

2024 Transportation Growth Management Grant Application

Instructions

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

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

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

Applicant information

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

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

Primary applicant jurisdiction

Mailing address

Address Line 1

Address Line 2

City

State

Zip Code

Website

Contact person name

First

Last

Contact person title

Town Councilor

Contact phone

(503) 475-9864

Contact email

ekimes2013@gmail.com

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

Autum

First

Crumpton

Last

Title of above named person

Town Recorder

Phone

(541) 989-8515

Email

officemgr@lexingtonoregon.com

List co-applicants (if a joint project)

List co-applicants (if a joint project)	Providing match?
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Upload your resolution or authorized letter with associated meeting minutes from the governing body of applying jurisdiction(s) here:

July 9, 2024.pdf

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Project information

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

Project title

Downtown Improvement Plan

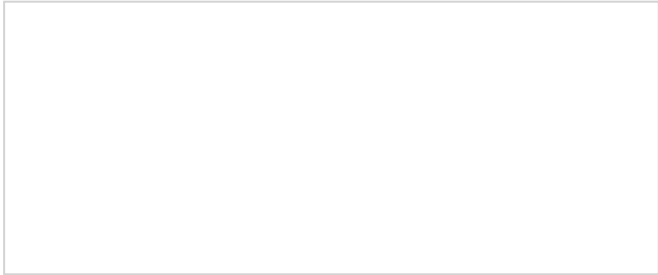
Project area: Using either of the two fields below, attach a map of the project area or describe the area your project is located in.

Option 1: Project area map

downtown_imp_area.pdf

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

Option 2: Project area description



ODOT region (1-5)

[ODOT Region Map](#)

Region 5

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

Type of grant

Category 1: Transportation System Planning

Summary description of project

The proposal is to develop a Lexington Downtown Improvement Plan that guides the development and redevelopment into an exceptional place to live, work, play, and visit. Using existing plans as guidance, the Town seeks to provide a new vision for how downtown is developed, experienced, and traversed. The project will adopt a new Downtown Improvement Plan into the Comprehensive Plan. The Town believes in the potential of the downtown and seeks a new plan that identifies opportunities to attract new businesses, increases multi-modal travel, and creates an inviting sense of place. The outcome will be a detailed downtown plan that addresses alignment, safety, general design, road crossings, connections to other transportation options, materials, adjacent landowner concerns, etc. and positions the project for streamlined design, engineering and leveraging future funding.

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 \$175,000.00	Local reimbursement 	Total TGM funds requested \$175,000.00
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Local match **Minimum Match (Calculated)**
 \$20,029.53
Approximately 11.5% of requested funds

Match to be **Labor, supplies and services during project** **Payment when Intergovernmental Agreement is signed**

provided

\$20,030.00

Total Match to be Provided

\$20,030.00

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?

The proposed project will allow the Town of Lexington to analyze the issues and needs in our downtown area and how to provide safe access for our community members, businesses, and visitors. The projects number one priority will be focused on safety, looking closely at bicycle and pedestrian options, transit needs to include bus stops, public parking, lighting, crosswalks, signage, access to businesses and activity centers.

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

Lexington's small downtown sits at the junction of Hwy. 74 and Hwy. 207 in South Morrow County. This junction serves travelers from near and far as it is a gateway to the northern and southern areas of Morrow County. To the north are the communities of Lone, Boardman, and Irrigon. Boardman is home to the second largest port in Oregon the Port of Morrow which has over 8,000 entry-level jobs, this is a huge attraction for our residents. Also to the north are the cities of Umatilla, Hermiston, and Pendleton located 40-55 miles from Lexington, these communities also attract residents living in Lexington to employment, healthcare, social services, and goods. Most recently major industrial development has been underway only 15 miles east of Lexington. this development is bringing over a thousand workers over the next 6-8 years to our area. This will dramatically increase transportation activity and temporary housing in our community. All of this is to say that our downtown junction is the main artery in South Morrow County and serves a vast number of travelers. Lexington seeks to study and review the development of our downtown to allow for better accessibility to transit and activity centers. It is crucial to our town citizens that we prepare for added public services that will allow access to employment, healthcare, social services, healthy foods, and recreation.

This project addresses the following objectives: 1) appropriately sited, designed, and managed local, regional, and state transportation facilities such as roadway and sidewalk improvements, parking, lighting, signage, and a sense of place. 2) A balanced, interconnected, and safe transportation system that provides a variety of transportation options such as walking and biking paths, safe crossings, and public transit access. The Town of Lexington desires to review and study the town's downtown project area in order to access transportation barriers for those who are transportation disadvantaged. Lexington's Town Council recognizes the significant agricultural industry in our region. We understand that this industry is the heartbeat of our community and livelihood for so many, one of our goals with this planning project is to address the large farm equipment and truck traffic that travel through our small downtown. We believe we can find a balanced approach to downtown improvements through traffic calming while still accommodating large vehicles making Lexington safe for everyone living, working and traveling through our downtown.

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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 Town of Lexington desires to review and study the town's downtown project area to access transportation barriers for those who are transportation disadvantaged. Morrow County Public Transit recently launched a new fixed route system in Morrow County. One of the routes (Heppner-Boardman Connector) travels through Lexington's downtown area. Lexington seeks to study and review the development of our downtown to allow for better accessibility to this transit service and activity centers. It is crucial to our town's citizens that we prepare for added public services that will allow access to employment, healthcare, social services, healthy foods, and recreation. Lexington Council is aware of the infrastructure opportunities that are available through the Oregon Department of Transportation and the Federal Transportation Administration but we must prepare for these opportunities by conducting crucial stakeholder outreach and education, review, and study to better prepare for this development. Additionally, Morrow County Planning Department has recently concluded two significant projects that impact housing and buildable lands. 1) Morrow County Housing Implementation Strategy Plan and 2) Goal 9: Economic Development and Employment Lands Assessment for the Willow Creek Valley. These projects contain valuable information as Lexington moves forward with our downtown planning. Lexington Town Council recently conducted Education and Outreach with TGM to jumpstart public engagement about this project. Stakeholders within the project area were interviewed, a public outreach session was conducted, and a report was prepared with findings. This report will help guide the Town Council and the Downtown Improvement Committee as they prepare for the next steps.

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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?

No local actions are needed to move the proposed project forward.

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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?

As explained above the Town of Lexington conducted Education and Outreach with TGM to jumpstart public engagement about this project. Stakeholders within the project area were interviewed, a public outreach session was conducted, and a report was prepared with findings. This report will help guide the Town Council and the Downtown Improvement Committee as they prepare for the next steps. If this project is awarded the Town Council will advertise the open positions for the Downtown Committee and then appoint members to the Committee. The council will seek to include a diverse group of Stakeholders to the Committee that will include; transportation disadvantaged Transit users and those who operate Public Transit, business owners, agricultural industry, private land owners, Morrow County representation and Lexington Council representation.

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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

The Downtown Improvement Committee will review RFP's that are received and award a planning firm to conduct the planning project.

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.

Planning firm deliverables would include but are not limited to public engagement including stakeholder outreach sessions. The council will appoint stakeholders to a committee of volunteers to assist the council and staff with this project. The committee will consist of business owners or business representatives, private land owners, public transit representation, Morrow County representation and Lexington Council representation. Project will also include public surveys.

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.

Transportation deliverables would include analysis of project area, linkage issues for pedestrians, bicycles, rolling devices to transit and activity centers, needs analysis and funding sources for construction.

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Land use deliverables would include possible code changes for development. Outcomes from project tasks will include a draft Downtown Improvement Plan that will be presented to the Town Council and Morrow County Board of Commissioners for final input. The final planning document will be adopted by the Town Council.

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.

Lexington's council believes that are approach to appoint a Downtown Improvement Committee and hire a transportation consultant firm, that we will have the support and tools needed to conduct public outreach, project area analysis and finally a adopted planning document which will prepare us for future funding programs.

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

This project will consider measures, practices, and facility options for enhanced pedestrian and bicycle safety. The impacts of the Downtown Improvement Plan on our underrepresented populations will be considered. Lexington has a high percentage of people living below the 200% poverty level, people living with a disability, older adults (65 and older), zero-vehicle households, and Veterans. All this data is from the Morrow County Coordinated Human Services Transportation Plan and can be located at <https://www.co.morrow.or.us/theloop/page/transit-development-plan>.

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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)

N/A

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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

2024 TGM Letters of Support.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

The Town of Lexington consists of the following personnel and elected officials:

- One FTE Town Recorder
- One FTE Maintenance Specialist
- One elected mayor
- Four elected council members

The town recorder will be the main point of contact for correspondence and documentation. The recorder along with Councilor Katie Imes will keep the mayor and council members informed of project tasks and deliverables. Councilor Imes has professional experience in local public transit, serving Morrow County for three years as the Transit Manager. While in this position she transitioned the department from an all volunteer driving staff to paid and added an operations supervisor to the department. She successfully applied for over ten grant opportunities which led to the first ever expansion of fixed-route services throughout Morrow County. She also led the planning for a new Transit Facility location in Boardman which will provide the public a transit connection to Umatilla County and beyond. Finally, she has worked on many local and intergovernmental agency planning projects which include working with Transportation Consultants.

Lexington was recently awarded a grant through the AWS ChangeX program to improve the Town Hall's Technology. Through this grant the Town now has a new website, this website allows for improved public access to meetings and public documentation. The Town also has virtual meeting access available for those unable to attend meetings in person.

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

The Project Manager would be Katie Imes, Town Councilor for Lexington. Katie would serve as the principal contact for the project and work closely with consultant, participate and monitor work to its completion and Autumn Crumpton, Town Recorder for Lexington will assist with documentation, scheduling, website updates, correspondence and, tracking consultants invoices. Katie Imes will keep the Lexington Council apprised of the project and its progress. Larry Hess, Public Works Director for Lexington will also assist and provide input throughout the project.

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

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

TGM File Code	Project Title	Status
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300 character limit.

Bonus points: Housing (up to 10 points)

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

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

Transit in Morrow County has made progress over the last few years. In 2021 the Port of Morrow & Boardman - Hermiston Connector Strategic Report was completed in June of 2021. This document can be located at <https://www.co.morrow.or.us/theloop/page/transit-development-plan>. This plan will assist the Lexington Downtown Project as analyzes the Transit needs within our community and the project area.

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Required forms

Title VI: Racial & Ethnic Impact Statement form
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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Today's date

7/29/2024

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

Rachael Levasseur
Planning Section Web Coordinator
Rachael.LEVASSEUR@odot.oregon.gov

TOWN OF LEXINGTON

July 9th, 2024

MINUTES

Mayor Juli Kennedy calls meeting to order at 6pm

Pledge of Allegiance is recited

Council Members Present: Juli Kennedy, Katie Imes, Will Lemmon, Bill Beard,
Carol Dougherty (Zoom)

Employees Present: Autum Crumpton, Larry Hess

Community Members Present: Bobbi & Wayne Gordon, Kaitlynn Evans, Brad Baird, Shirley Beard,
John & Dorothy Edwards, Josie Miles

June Meeting Minutes: Bill motions to approve June meeting minutes; Katie seconded; motion carried.

Town Bills: Katie motions to approve June bills; Will seconded; motion carried.

Financial Report: Financial reports will be tabled until an accountant is hired, and the reports can be fixed and accurate.

Delinquent Water Bills: Need to call customers that are over 90 days past due.

Mayor Report: Moved on to Fire Department Report.

Fire Department Report: Fire department had three calls in the last month. Assisted with lone fourth of July fireworks. Currently have a five-man crew. Training with Heppner and lone is scheduled for October. Fire truck 1453, which is a 1985 Ford Crew Cab and has been in service for the Lexington Fire Department since 1996, needs to be replaced. Josie provides the council with a quote for approximately \$49,000 for a new brush rig truck. If the fire department verbally reserves the vehicle today it will take 2 to 5 months to receive said truck. Katie motions to approve quote and purchase of new brush rig; Bill seconds; motion carried.

Maintenance Report: Larry got in touch with Blue Mountain Networks there is a plan to run fiber optics up to and past the well site. The certified reservoir inspection was conducted, a new liner and fittings is being researched. Larry is in correspondence with Carla McLane about being a consultant for the town's planning needs. The fire house is waiting for the new door to be installed. Tom street stop sign was knocked over, so Larry fixed that. Larry is working on getting bids from contractors for the A Street water reroute. Mowing and spraying continues as usual. Katie suggests that vacant property lots should be maintained by the town. Neighborhood watch sign location list will be completed by Carol. The state of Oregon lead pipe report is due in October. Water levels and pressure checks are in good standings.

Recorder Report: Autum reports that the town did receive the MCURD grant for the May Day celebration. There was a May Day Committee meeting on June 17th consisting of Larry,

Carol and Autum. The May Day Committee at that meeting decided to purchase a retractable flagpole for the May Day Park, parade barriers and cones, sandwich board signs and new raffle ticket boxes. The next May Day Committee meeting is October 21st, 2024, at 6pm; the meeting will take place at Lexington Town Hall. Autum has been in contact with Bobbi Gordon and Dan Vansciock about Dan potentially taking on the accounting for the town. There is a training plan that Autum has written since that was discussed at her 3-month evaluation, a copy was included with the recorder report. Autum has started on the budget tracking, so far, the reservoir inspection has come out of the budget and soon the fire house door project will be invoiced and taken out of the budget. Autum started using clockify to better track her hours. Katie advises to be in contact with the county clerk to get election materials.

Open/Public Comments: Shirley Beard brings up the concern of the noise ordinance of Lexington. Bill Beard also voices his concern about how loud the music at The Broken Spoke has gotten. Eric Schonbachler brings up concerns of fireworks being set off around town. Katie reiterates that there is a burn ban in effect and that does include fireworks. Bobbi Gordon brings up that the county noise ordinance is at 11am. Bill recommends adopting a new noise ordinance.

Katie attended the Morrow County Water Advisory Committee meeting. This committee oversees looking at all of Morrow County's water issues, most water issues are on the north end and their nitrate levels. Katie gave the committee an update on what Lexington is doing with their water projects.

Katie reached out to Tamera Mabbott about the temporary RV residency. Katie suggests the Town of Lexington introduce our own ordinance for temporary RV residency.

New Business: Approve Autum and Carol on town bank account. Katie motions approval; Bill seconds. Motion carried with stipulation of a resolution with removal of Bobbi from bank account.

Katie explains TGM Grant. The town is applying for a planning grant. The grant consists of hiring a consultant to draw up a plan for downtown construction, for example new sidewalks, signage and streetlights. Letters of support for the TGM Grant from the Public Works, County Commissioners and Planning Director Tamera Mabbott are included. Will motions to approve TGM Grant application and letters; Bill seconds; motion carried.

Old Business: Anderson & Perry Brad Baird goes over drawings and designs forms. Brad provides Bidding Documents and Bidding Packet. Brad goes over the benefits of the income survey.

Income Survey Autum is working on correcting addresses.

Lexington Community Development Group Katie suggests keeping this on the agenda, Katie doesn't really have a new update.

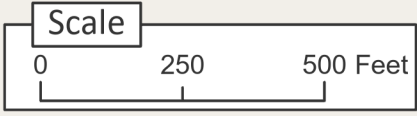
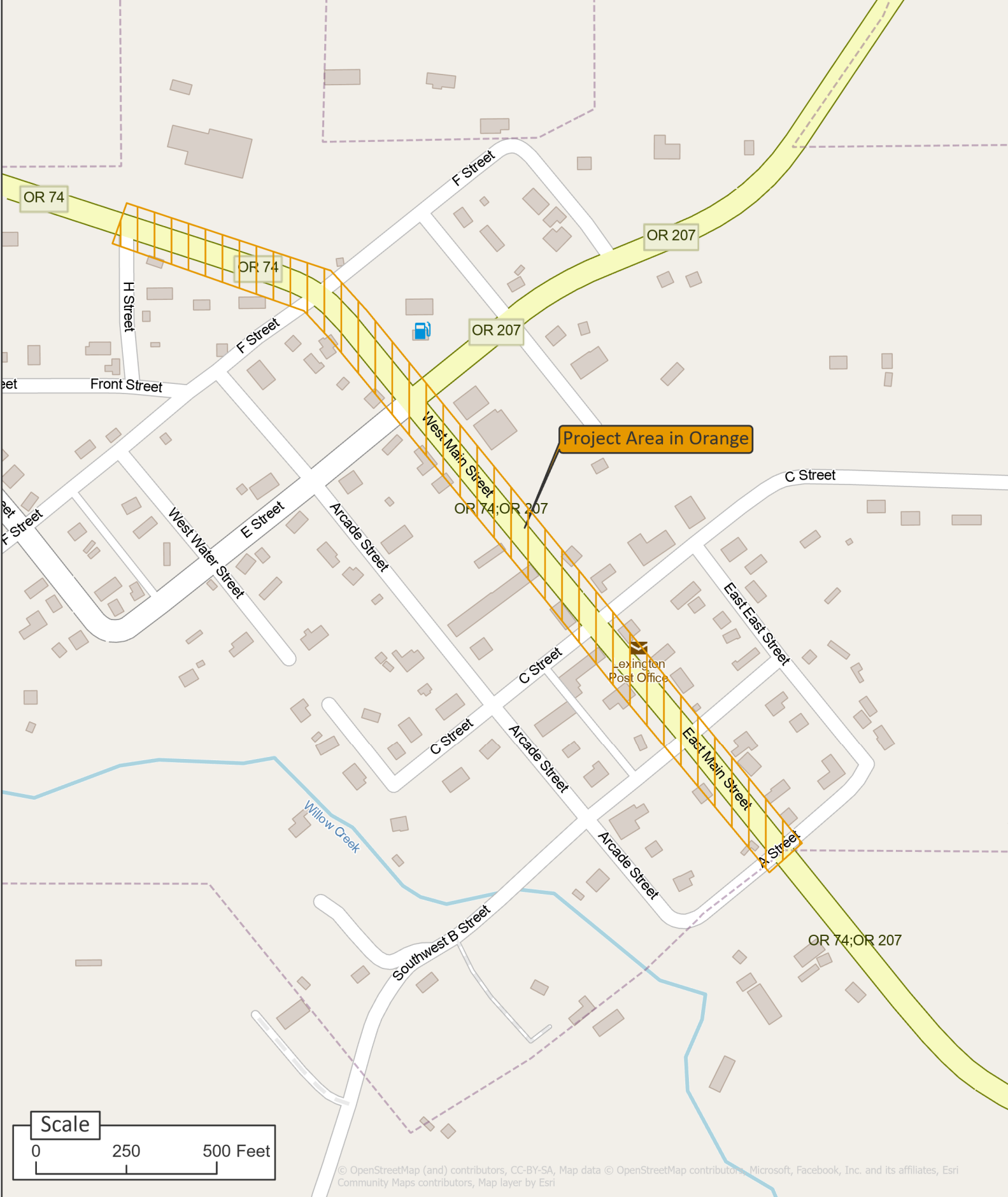
Professional Services – Accounting & Payroll, Bobbi reports that Dan Vansciock services can be anywhere from \$1200 to \$1500 per year. Bobbi is concerned that Dan may be too busy to take on the town's accounts. Bobbi recommends Kim Johnston. Kim was very eager and punctual in providing Bobbi with her resume. Katie instructs that Kim needs to provide the council with a contract and her contract will be on the next agenda.

Food Truck Receptacle at Fire Hall. There was three different contractor quotes from Hendon, Shelco, Wight's Electric. Discussion of where in the fiscal year budget and May Day Committee funds that the funds for the receptacle are coming from. Cost of the food truck receptacle will come out of the May Day fund because the receptacle will be located on the outside of the fire hall building and will be used for May Day vendor food trucks. Quotes also include electrical installation for fire hall doors. Will motions to approve Wight's Electric quote; Bill seconds; motion carried.

A Street Reroute Quotes; quotes from Silvercreek and Miller & Sons. There were only two quotes because no other contractors would get back to Larry with quotes. Katie reiterates that since this issue is still being discussed by the lawyers the town still needs a contract. Once the council receives a contract an executive session can be organized to approve quotes and A Street reroute.

Mayor Juli Kennedy presents her resignation letter to the council and town employees. Juli appoints council person Katie Imes to supervise town employees until a new town mayor has been appointed or elected.

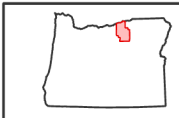
Juli adjourned meeting at 8:50pm



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The Town of Lexington

Downtown Improvement Plan Project Area



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David Sykes, Commission Chair
Jeff Wenzholz, Commissioner
Roy Drago, Jr., Commissioner

June 18, 2024

Cheryl Jarvis-Smith, ODOT Region 5 TGM Coordinator
Department of Land Conservation & Development
635 Capitol St, N.E., Suite 150
Salem, OR 97301
cheryljarvis-smith@odot.state.or.us

RE: Letter of Support for the Town of Lexington's ODOT/DLCD Transportation & Growth Management Program Grant Application

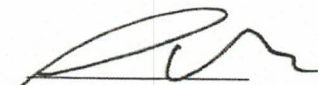
Dear Ms. Jarvis-Smith:

The Morrow County Board of Commissioners are pleased to extend strong support for the Town of Lexington's grant application to develop the Lexington Downtown Improvement Plan Project. This grant will allow Lexington to hire a consultant to develop and adopt a Comprehensive Plan. Some of the Town's goals include identifying opportunities to increase housing options, attract new and sustain existing business opportunities, increase multi-modal travel, and create an inviting sense of community.

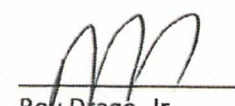
Morrow County supports these goals as a vital part of supporting healthy development and sustained viability for our rural communities. Morrow County's own efforts towards these goals include implementing the County's public transit system; The Loop. The Loop provides on-demand transportation for aging and disadvantaged residents while the newly implemented fixed route bus system provides regular access for residents between the north and south parts of the County. Lexington is an important crossroads for this system.

Lexington's project will provide a strategic vision and tool in planning for the future of this town. We respectfully urge your strong consideration of this proposal and the significant benefits it would provide the region. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,


David Sykes
Commission; Chair


Jeff Wenzholz
Commissioner


Roy Drago, Jr.
Commissioner



PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

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June 12, 2024

Department of Land Conservation and Development
635 Capitol St. N.E., Suite 150
Salem, OR 97301


Re: Letter of Support for Town of Lexington's Transportation improvement management program.

To whom it may concern,

Morrow County Public Works is writing to express our strong support for the Town of Lexington's plan for improvements to their downtown area. This area is our base for our Public Works agency, We are developing our Road department and continually growing and develop with the towns improvements it would be greatly helpful. The Town of Lexington's plan accommodates our efforts to keep transportation safe and ongoing. The plan addresses the safety concerns and the connection abilities as Lexington is the connection to North end of the County, which includes the Heppner-Boardman connector to travel through Lexington.

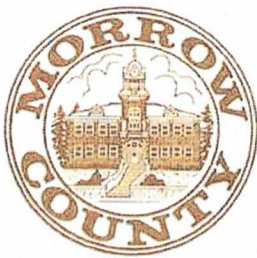
Please consider our support for the Downtown Improvement Plan project, our department is confident will yield remarkable results and lasting change for the better.

Sincerely,



Sandi Pointer

Administrative Manager, Morrow Co. Public Works



PLANNING DEPARTMENT

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July 12, 2024

Cheryl Jarvis-Smith
Oregon Department of Transportation
3012 Island Avenue
La Grande, OR 97850

Dear Ms. Jarvis-Smith,

Please accept this letter on behalf of Morrow County Planning in support of the Town of Lexington's 2024 Transportation and Growth Management (TGM) Program Planning Grant from the Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT). The purpose of the application is to develop a Lexington Downtown Improvement Plan that guides the development and redevelopment of an exceptional place to live, work, play, and visit. Using existing plans as guidance, the Town seeks to provide a new vision for how downtown is developed, experienced, and traversed. The project will adopt a new Downtown Improvement Plan into the Comprehensive Plan. The Town believes in the potential of the downtown and seeks a new plan that identifies opportunities to attract new businesses, increases multi-modal travel, and creates an inviting sense of place. The outcome will be a detailed downtown plan address alignment, safety, general design, road crossings, connections to other transportation options, materials, adjacent landowner concerns, etc. and positions the project for streamlined design, engineering and leveraging future funding

The Town of Lexington has worked diligently over the past few years to renew their city in general, and more specifically, to set the course of development and redevelopment on a positive path. The TGM grant would be a valuable part of this mission.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Tamra J. Mabbott
Planning Director

Cc: Autumn Crumpton, Office Manager, Town of Lexington

Mayor: Juli Kennedy

Council: Will Lemmon

Council: Bill Beard

Council: Katie Imes

Council: Carol Dougherty



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Cheryl Jarvis-smith@odot.state.or.us

RE: Letter of Support for the Town of Lexington-Downtown Improvement Plan Project

Dear Ms. Cheryl Jarvis-Smith,

Lexington Town Council Members support the proposal to develop a Lexington Downtown Improvement Plan that guides the development and redevelopment of our downtown into an exceptional place to live, work, play, and visit. Using existing plans as guidance, the Town seeks to provide a new vision for how downtown is developed, experienced, and traversed. The project will adopt a new Downtown Improvement Plan into the Comprehensive Plan. The Town believes in the potential of the downtown and seeks a new plan that identifies opportunities to increase housing options for all, attracts new businesses, increases multi-modal travel, and creates an inviting sense of place. The outcome will be a detailed downtown plan that addresses alignment, safety, general design, road crossings, connections to other transportation options, materials, adjacent landowner concerns, etc., and positions the project for streamlined design, engineering, and leveraging future funding.

Lexington's last project with TOM was in the early 2000s, Lexington's Transportation System Plan Update.

Thank you for considering the proposal from the Town of Lexington, our council looks forward to this project. Mayor Juli Kennedy has signed this letter on behalf of the Lexington council members.

Sincerely,

Lexington Mayor, Juli Kennedy

Home of the Lexington Jack Rabbits!

RACIAL AND ETHNIC IMPACT STATEMENT

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

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

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

Indicate all that apply:

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

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

Indicate all that apply:

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

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

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

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

Dated:

Printed Name:

Title:

Agency Name:

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