Project Manager Alice Cannon brings over 25 years' experience working in Oregon land use and transportation planning, primarily for cities and counties. She also worked for David Evans and Associates as a transportation and land use planner, assisting with writing TSPs and Draft Environmental Impact Statements for Transit Projects. She has managed one TGM project, and has served on several Project Management Teams or Technical Advisory Committees for TSPs and transit plan updates. She has a Master of Urban and Regional Planning from the University of Colorado and Bachelor of Science degree in Planning, Public Policy, and Management from the University of Oregon.

In 2023, Alice Cannon managed and completed a DLCD Rural Transportation Equity Grant. The project followed the completion of the TGM-funded Wasco County Transit Development Plan in 2022. The intent was to conduct research and outreach to communities with limited access to cars. The County was able to learn more about the transportation needs of this population and improve outreach for rural transit services in South Wasco County and for agricultural workers around The Dalles.

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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**

Wasco County's TSP Update is a very high priority. The County will ensure that the Long Range/Special Projects Planner has capacity to scope and serve as the local project manager. Alice Cannon's experience working on similar projects will allow her to anticipate how much staff time is needed to complete the project and prioritize this work with other workload. Likewise, Public Works Director Arthur Smith and Planning Director Daniel Dougherty are available to serve as members of the Project Management Team (PMT) to ensure that the County thoroughly reviews project deliverables and gives direction to the consultant team. Public Works Arthur Smith has worked in the Wasco County Public Works Department since 1991, and served as Director since 2016.

Arthur Smith holds a Bachelor's degree in Civil Engineering from Oregon State University. Daniel Dougherty is an Oregon State Bar Licensed Attorney and has worked for Wasco Planning since 2018, advancing from Associate Planner to Planning Director. Previously, he worked for the Army Corps of Engineers in Louisiana, and was a Captain in the U.S. Army.

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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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Transportation Development Plan

Wasco County jointly applied in 2019 for a TGM grant with Wasco County's transit provider (Mid-Columbia Economic Development District) to fund a new Transit Development Plan. The final plan was completed in June 2022 and adopted by Wasco County Board of Commissioners in July 2023.

300 character limit.

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## 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 adopted TSP will promote rural mobility solutions to bridge the transportation gap between employees and employers. The Wasco County and its transit provider, Mid-Columbia Economic Development District, have recently collaborated to identify new employer vanpool opportunities between the South Wasco County communities of Maupin, Tygh Valley, and Wamic, and Pine Hollow and the newly re-opened Kah-neeta resort, north of Warm Springs.

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## Required forms

**Title VI: Racial & Ethnic Impact Statement form**  
TGM Application Racial-Ethnic-Impact-Statement  
2024.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

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**Today's date**

7/29/2024

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

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IN THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE STATE OF OREGON

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IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF WASCO

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IN THE MATTER OF AUTHORIZING AN APPLICATION FOR AN OREGON TRANSPORTATION AND GROWTH MANAGEMENT GRANT TO UPDATE THE COUNTY'S TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM PLAN

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RESOLUTION #24-006

NOW ON THIS DAY, the above-entitled matter having come on regularly for consideration, said day being one duly set in term for the transaction of public business and a majority of the Board of Commissioners being present; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Land Conservation and Development and Oregon Department of Transportation is awarding grants through the Transportation and Growth Management (TGM) Program for including, but not limited to, transportation system planning and integrated land use and transportation planning; and

WHEREAS, the Oregon Department of Transportation recommends that transportation system plans be updated periodically when the current Transportation System Plan (TSP) no longer addresses the existing or future transportation needs/visions/standards of the County, and to reflect growth and change; and

WHEREAS, Wasco County updated its Comprehensive Plan in 2020 and adopted a Transit Development Plan in July 2023; and

WHEREAS, Wasco County last updated its Transportation System Plan in 2009 and the document no longer reflects current conditions, nor is consistent with the Comprehensive Plan, Transit Development Plan and other County land use and transportation policy documents; and

WHEREAS, the County has budgeted local grant matching funds, staffing and capacity to fulfill grant obligations; and

WHEREAS, the TGM program requires that the Board provide a resolution of support for the grant application.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of County Commissioners support submission of a TGM Planning grant application to update the County's TSP during the 2024 grant cycle.

DATED this 5th day of June, 2024.

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



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Kristen Campbell, County Counsel



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Steven D. Kramer, Commission Chair

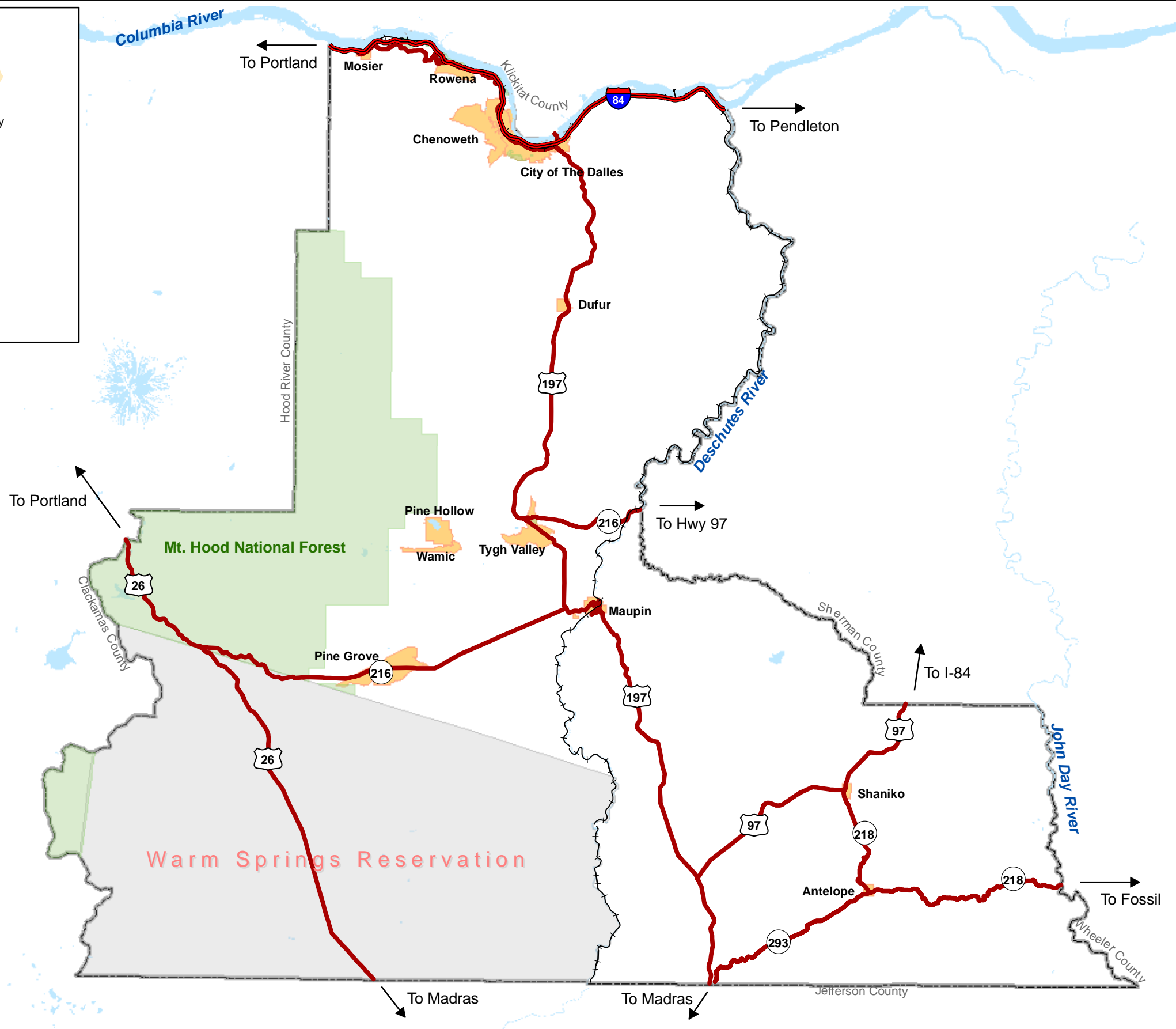
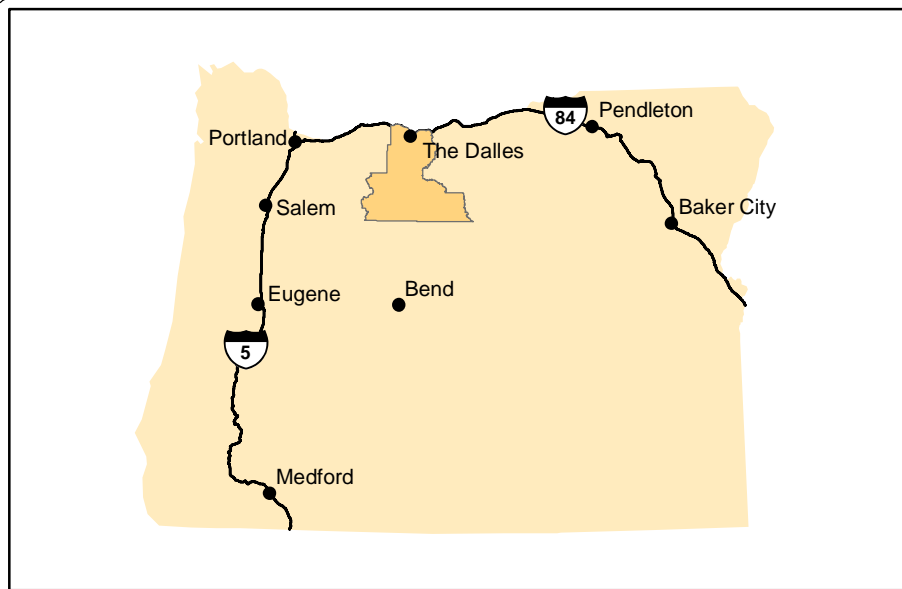


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Scott C. Hege, Vice-Chair



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Philip Brady, County Commissioner





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**STUDY AREA MAP**  
**WASCO COUNTY, OREGON**  
**FIGURE 1-1**



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7/1/2024

Devin Hearing, Local Government Liaison  
ODOT Region 4  
63055 North Highway 97  
Bend, OR 97703

Dear Mr. Hearing,

The City of Maupin extends support for Wasco County's Transportation Growth Management (TGM) grant application to update its Transportation System Plan (TSP). Maupin is a small city of approximately 425 residents during the colder weather months. In the summer months, Maupin's population swells with tourists and employees who come here to enjoy the beautiful lower Deschutes River. A strong transportation system that supports drivers, pedestrians, and cyclists is such an important value in our community – especially during the summer tourist season. You know this first-hand, since Maupin is currently working with the TGM program on a project to produce a new City Street Design Plan.

We appreciate Wasco County's partnership on a variety of different projects. The Wasco County Planning Department visited Maupin at the South Wasco High School Resides Pow Wow in May 2023, promoting rural transportation options such as a twice-weekly shopping shuttle to The Dalles. Currently, we know the County is currently working with the operator of Kahneeta to explore the possibility of an employee vanpool. This vanpool will allow Maupin and other South Wasco County residents a chance to have reliable and free rides to Kahneeta for work. Wasco County needs an updated TSP. The new TSP should incorporate policies and project priorities that support Maupin's transportation needs. Tourism traffic continues to grow with river enthusiasts, fishers, and gravel cyclists throughout South Wasco County. We also enjoy hosting many road trippers and fans who visit our new track and field facility. The City of Maupin looks forward to being a part of the team that updates the TSP.

Best wishes as you select projects this summer. We know it is a challenging task. We hope you will award Wasco County with a TGM grant. Please reach out to me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Nick Smith  
City Manager  
City of Maupin



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July 17, 2024

Devin Hearing, Local Government Liaison  
ODOT Region 4  
63055 North Highway 97  
Bend, OR 97703

Dear Mr. Hearing,

The City of The Dalles would like to express its support for Wasco County's application for a Transportation Growth Management (TGM) grant to update its Transportation System Plan (TSP). Wasco County last updated its TSP in 2009. It is among the oldest TSPs in Region 4. The County needs this update to keep its transportation policies and investments current and in alignment with all other jurisdictions in Wasco County.

The City and Wasco County collaborate on a number of projects such as natural hazard planning, emergency management, land use planning, and transportation planning. Each agency needs to ensure that all local government partners keep up with vital infrastructure investments. Wasco County's transportation system offers many connection points to transportation corridors in The Dalles. The local economy, emergency response, and overall community livability depends on a complete transportation connection between communities throughout the county.

We support Wasco County's TGM application and are available to answer any questions you may have as you select grant awards this summer.

Sincerely,

Richard Mays, Mayor  
City of The Dalles



July 24, 2024

Devin Hearing, Local Government Liaison  
ODOT Region 4  
63055 North Highway 97  
Bend, OR 97703

Dear Mr. Hearing,

The Columbia Gorge Tourism Alliance supports the Wasco County Transportation System Plan (TSP) Update and the grant application to aid the work. The Columbia Gorge Tourism Alliance is committed to developing the region as a first-rate, sustainable tourism destination. Sustainable tourism depends on an effective transportation system that connects visitors and employees to important destinations. We support strategies to reduce congestion during peak seasons in high-tourism areas. We have action teams that promote car-free visitor transportation, visitor dispersal from tourism hot spots to equally inviting outdoor areas, and industry workforce support.

We support Wasco County's TSP Update through project promotion, advocacy, meaningful input, and education. We appreciate our partnership with local governments throughout the Gorge and strongly encourage you to award this grant to Wasco County. The 2009 TSP is now quite outdated and needs to be refreshed to support modern solutions to transportation and tourism challenges throughout the Gorge, particularly around popular attractions between Mosier and The Dalles. These include agri-tourism destinations around Mosier and The Dalles and public hiking trailheads, river launch points, and scenic viewpoints.

Thank you for considering this important application. You have a significant decision to make when considering statewide grant applications. We look forward to hearing that you awarded Wasco County this important grant.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Emily Reed".

Emily Reed,  
Network Director



June 28, 2024

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Dear Mr. Hearing,

Mid-Columbia Economic Development District (MCEDD) expresses its support for Wasco County's application for a Transportation Growth Management (TGM) grant to update its Transportation System Plan (TSP). As both Wasco County's transit provider and economic development agency, MCEDD partners with Wasco County on transportation planning issues. Most recently, Wasco County served on a Technical Advisory Committee when MCEDD was working on its own TGM grant-funded project – a new Transit Development Plan, adopted in July 2023.

Later, MCEDD served as a technical advisory and partner after the Oregon Department of Land Conservation and Development Department awarded Wasco County a Rural Transportation Equity grant. The grant funded research and public information collateral such as Spanish-language bus rider videos and other informational materials intended to boost transit ridership in the most rural parts of Wasco County. The County's 2009 TSP is outdated. The County sorely needs this update to ensure that TSP policies and priorities are in alignment with the new Transit Development Plan, multi-modal travel goals, and economic development needs. If awarded, we will support Wasco County as it develops a refreshed TSP.

Please let me know if you have questions that could assist you in your grant award decision this summer.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Jessica Metta".

Jessica Metta  
Executive Director



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Subject: NSF: Transportation Growth Management (TGM) to Update the Wasco County  
Transportation System Plan (TSP)

Dear Mr. Hearing,

It is my pleasure to support Wasco County's application for a Transportation Growth Management (TGM) grant to update its Transportation System Plan (TSP). I currently service as the Oregon State University extension tree fruit horticulturist for Wasco County, and as a governor's appointee to the bi-state Columbia River Gorge Commission. As extension horticulturist, I provide tree fruit producers with education around various topics ranging from sustainable fruit production to farmworker health and safety. This has greatly informed my work as a Columbia River Gorge Commissioner, where I worked to include agriculture and transportation as part of our Climate Change Action Plan. This work provides me with a unique perspective on the important interplay between land use, transportation, and conservation. If Wasco County is awarded these funds, I agree to assist the Wasco County Planning Department in soliciting feedback from the tree fruit community.

In spring 2023, the Wasco County Planning Department attended the annual Pre-Cherry Harvest Tour to promote transit options for farmworkers in Wasco County. Wasco County's population swells in the spring and summer months with workers who support the annual cherry and other fruit tree harvests. Many of these employees live in farm housing and have limited transportation options. This was the first time the farmers had learned about the availability of employee dial-a-ride programs and potential employer vanpool services. We appreciated the information and the ongoing partnership with Wasco County Planning. I am available and stand ready to promote Wasco County's TSP Update with the Wasco agricultural community. The transportation system directly supports farmers and is a vital part of the economic health of Wasco County.

Sincerely,

Ashley A. Thompson, Ph.D.  
Assistant Professor of Horticulture & Extension Tree Fruit Horticulturist  
Oregon State University





## South Wasco Alliance

July 23, 2024

Devin Hearing, Local Government Liaison  
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Dear Mr. Hearing,

South Wasco Alliance (SWA) expresses its support for Wasco County's application for a Transportation Growth Management (TGM) grant to update its Transportation System Plan (TSP). SWA is a grass-roots organization of local residents interested in improving the health and livability of the communities of Maupin, Tygh Valley, Wamic, Pine Grove, Pine Hollow, Shaniko and Antelope. SWA is more than a neighborhood association. The organization manages grants and programs to improve economic development, access to healthy food, and overall public wellness.

Wasco County has collaborated with SWA in a variety of ways over the years. Most recently, SWA welcomed Wasco County to participate in its strategic planning sessions in 2022 and 2023. Wasco County also invited SWA to participate in outreach activities for the State Rural Transportation Equity grant project in 2022-2023. We were especially enthusiastic about this project because one of the deliverables was a public survey of South Wasco County residents about access to transit, and obstacles our residents face in traveling to jobs, appointments and shopping. Communities in Wasco County are remote and face travel challenges unfamiliar to most residents in Oregon.

Our organization encourages the TGM grant selection committee to award Wasco County in 2024. The current 2009 plan no longer reflects the County's transportation investment priorities. The County needs to keep pace with investment needs in all corners of the County. We look forward to participating in this important update.

Sincerely,

  
[Kate Willis \(Jul 23, 2024 22:34 PDT\)](#)

Kate Willis  
Board Chair  
South Wasco Alliance



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June 25<sup>th</sup> 2024

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Dear Mr. Hearing,

The Wasco County Sheriff's Office expresses support for Wasco County Planning Department's application for a Transportation Growth Management (TGM) grant to update its Transportation System Plan (TSP). Our office includes countywide emergency management services including emergency law enforcement response, major disaster (manmade & natural) response, search and rescue and other related public safety incidents. A safe and well-maintained transportation system is more important than ever, especially considering the increased frequency of wildfire and other natural disasters throughout the territory we serve.

The existing TSP needs an update and our office is concerned a 2009-vintage plan does not contain the right policies and projects that represent the public safety needs of our county. Transportation funding will continue to be challenging for our county, meaning we will become increasingly dependent on grants to improve our transportation system. A modern TSP will allow county staff to be proactive in pursuing transportation projects that address current needs.

Our office will participate in any committees formed to draft a new TSP. Traffic safety, public safety, and emergency management are closely intertwined and professionals from our office are ready to contribute to the effort.

Please reach out if I can answer any questions. We respect that you have a tough decision in selecting grant awards this summer. Wasco County deserves an award for all the reasons outlined above.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Lane Magill".

Lane Magill  
Wasco County Sheriff



## 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 persons<sup>1</sup> 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:

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<sup>1</sup> “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.