



Transportation Project Sponsors

1. Project Sponsor (must be a public agency)–REQUIRED

Organization Name: Hood River County Transportation District	
Contact Person Name: Dan Schwanz	Title: Executive Director
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2. Co-Sponsor(s)

List the organization names for any Co-Sponsors of this project:

Transportation Project Information

3. Project Name–REQUIRED

Project Name: Hood River County Transportation District Vehicle Replacements

4. Project Budget Summary - This table will automatically fill in.

	Project Funds	% of Project Costs
Total Costs	\$390,000	
Non-Eligible Costs		
Total Transportation Project Cost	\$390,000	100%
Matching Funds	\$40,053	10.27%
Requested Funds	\$349,947	89.73%

5. Provide a brief summary of the project (max 800 characters)–REQUIRED:

The District would replace 5 Cutaway style buses and 1 minivan during the 2016-2018 period. These vehicles would replace vehicles that will have exceeded their useful life.

6. Is this project a continuation of a previous Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) Project?

- Yes No



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If yes, describe the status of the previous STIP project.

7. Does this project complement or enhance an existing or planned STIP project? For example, does it provide a more complete solution for an existing project or is it intended to work with another planned project, including a "Fix-It" STIP project?

- Yes No

If yes, describe the relationship of this proposed project to the other, including planned timing of both projects.

The District requires buses in order to provide Public Transit services to the County. The District's Transit Center and Park and Ride facilities are in the STIP and complement our provision of public transit services. The Transit Center provides the district a place to store, repair and dispatch the transit vehicles. The Park and Ride facility will provide parking for those who want to use our buses for transit trips. We anticipate additional demand for our services as a result of the addition of the Park and Ride which will create additional stress on our system, if we are not able to replace vehicles regularly.

8. Project Problem Statement–REQUIRED

Provide a paragraph explaining the problem or transportation need the project will address:

The District needs to replace 5 Cutaway Buses starting in 2016 and finishing in 2018. The District will also need to replace 1 minivan during this time period. These vehicles will have exceeded their useful life during this time. To provide comfortable, safe, and reliable service to the District's passengers, it is necessary to regularly replace vehicles as they wear out. Regular replacement of vehicles enhances safety by having equipment that is operating within established standards of useful life and to reduce breakdowns. There are very limited funding opportunities to replace vehicles that serve the general public. The District is expecting that there will be inadequate funds from the elderly and disabled sources of capital funding to keep up with our replacement schedule .

9. Transportation Project Location–REQUIRED

City: <input style="width: 90%;" type="text" value="Hood River"/>	County: <input style="width: 90%;" type="text" value="Hood River"/>
MPO: <input style="width: 90%;" type="text" value="n/a"/>	Special District: <input style="width: 90%;" type="text" value="Hood River County Transportation Dist"/>

Project Location Detail: (include as appropriate: road and milepost range, rail line and milepost range, GPS coordinates, bus route and stops, bike path or multipurpose trail locations, sidewalk locations, or other location detail)

Transit services are primarily operated in Hood River County.



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10. Maps and Plans (Project Site and Vicinity Maps are required for all construction projects. Include other applicable maps or drawings, if available.)

<input type="radio"/> Attached/Upload <input checked="" type="radio"/> Not Applicable	Vicinity Map (8.5x11) (may be inset on site map page)
<input type="radio"/> Attached/Upload <input checked="" type="radio"/> Not Applicable	Site map/air photo (showing existing site) (8.5x11)
<input type="radio"/> Attached/Upload <input checked="" type="radio"/> Not Applicable	Site map (showing proposed construction area clearly marked) (8.5x11)
<input type="radio"/> Attached/Upload <input checked="" type="radio"/> Not Applicable	Typical Cross Section Drawings (showing proposed construction funded by the requested funds clearly marked) (8.5x11)

11. Project Description–REQUIRED

Clearly describe the work to be funded and describe what will be built, any services that will be provided, what equipment will be purchased, or project planning or environmental document efforts that will be paid for with Requested Funds. Include whether [Practical Design](#) considerations have been applied to the proposed project. Identify if the project can be completed in phases, and whether the project or phase will provide a complete, useful product or service. (Maximum 4000 characters)

The District would replace five (5) 18 passenger plus two (2) wheelchair positions cutaway style buses. The District would replace one mini-van. Bus replacement would occur over the three year period in order to stagger replacement in the future. The estimated cost of the buses would be \$70,000 each and the minivan would be \$40,000 each.

12. Primary Project Mode(s)

<input type="checkbox"/> Passenger Rail	<input type="checkbox"/> Light Rail	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Bus/Transit
<input type="checkbox"/> Pedestrian	<input type="checkbox"/> Bike	<input type="checkbox"/> Highway/Road
<input type="checkbox"/> Other:		

13. Project Activities

<input type="checkbox"/> Infrastructure Engineering, Design, or Construction	<input type="checkbox"/> Project Planning and Development	<input type="checkbox"/> Operations/Service Delivery
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Capital Equipment Purchases	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation Demand Management	<input type="checkbox"/> Other

Timetable and Readiness Information

14. Indicate anticipated timing for the following activities, as applicable. Provide a date, if known, or year–REQUIRED.

Anticipated Dates	Activity
2016, 2017, 2018	Requested STIP Funding Year (e.g. 2016, 2017, 2018) - REQUIRED
2016	Bid Let Date
9/2016	Construction Contract Award
	Construction Complete
2016, 2017, 2018	Capital Equipment Purchase
2016, 2017, 2018	Operations/Service Begin
	Other Major Milestone:
6/2018	Project Completion/End of Activities funded through this request - REQUIRED

15. Is the proposed project consistent with adopted plans? (Plans may include, for example, transportation plans, mode plans such as bike/ped or transit plans, economic development plans, comprehensive plans, corridor plans or facility plans.)–REQUIRED

- Yes No

Describe how the proposed project is consistent with adopted plans. List plans that include the project (with page numbers if possible) or describe how the project meets plan intent. If the project is not consistent, explain how and when plans will be amended to include the project.

This project is listed in the Hood River County Coordinated Transportation Plan (2009). Vehicle replacement is cited as an on-going need.

16. Is the proposed Transportation Project consistent with Major Improvement Policies including [OTP Strategy 1.1.4](#) and [OHP Action 1G.1](#)?–REQUIRED

- Yes No



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Describe how the proposed investment is consistent with OTP Strategy 1.1 and for highway projects, OHP Action 1G.1. If the project corresponds to a later priority in these strategies, describe how higher priority solutions have already been tried or why they are not applicable or not appropriate to the location.

People who use transit impact the system by reducing the number of single occupancy vehicles using the transportation systems thereby reducing congestion, wear and tear on the system and the use of fossil fuels and the creation of greenhouse gas emissions. Bus replacement will help the District manage the existing transportation system effectively by replacing vehicles in a timely and orderly fashion. In addition, timely vehicle replacement protects the existing system by ensuring that the fleet of vehicles the District operates are mechanically sound with minimal disruptions to service as a result of vehicle failures that come with operating buses that have exceeded their useful life as defined by the Federal Transit Administration and the Oregon Department of Transportation, Public Transit Division.

Project Benefit Information

Questions 17 through 26: Describe how the proposed solution will help achieve the outcomes listed below. Describe the benefits that the proposed solution is expected to achieve and provide documentation of those benefits where available, such as summaries of data analysis or modeling results, or letters of commitment from participants or employers. Where appropriate, also include in the description whether the proposal will mitigate or prevent a negative impact to the desired outcome.

This information and information throughout the application will be used as input to the STIP decision process. It is not expected that every solution will help achieve every benefit. Different types of solutions are likely to have different kinds of benefits and no type of solution or benefit is assumed to be more important than others. Please provide a realistic description of expected benefits of the proposed solution and feel free to use N/A where the benefit or outcome listed does not apply to the proposal.

17. Benefits to State-Owned Facilities

Outcome sought: preserve public investment by maintaining efficient operation of state-owned highways and other facilities through operational improvements, local connectivity, congestion-reducing projects and activities, etc.

For example, will the solution:

- Provide an alternative to travel on state owned facilities?
- Cost less than a state facility improvement with equal benefits?
- Include local efforts to protect the investment such as an Interchange Area Management Plan?
- Plan for or contribute to development of a seamless multimodal transportation system?
- Complete or extend a critical system or modal link?

The project will reduce congestion by encouraging operators of single occupancy vehicles (SOV) to ride our transit system. Reduction of congestion reduces the need for more lanes, exits and other infrastructure. The cost is less to fund transit capital equipment than it is to improve streets and highways. Transit increases the use of a seamless multi-modal transportation system by potentially providing access to train and air travel.

18. Mobility

Outcome sought: provide mobility for all transportation system users and a balanced, efficient, cost-effective and integrated multimodal transportation system.

For example, will the solution:

- Improve or better integrate passenger or freight facilities and connections, including multimodal connections, to expedite travel and provide travel options?
- Improve or provide a critical link in the transportation system or connection between modes for travelers or goods?

This project enhances mobility options particularly for the transit dependent users, such as children too young to drive, persons with disabilities, elderly and low income persons. Many of our passengers would not have a way to access essential goods and services without the availability of public transit. Maintaining and replacing our vehicles on a regular basis helps the District to be able to provide this service efficiently and safely.

19. Accessibility

Outcome sought: ensure appropriate access to all areas with connectivity among modes and places and enable travelers and shippers to reach and use various modes with ease.

For example, will the solution:

- Improve connections within residential areas and/or to schools, services, transit stops, activity centers and open spaces, such as by filling a gap in bicycle, pedestrian, or transit facilities?
- Improve or expand access to employers, businesses, labor sources, goods or services?
- Plan for or contribute to expanding transportation choices for all Oregonians?

As noted above, the service provides accessibility for those who otherwise would not be able to go anywhere without the service. The District provides service throughout Hood River County and into Wasco County and the Portland metropolitan area. Trips are also provided to vital medical services outside of the county.

20. Economic Vitality

Outcome sought: expand and diversify Oregon's economy by efficiently transporting people, goods, services and information.

For example, will the solution:

- Support, preserve, or create long-term jobs and capital investment? Will it do so in an economically distressed area?
- Enhance opportunities for tourism and recreation?
- Plan for or contribute to linking workers to jobs?

The transit service provides regular transportation for people going to work. The District provides transportation to both local and out of area visitors to various tourist attractions and areas where people recreate. We have bike racks on a number of our vehicles so people can access scenic rides and/or mountain bike trails. A number of riders use our service to go shopping on a regular basis. The vehicle purchase will assist the District in continuing to provide work, tourist, recreation and shopping related transit services.

21. Environmental Stewardship

Outcome sought: provide an environmentally responsible transportation system that does not compromise the ability of future generations to meet their needs and encourage conservation of natural resources.

For example, will the solution:

- Use design, materials or techniques that will more than meet minimum environmental requirements or mitigate an existing environmental problem in the area?
- Help meet air or water quality, energy or natural resource conservation, greenhouse gas reduction or similar goals?
- Plan for or contribute to the use of sustainable energy sources for transportation?

The project helps support protecting the environment by encouraging people to use public transit. We are able to group trips and reduce the number of single occupancy vehicles on the road which helps reduce emissions.

22. Land Use and Growth Management

Outcome sought: support existing land use plans and encourage development of compact communities and neighborhoods that integrate land uses to help make short trips, transit, walking and biking feasible.

For example, will the solution plan for or contribute to:

- Efficient development and use of land as designated by comprehensive or other land use plans?
- Community revitalization including downtowns, economic centers and main streets?
- Compact urban development and mixed land uses?

The availability of transit in a community often attracts people to the community. Transit provides access to all of the services available in the community for those who otherwise would not have transportation. Transit can also be included in design plans for new development. For example, the District worked with the hospital during their expansion to ensure that our vehicles could easily and safely access the new entrance.

23. Livability

Outcome sought: promote solutions that fit the community and physical setting, enable healthy communities and serve and respond to the scenic, aesthetic, historic, cultural and environmental resources.

For example, will the solution:

- Enhance or serve unique characteristics of the community?
- Use context sensitive principles in design and minimize impacts on the built and natural environment?
- Encourage a healthy lifestyle and enable active transportation by enhancing biking and walking networks and connections to community destinations or public transit stops or stations?
- Include elements that will make the facility or service more attractive, enjoyable, comfortable or convenient for potential users?

Replacing vehicles on a scheduled basis tends to make the transit system more attractive and comfortable for the users and potential users. Newer vehicles are generally more quiet, the seats are more comfortable and are more attractive than older vehicles that have a lot of use and mileage.

24. Safety and Security

Outcome sought: Investment improves the safety and security of the transportation system and takes into account the needs of potential users.

For example, will the solution:

- Improve safety by using designs or techniques that exceed minimum requirements for safety and are likely to reduce the frequency or severity of crashes?
- Help reduce crashes involving vulnerable road users such as bicyclists and pedestrians?
- Improve the ability to respond to an emergency and quickly recover use of the facility or service?

Having safe, reliable buses on the road is vital to a transit system and to the community members accessing the service and to those that we share the roads with. Transit is one of the safest modes of transportation available. Transit will be asked to assist in an emergency evacuation in the event of a natural disaster.

25. Equity

Outcome sought: promote a transportation system with multiple travel choices for potential users and fairly share benefits and burdens among Oregonians.

For example, will the solution:

- Benefit a large segment of the community?
- Benefit one or more transportation disadvantaged populations?
- Improve environmental justice or economic equity of the community or region?

The replacement of vehicles benefits the following transportation disadvantaged populations:

Children

Persons with Disabilities

Elderly persons who do not drive or can no longer safely drive

Low income persons who cannot afford a car or cannot afford multiple cars.

26. Funding and Finance

Outcome sought: investment uses funding structures that will support a viable transportation system and are fair and fiscally responsible.

For example, will the solution:

- Have ongoing funding available for operations and maintenance?
- Support the continued use of prior investments or reduce the need for future investments?

The District is committed to maintaining the capital improvements that it has. The District actively seeks and receives grants to support our operations, including maintaining our buses.



Budget Information

27. Estimated Project Costs–REQUIRED

List estimated costs for the various activities listed below, as applicable to proposed project. Shaded fields are automatically calculated.

	Enter Values in this Column	Total Column
Project Administration		
Staff Costs (for Service/Educational Projects)		
Project development and PE		
Environmental Work		
Coordination and Outreach		
Leased Space		
Building purchase and/or Right of Way		
Capital Equipment	\$390,000	
Non-Construction Project Costs Total		\$390,000
Utility Relocation		
Construction		
Construction Project Costs Total		
Total Eligible Project Cost		\$390,000
Non-Eligible Costs (other project non-transportation expenditures, e.g. un-reimbursable utilities)		

28. Project Participants and Contributions–REQUIRED

List expected project participants and their contributions in the table below. Begin with the amount contributed by the Sponsor and include contributions from Project Co-Sponsor and other participants, if applicable. Sponsor and participant contributions must add to at least 10.27% of Total Transportation Project Costs. This is the amount of matching funds typically required for most federal funding programs. The specific amount of matching funds required for the proposed project may be more or less than 10.27%, depending on its funding eligibility. Specific match requirements will be determined during application review.



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Participant Role	Participant Name	Project Funds Contribution	Percent of Transportation Project Total Cost
Sponsor	Hood River County Transportation Dist	\$40,053	10%
Co-Sponsor			0%
Participant			0%
Participant			0%
Total		\$40,053	10%

If you have more co-sponsors and participants than lines in the table above, list their names and contribution amounts in the box below and enter the totals of Co-Sponsor and Participant contributions in the appropriate spaces in the table above.



Submittal Approval

29. Project Sponsor Signature Authority Information–REQUIRED

The Authorizing Authority identified below approved the submittal of this application on behalf of the Project Sponsor. Project sponsors other than the Oregon Department of Transportation will be required to sign an Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) with ODOT prior to receiving any project funds. The IGA with the state will detail the requirements for the use and management of requested funds.

Authorizing Authority Name:

Authorizing Authority Title:

Electronic submittal was approved by the identified authorizing individual. No signature needed if checked.

Signature: Date:

30. Co-Sponsor Signature Authority Information

The signature below demonstrates support of this application on behalf of the Co-Sponsor:

Authorizing Authority Name:

Authorizing Authority Title:

Signature: Date:

If you have more than one Co-Sponsor, list further Co-Sponsors' submittal authority names and titles in the box below and ask those named to provide their signatures and the date signed by their names.

Electronic submittal was approved by the identified authorizing individuals. No signatures needed if checked.