

**TRANSPORTATION AND GROWTH MANAGEMENT PROGRAM
2016 GRANT APPLICATION COVER SHEET**

APPLICATIONS DUE 4:00 PM, June 10, 2016

Type of Grant:	Category 2	ODOT Region (1-5):	Region 5
Primary Applicant Jurisdiction:	City of Heppner		
Project Title:	Update City of Heppner Transportation System Plan		
Mailing Address:	111 N Main St		
	PO Box 756		
City/Zip:	Heppner	OR	
Contact Person:	Kim Cutsforth		
Telephone/Email:	541-676-9618	heppner@centurytel.net	

	MATCH	
	YES	NO
Other Local Jurisdictions involved in the project:	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
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Summary Description of Project: This section must be completed. Do not refer to text within the application form. In no more than 1000 characters, describe the purpose of your project and the expected outcomes.

The City is seeking funding to update and amend the prioritized project list of its existing TSP.

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Budget Breakdown (Based on your response to Award Criterion 3)

TASK	TGM FUNDS REQUESTED	
	GRANTEE	CONSULTANT
Project Management	\$0.00	\$1,000.00
Policy review and development public outreach	\$0.00	\$0.00
Project analysis and cost estimates	\$0.00	\$39,000.00
Draft TSP amendments and Project list	\$0.00	\$1,000.00
Final TSP amendments and Adopt	\$0.00	\$0.00
Total TGM Funds Requested:	\$0.00	\$41,000.00
		\$41,000.00

Minimum Match Requirement - 12% of the Total Project Budget:	\$5,590.91
Match to be Provided:	\$5,600.00

Type of Match to be Provided:

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Eligibility Requirements

The following three eligibility requirements are reviewed on a pass/fail basis. Applications found to not meet each of these requirements will not be scored against the award criteria and will not be awarded a grant.

1. Clear Transportation Relationship

A proposed project must have a clear transportation relationship and produce transportation benefits. A project must entail analysis, evaluation of alternative scenarios, development of implementation measures, and public involvement that results in a transportation plan, land use plan, or other product that addresses a transportation problem, need, opportunity, or issue of local or regional importance. 1000 character limit.

During the last twelve years the completion of capital projects have changed the priorities of The City. Updating and amending our TSP would allow us to better serve The City's future needs. It is our belief that these studies will show that we need to connect our pathways, improve our ADA connections on walkways and improve the only alternate route through our downtown. This would improve our traffic flow on the highway that is our main street and make our downtown more pedestrian friendly. It should also create a connection for bicyclists to the Blue Mountain Scenic Bikeway. It would also allow us to research our ability to promote public transportation via the Morrow County Special Transportation system through bus shelters or transit sites. It would also assist The City with a better understanding of our overall community needs. And to prepare and adoptable prioritized transportation project list.

2. Adoption of Products to meet Project Objectives

A proposed project must include preparation of an adoption-ready product or products that directly address the project objectives, such as a transportation system plan, comprehensive plan amendment, land use plan, code amendment, implementation program, or intergovernmental agreement. Projects that will primarily do outreach, research, study an issue, compile data, or prepare maps are not eligible. Projects are expected to include adoption hearings or will be part of a larger project to be adopted. 800 character limit.

The City will be adopting the amended TSP prioritized project list to update our dated project list

3. Support of Local Officials

A proposed project must clearly demonstrate that local officials understand the purpose of the grant application and support the project objectives. A letter or resolution of support from the governing body of the applying jurisdiction (e.g. City Council, Board of Commissioners) must be submitted with the application to meet this requirement. 500 character limit.

A resolution supporting this application from the city council is attached

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Certifications

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:

Consultant Name:

Consultants may prepare the jurisdiction's application. However, uncompensated consultants are not eligible to participate in the project itself. Consultants who are paid to prepare the application may be eligible to participate in the project. Contact [Cindy Lesmeister](#) at 503-986-4349 if you have questions.

I understand that, if used, consultant selection will follow the policies and requirements of the ODOT Procurement Office: <http://www.oregon.gov/ODOT/CS/OPO>

Applicant Title:

Printed Name:

Authorized Signature*:

*Please only include the authorized signature on the mailed hard copy. **DO NOT submit a printed, signed, and scanned version electronically.**

I have mailed in a hard copy of my application with authorized signature.



TRANSPORTATION AND GROWTH MANAGEMENT (TGM) 2016 GRANT APPLICATION FORM

Instructions: See the Grant Application Packet for how to respond to each of the Award Criteria

Completed Grant Application Form must not exceed 8 pages, less attachments. Excess pages will be discarded.

Examples of successful applications and help to develop a project approach and budget estimate are available on the TGM Grants page: <http://www.oregon.gov/LCD/TGM/Pages/grants.aspx>.

The answer fields below will expand as you type.

ORGANIZATION NAME City of Heppner	PHONE 541-676-9618
CONTACT PERSON NAME AND TITLE Kim Cutsforth	CONTACT PERSON E-MAIL heppner@centurytel.net
PROJECT TITLE Update and Amend City of Heppner TSP	

Award Criteria

Applications may receive a total of 110 points.

- Up to 100 points are based on an applicant's written responses to five award criteria.
- Up to 10 bonus points may be awarded for **Project Innovation**: *the application must demonstrate that the project will be innovative in subject matter, approach, or expected outcomes.* Do not write a separate response about how your project meets this criterion; scorers will award points based on the entirety of the application. By the nature of the criterion, most projects will not receive any points.

Projects are selected primarily based on scores for the TGM award criteria; also considered are the grant amounts requested, the estimated amounts TGM believes may be required for a project, the amount of grant dollars available for award within an ODOT region, and the balance of grant dollars between Category 1 and Category 2 projects. A scoring consideration is ensuring a fair distribution of grant funds to smaller or economically distressed communities.

- 1. Proposed Project Addresses a Need and Supports TGM Objectives Up to 40 points**
 The 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 (as listed on pages 3-4 of the Application Packet).

The City has completed several of the capital projects listed in the 2003 TSP update, in addition, the community's priorities have changes in the past decade. Although the makeup of the community has remained mostly unchanged, the community would like to focus on pedestrian friendly and bicycle paths. We would also like to research alternative routes through our city center to reduce reliance on Highway 74 and to aid in connecting to our industrial zone which in turn would make our downtown district a more pedestrian friendly area. The community should also find a way to effectively utilize the recently revitalized Morrow County Special Transportation District (LOOP) and their public transportation system. We would also like to take advantage of the Blue Mountain Scenic Bikeway that begins here by developing connected pathways outside of the heavily traveled Highway. These items will take planning and resources. An amended TSP would help us to find and evaluate the community's focus. Estimate the costs of the plans and aid in prioritizing these plans. Having an updated TSP would increase our chances for successful grant applications by showing a project's need and prioritization.

1: Provide transportation choices:

1.1 A balanced, interconnected, and safe transportation system that provides a variety of transportation options and supports land uses.

The City would like to improve alternate routes that connect our industrial area, schools, parks and recreational facilities with the community in addition to traveling through our downtown district (Hwy 74). Riverside Ave which becomes Gale St. is the only route that runs the entire length of our community. Behind Hwy 74, it is the second most traveled route in Heppner. We would like to improve Gale St. as it is in need of new asphalt, sidewalks and a pathway.

1.2 Appropriately sited, designed, and managed local, regional, and state transportation facilities and services that support the movement of goods and provide for services.

We would address this issue concurrently with item 1.1

1.3 Mobility choices for underserved communities and those with limited options.

The City desires to become part of the Morrow County Special Transportation District's plans. We will need to study ways to promote public transportation in our community.

1.4 Safe and convenient walking, biking, and public transportation opportunities to support a healthy, active lifestyle.

The City is very interested in exploring options that would allow us to take advantage of the Blue Mountain Scenic Bikeway.

We would like to create connecting pathways and safe bike routes through town. The City has also just completed miles of pathways and sidewalks, we would like to complete this project with safe paths along our north and south streets, Gale and Chase.

The City believes that finding and improving an alternate route in addition to Hwy 74 for travel through our downtown district will make our downtown more pedestrian friendly.

Create Communities

2.1 Livable towns and cities with a mix of housing types, work places, shops, schools, and parks for people of all ages, incomes and abilities. Well-located activity centers, including schools and other government services, which are accessible to pedestrians, bicyclists, and transit users.

2.2 A safe and appealing physical environment supportive of the social, cultural, and health needs of all the community residents.

The City desires to promote itself as a family friendly community. We would like to develop safe pathways that connect our schools, parks, recreational facilities and downtown area to each other.

We would like to improve our pathways and sidewalks by making all of our connection ADA. We would like to give travelers (trucks and RVs) that are passing through our town an alternate route that would alleviate traffic on our Main St. (Hwy 74) and allow for a more pedestrian friendly downtown. We would like to study ways to promote the use of the newly developed public transportation district (LOOP). Amending our TSP would give us the tools necessary to prioritize and fund these projects. We desire public outreach and public involvement with this process. We also need current cost analysis for these projects to assist us with our transportation planning.

3. Support economic vitality by planning for land uses and the movement of people and goods.

3.1 Thriving existing neighborhoods and centers and well-planned new growth that accommodate existing and future residents, businesses, and services.

3.2 Well-located and accessible industrial and employment centers.

We are a small and stable community. Little has changed here in terms of population or industry.

However we would like to plan for change/growth by maintaining our streets adding pathways and by improving alternate routes through our community that would better connect our Industrial Zone to our Commercial Zone. This Grant will be used to update and prioritize transportation projects that would improve and support our existing TSP.

4. Save public and private costs with compact land uses and well-connected transportation patterns.

4.1 Urban growth accommodated within existing communities, thus minimizing, delaying, or providing an alternative to an urban growth boundary expansion.

4.2 Future transportation needs accommodated within the existing or improved system, thus minimizing, delaying, or providing an alternative to constructing additional major infrastructure projects.

The City would like improve the alternate route through town for vehicles, pedestrians and bicyclists. This would improve an existing system without constructing additional infrastructure project. An amended TSP would promote public input, prioritize projects and develop funding strategies for this and other projects that would improve the livability of our community.

5. Promote environmental stewardship through sustainable land use and transportation planning.

5.1 Transportation systems and land use patterns that protect valuable natural resources, promote energy efficiency, and reduce emissions of air pollution and greenhouse gases.

The City would plan to develop pathways to promote walking and biking. We are seeking ways to promote public transportation via the Morrow County Special Transportation Dist. Improving an alternate route through town would alleviate traffic congestion in our Down Town District. All of these item would be analyzed and become part of our amended TSP project list.

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 federal regulations, state requirements, or regional plans;

- make amendments to local plans or regulations necessitated by changes that were not anticipated in previous plans including growth or lack of growth, changes in land use patterns, or changes in available funding;
- build on, complement, or take a necessary step toward completing or implementing other high priority community initiatives, including supporting a Governor’s Regional Solutions Team priority; or
- 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.

The City of Heppner’s TSP was last updated in 2003. Since that time The City has completed several street and pathway projects. The 2003 TSP project list has been depleted and the priority of the projects remaining seem to have diminished. During the construction phase of our last projects it became apparent how important community involvement is in the planning and prioritizing of projects.

This process would enable us to have a better communication and outreach process. It would emphasize public input, education and overall involvement.

During the last twelve years the completion of capital projects have changed the priorities of The City. Updating and amending our TSP would allow us to better serve The City’s future needs. It is our belief that these studies will show that we need to connect our pathways, improve our ADA connections on walkways and improve the only alternate route through our downtown. This would improve our traffic flow on the highway that is our main street and make our downtown more pedestrian friendly. It should also create a connection for bicyclists to the Blue Mountain Scenic Bikeway. It would also allow us to research our ability to promote public transportation via the Morrow County Special Transportation system through bus shelters or transit sites. It would also assist The City with a better understanding of our overall community needs.

An Amended TSP with an updated projects list that includes community priority and project ready improvements would increase the ability of The City to successfully apply for transportation grants.

3. Proposed Project Approach is Reasonable

Up to 20 points

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

The City plans to employ an engineer to do project cost estimates and assist with the updated TSP project. We expect the engineer to work closely with City Staff and the existing Utility Committee (a committee to oversee streets and utilities that is made up of the mayor, a council person, citizens and the Public Works Director). See anticipated project approach below:

Month 1: Identify a project team to include the City’s Council, Utility Committee and additional community members. Engage engineer : *Staff and Committee*

Month 2 -3: Establish public involvement; begin outreach, Review policies and current project list. Begin update of project list and with options, outcomes and cost estimates: *Engineer and staff*

Month 4: Advertise projects for review and begin prioritization. Additional community outreach and public hearings: *Engineer, staff and committee.*

Month 5: Draft TSP amendments and project list: *Engineer and staff*

Month 6: Final TSP amendment adoption: *Engineer, staff and council*

4. Proposed Project has Community Support

Up to 5 points

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

The City has contacted several agencies regarding this grant. They all agreed to support and participate in the process in some way. Attached are letters of support

LIST ATTACHED LETTERS OF SUPPORT
1. City of Heppner
2. Willow Creek Park District
3. Heppner Housing Authority
4. Willow Creek Economic Development Group
5. Morrow County Planning Dept
6. Morrow County Court
7. Heppner Chamber of Commerce
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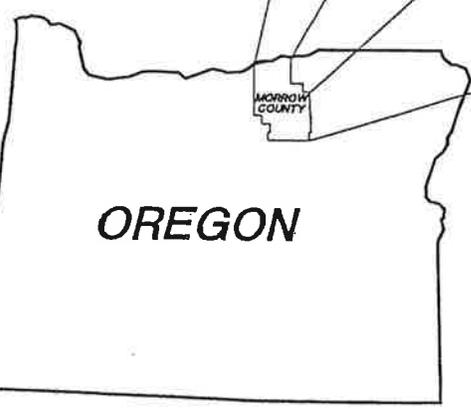
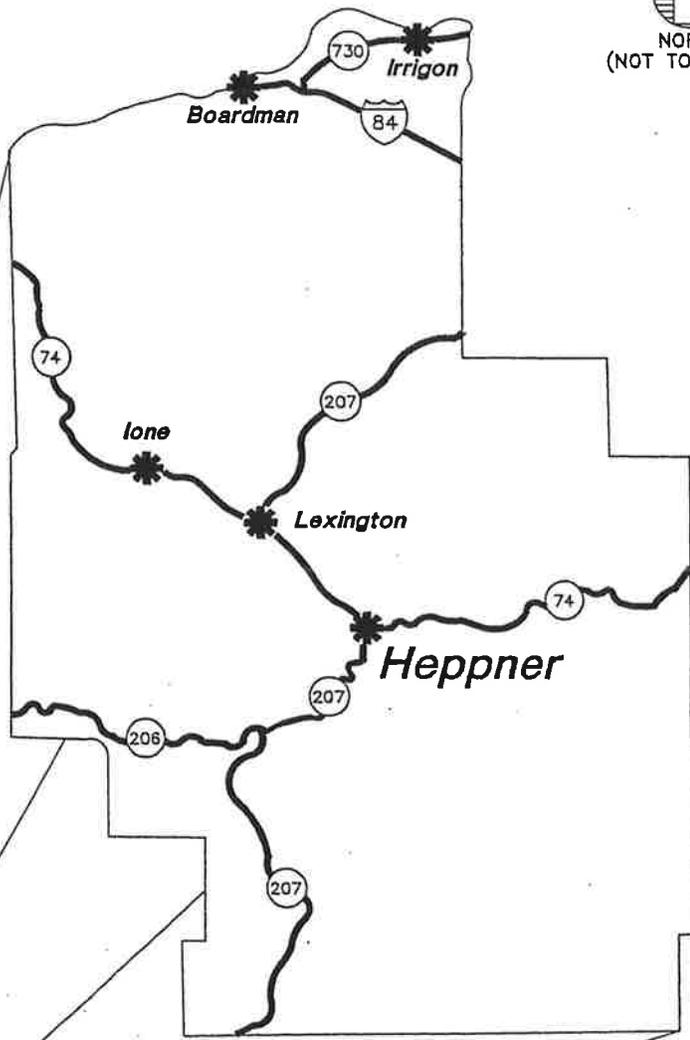
5. Proposed Project Sponsor Readiness and Capacity

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 the project considering the complexity of the project, the size of the jurisdiction, and performance on previous TGM projects. Where substantial coordination with other local, regional, and state planning efforts will need to occur, all of the partners are ready and able to begin the project within the TGM timetable.

The City is dedicated to amending and updating their TSP. The staff is prepared to allot time and resources to research and to community outreach. We have an initial committee in place to begin the selection of additional community members to make up the transportation advisory committee. The city planning commission and city councilors are prepared to guide this process. We have coordinated with the county commissioners and the county planning department. We have closely reviewed our current TSP and have multiple copies available for interested parties. Our city engineer is prepared to assist the city with planning and cost estimates. The City of Heppner is project ready. The City's resolution authorizing and supporting the TGM Grant is attached.

The City of Heppner successfully updated its TSP in 2003. This update was partially funded by a TGM Grant.



STUDY AREA MAP

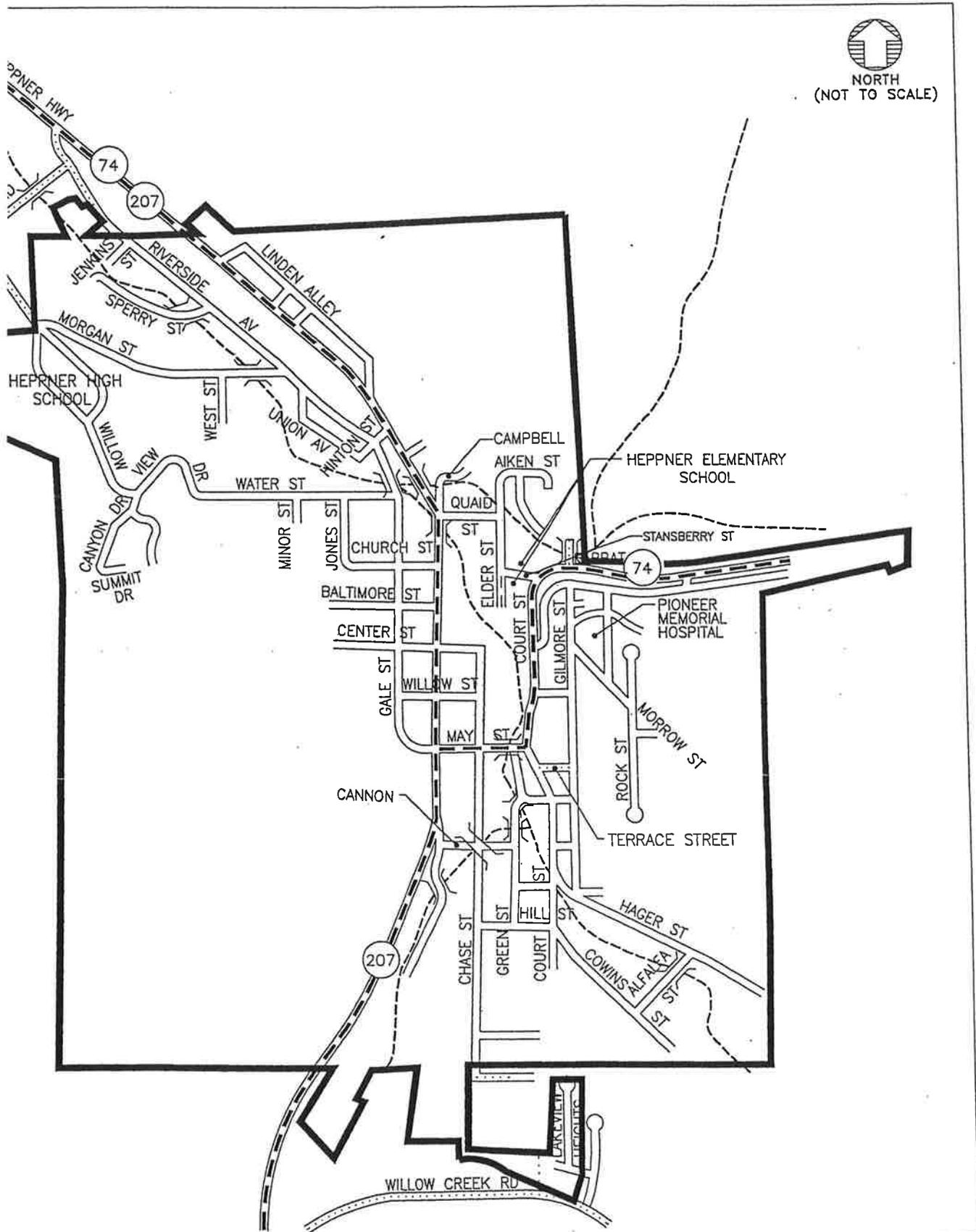
CITY OF HEPPNER, OREGON
TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM PLAN

FIGURE:





NORTH
(NOT TO SCALE)



- STATE (ODOT)
- COUNTY
- CITY
- CITY LIMITS
- CREEK

EXISTING ROADWAY NETWORK AND JURISDICTIONAL OWNERSHIP

CITY OF HEPPNER, OREGON
TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM PLAN

FIGURE
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RESOLUTION NO. 894-16

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND SUPPORTING THE 2016 OREGON DEPARTMENT OF
TRANSPORTATION GROWTH MANAGEMENT PROGRAM GRANT APPLICATION**

WHEREAS, Oregon Budget Law provides for the acceptance and authorization of additional spending authority from gifts, grants and bequests for specific purposes, and

WHEREAS, The City of Heppner needs to update its transportation plan and there are there are grant funds available for this purpose, and

WHEREAS, The City of Heppner desires to participate in this grant program to the greatest extent possible as a means of providing needed revenue for improvements and enhancements.

NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved that the City Council of the City of Heppner gives its approval for the grant application process for a **Transportation and Growth Management Grant**.

INTRODUCED AND ADOPTED BY THE CITY OF HEPPNER ON MAY 9, 2016.



R.H. Matthews, Mayor

ATTEST:



Kim Cutsforth, City Manager

June 11, 2015

Cindy Lesmeister, TGM Specialist
ODOT Mill Creek Building
555 13th Street NE, Suite 2
Salem, OR 97301

RE: Transportation and Growth Management Grant Application to amend and update the City of Heppner's
Transportation System Plan

Dear Ms. Lesmeister:

The Morrow County Special Transportation Committee is in support of the City of Heppner's application request to amend and update their Transportation System Plan (TSP) that will include updating their priority project list and parameters for Public and Special Transportation.

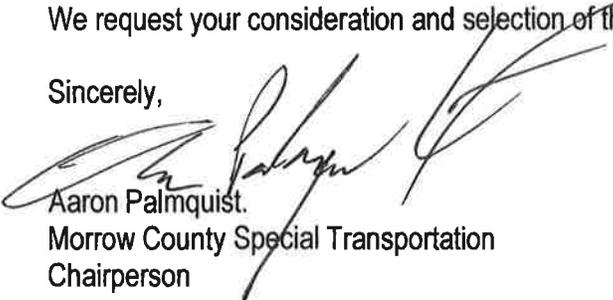
This grant allows the City of Heppner to update their current Transportation Plan which was last updated in 2003. Amending priorities and updating due to completed projects allows the City of Heppner to study current needs and trends as well as fine tune their TSP to better meet and project needs for public and special transportation needs.

The City will work with various stakeholders in identifying a robust set of priorities for sustainability over the next 20 years.

The Committee is encouraged that each community in Morrow County, as well as the City of Heppner, are working on improving transportation opportunities which serve all members and guest with varying transportation and pedestrian modes.

We request your consideration and selection of the City of Heppner as a TGM grant recipient.

Sincerely,



Aaron Palmquist.
Morrow County Special Transportation
Chairperson

Heppner Housing Authority
PO Box 65
Heppner, OR 97836
541-676-5380

June 8, 2015

Cindy Lesmeister, Transportation and Growth Management Specialist
ODOT Mill Creek Building
555 13th Street NE, Suite 2
Salem, OR 97301

Grant Application to amend and update the City of Heppner's Transportation System Plan

Dear Ms. Lesmeister:

The Heppner Housing Authority oversees the Saint Patrick Senior housing and the Saint Patrick Senior Center. We work with the elderly in our community.

The Heppner Housing Authority Supports the City of Heppner's TGM Grant application. We believe that it is important to our community that the City is able to amend and update their Transportation System Plan.

Our work with the elderly imparts on us how important ADA walkways that connect our seniors to the community. We would welcome a pedestrian friendly downtown. Morrow County recently improved the Morrow County Special Transportation District. This District could be a very important element for our residents. We would like to coordinate with the City to have a better understanding of how we can implement a plan to work with the County and utilize this transportation system.

The Grant would allow the City to research the current transportation system plan and involve the public. An updated Transportation Plan would be beneficial to our residents and to the entire community.

The Housing Authority works closely with the City of Heppner. We hope that you will consider The City of Heppner and fund this grant request.

Sincerely,

Heppner Housing Authority



Judy Buschke
Board President



COUNTY COURT

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Boardman, Oregon

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June 11, 2015

Cindy Lesmeister, Transportation and Growth Management Specialist
ODOT Mill Creek Building
555 13th Street N.E., Suite 2
Salem, OR 97301

Re: Transportation and Growth Management Grant Application to amend and update the City of Heppner's Transportation System Plan

Dear Ms. Lesmeister,

Morrow County is in support of an application for a grant request by the City of Heppner to amend and update their Transportation System Plan priority project list.

This grant would allow the City of Heppner to maintain and update their current Transportation Plan, which is over 10 years old. With the changing needs in the community, the City of Heppner needs to do a current study to acquire the needs and priorities of projects. This grant will help the City of Heppner to do this.

Projects to make the City of Heppner safer for ADA accessibility, and ways to connect pathways to better improve the flow of traffic within the City and to help keep improving our "Bike Friendly" community to the Blue Mountain Century Scenic Bikeway are just a few of the projects that could be improved through this grant.

We hope you will select the City of Heppner for this grant. These funds will greatly help the City of Heppner in updating their plan.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Terry K. Tallman".

Terry K. Tallman
Morrow County

TKT/APP



PLANNING DEPARTMENT

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June 11, 2015

Cindy Lesmeister, Transportation and Growth Management Specialist
Oregon Department of Transportation
Mill Creek Building
555 13th Street NE, Suite 2
Salem, Oregon 97301

RE: Grant Request - City of Heppner Transportation System Plan Update

Dear Ms. Lesmeister,

It is my pleasure to write this letter of support for the City of Heppner in their efforts to obtain grant support to update the Heppner Transportation System Plan. Morrow County supports the City of Heppner as they work diligently to assure their Transportation System Plan remains adequate and functioning now and into the coming years. This grant would allow the City of Heppner to update and better define various transportation projects, including bike and pedestrian projects, and to identify available resources to complete street and pathway projects. A current Transportation System Plan can assist a city to best define current and future needs which can serve to enhance the community and the surrounding region as a whole.

The Morrow County Planning Department also stands ready to assist with the work that would need to be completed as part of the Transportation System Plan update. Staff can participate on the various advisory committees and we can assist with other aspects of coordination assisting in the successful completion of the grant requirements and the adoption of an updated Transportation System Plan.

I encourage you to consider this grant. The City of Heppner is a community that works constantly and consistently to improve the quality of life for its citizens. Please contact me should you have any questions about this letter of support or have need of any additional information at 541-922-4624 or by email at cmclane@co.morrow.or.us.

Cordially,


Carla McLane
Planning Director



June 9, 2016

Cindy Lesmeister, Transportation and Growth Management Specialist
ODOT Mill Creek Building
555 13th Street NE, Suite 2
Salem, OR 97301

TGM grant to update the City of Heppner's Transportation System Plan

Dear Ms. Lesmeister:

The City of Heppner supports the TGM Grant application. We believe that an update Transportation System Plan it is important to our community.

The projects on our Current Transportation Plan are nearly all completed. Other items are in need of review. We need the community to be involved in our project research and prioritization. We understand the importance of careful consideration of our community's future transportation needs. We also recognize our obvious shortcomings and how they affect our residents. We would like to assure that our town is ADA compliant, that our downtown is pedestrian friendly and that local and touring bicyclists have a positive experience as they pass through. We want to do these things while encouraging economic growth and supporting day to day business and vehicle traffic.

The City is dedicated to amending and updating their Transportation System Plan. We have budget funds to use as a grant match. The staff is prepared to dedicate their time and resources for research, public outreach and review. An initial committee is on place to assist with the recruitment and selection of a transportation advisory committee. The planning commission and city councilors are prepared to assist and participate in this process.

This Grant would allow the City to research the current transportation system plan and involve the public. An updated Transportation Plan would be beneficial to our residents and to the entire community.

Sincerely,

City of Heppner

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "RH Skip Matthews", is written over a horizontal line.

RH Skip Matthews
Mayor

THE CITY OF HEPPNER

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Willow Creek Park District
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June 5, 2016

Cindy Lesmeister, Transportation and Growth Management Specialist
ODOT Mill Creek Building
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Grant Application to amend and update the City of Heppner's Transportation System Plan

Dear Ms. Lesmeister:

The Willow Creek Park District is a special district that manages the local water park, the marina and RV Park at the nearby reservoir.

Willow Creek Park District is in support of the City of Heppner's Grant application for funding to amend and update their Transportation System Plan.

Our community is in need of a prioritized project list. The park district is impacted by disconnected pathways and sidewalks that do not meet ADA standards. It is important for our community to have safe pedestrian friendly paths through town. The marina and RV park is located on the "Blue Mountain Century Scenic Bikeway" we would like to see this asset promoted. We believe that this grant would allow the City of Heppner to update their current Transportation Plan. An updated plan would help the City align with the citizens to discover and prioritize projects.

The Park District has collaborated with the City for projects on several occasions. We look forward to participating on this project.

We hope that you will consider The City of Heppner for this funding opportunity.

Sincerely,

Willow Creek Park District



Skip Matthews
Board President



**Willow Creek Valley Economic Development Group
PO Box 14 Heppner, OR 97836**

June 10, 2016

Cindy Lesmeister, Transportation and Growth Management Specialist
ODOT Mill Creek Building
555 13th Street NE, Suite 2
Salem, OR 97301

Reference: Transportation and Growth Management Grant Application to amend and update the City of Heppner's Transportation System Plan

Dear Ms. Lesmeister:

Willow Creek Valley Economic Development Group (WCVEDG) is in support of an application for a grant request by the City of Heppner to amend and update their Transportation System Plan priority project list. This grant would allow the City of Heppner to study the current needs and maintain and update their current Transportation Plan to incorporate updated priorities and projects which will assist in enhancing the economic development opportunities in this small rural community.

Possible projects to enhance the economic development opportunities

- Develop ADA accessible sidewalks and curbs, allowing visitors to our area to have direct and safe access to businesses and activities within the community.
- Determine how to connect the pathways, while providing alternate routes through our downtown to improve traffic flow, helping our businesses and visitors in the downtown area.
- Continue to improve access through the Heppner Community to accommodate our local tourism seasons which bring many visitors to the community.

We request your consideration of awarding the grant request and selection of the City of Heppner as a grant recipient.

Sincerely,

Willow Creek Valley Economic Development Group

David Sykes,
President



Chamber of Commerce

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Heppner, OR 97836

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E-mail: heppnerchamber@centurytel.net

Website: www.heppnerchamber.com

Facebook: <http://www.facebook.com/Heppnerchamberofcommerce>

June 8, 2016

Cindy Lesmeister, Transportation and Growth Management Specialist
ODOT Mill Creek Building
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Reference: Transportation and Growth Management Grant Application to amend and update the City of Heppner's Transportation System Plan

Dear Ms. Lesmeister:

Heppner Chamber of Commerce is in support of an application for a grant request by the City of Heppner to amend and update their Transportation System Plan priority project list.

This grant would allow the City of Heppner to maintain and update their current Transportation Plan which was updated in 2003. With changing priorities and completed street and pathway projects, it will allow the City of Heppner to study the current needs of our community and determine new priorities and projects.

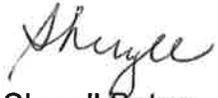
Possible projects:

- Develop ADA accessible sidewalks and curbs around the community
- Determine how to support and accommodate needs with the revamped Morrow County Special Transportation services
- Determine how to connect the pathways, while providing alternate routes through our downtown to improve traffic flow
- Continue to improve "Bike Friendly" access through the Heppner Community to our State Bikeway "Blue Mountain Century Scenic Bikeway" and other popular roads accommodating 2 wheel riders and motorcyclists

The City of Heppner is proactive in improving our community and creating opportunities to improve our local tourism and seasonal hunting guests.

We request your consideration and selection of the City of Heppner as a grant recipient.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Sheryll".

Sheryll Bates
Executive Director

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

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

- 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, on a separate sheet of paper, provide 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.

I HEREBY CERTIFY on this 9 day of May, 2016, the information contained on this form and any attachment is complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge.

Signature _____
Printed Name: Kim Culs Porter
Title: Manager City of Heppner

¹ "Minority persons" 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.