

## REGION 4: CENTRAL OREGON

Region 4 covers Central Oregon along the Highway 97 corridor, from Wasco, Sherman and Gilliam Counties in the north to Klamath and Lake Counties in the south. The region also includes the cities of Klamath Falls, Madras, Redmond, The Dalles, and the Bend metropolitan planning area.

### *Project Highlights*

*Walking to School in Bend:* Research into school siting practices, conducted several years ago by the Bend-LaPine School District, has led to the development of an in-fill prototype for community-based schools. As the first example of this prototype, the new Ensworth Elementary School in Bend opened its doors in September 2004. While only about 13 percent of students nationwide walk or bike to school, almost all of Ensworth's students can walk or bike and most of them do. The school district's research found that by locating schools in neighborhoods, the district could save as much as 32 percent annually on student transportation costs. Use of smaller sites makes it easier to fit new schools into existing neighborhoods. That eases pressures to build outside urban growth boundaries and reduces transportation and land costs, which have risen rapidly in many areas. Ensworth's smaller size and central location also help to reinforce the school's role as a community center for the surrounding neighborhood.



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*The close relationship between the Ensworth School and the community it serves is seen as a plus by educators.*

*As Virginia Nelson, a kindergarten teacher, explains: "We're located in the heart of the neighborhood. The children don't have to board a bus and go some place far away. And since the school is so close to the neighborhood it serves, we see the students' parents more often. Here we have daily contacts with many parents, for whom it's easy to swing by. The neighborhood feels a greater sense of ownership toward the school. You see this in the way people take care of the school."*

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*Industry in Arlington:* In an effort to create needed jobs in the community, the City of Arlington recently acquired some 300 acres of vacant land for industrial development. The next step in making this site ready for industrial use is to develop a master plan for the area that will examine transportation, land use, and other needs. This planning project will also examine improvements

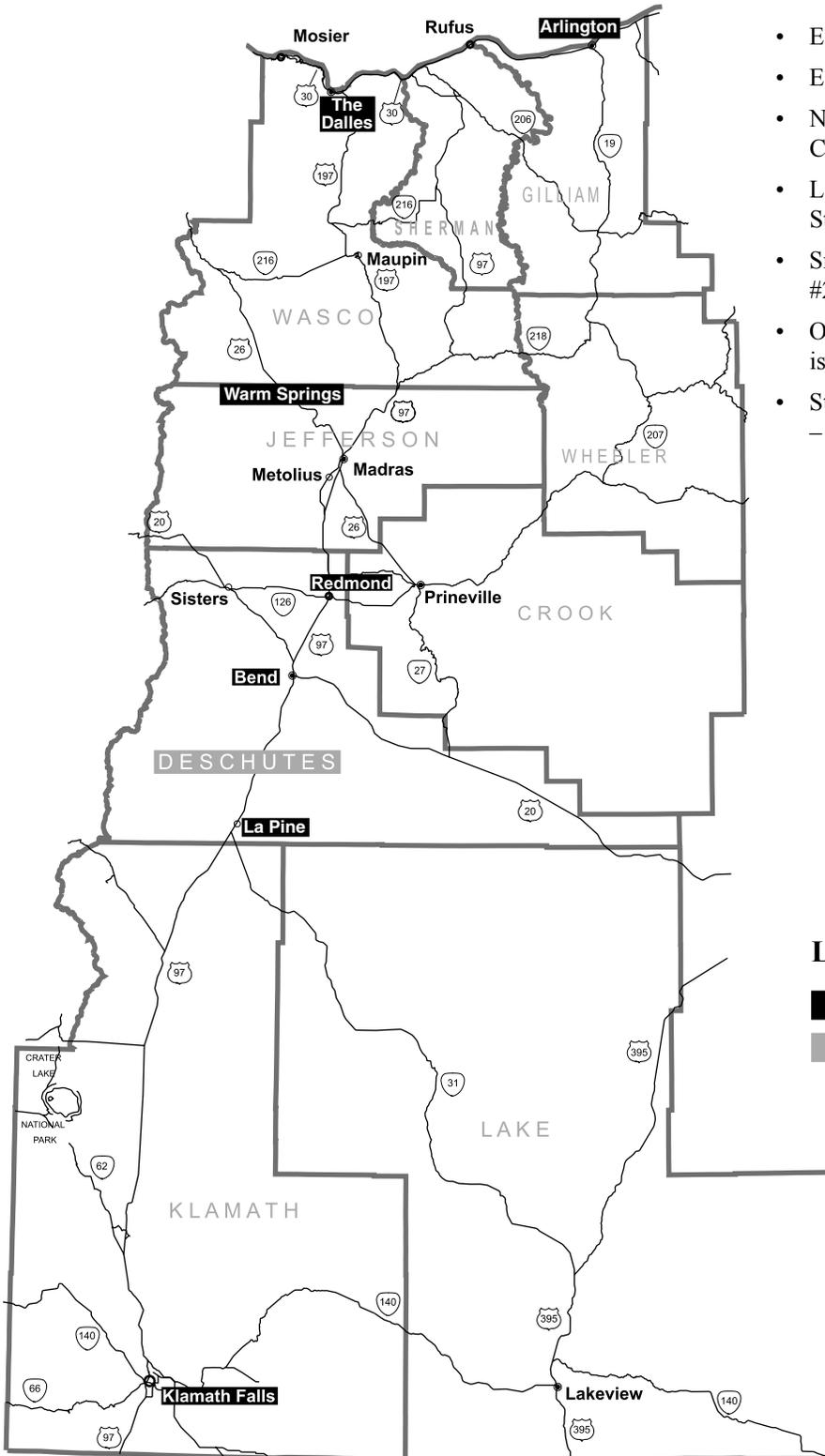
needed for nearby local streets, including Highway 19 and Rhea Road, which will serve as major access routes to the industrial site.

*Updated Codes in Klamath Falls:* Klamath Falls recently turned to TGM’s Code Assistance Program for help in updating its local development codes to meet two objectives: providing a safe, convenient, multi-modal transportation system; and encouraging orderly growth within the city’s urban growth boundary. One practical result of this project has been the identification of barriers to redevelopment. For example, old zoning limits on neighborhood commercial uses discouraged property owners from reinvesting in areas that need revitalization. Having completed a comprehensive audit of its development code and land use policies, the city is now developing new policies aimed at making the community more livable and economically viable.



*Downtown Klamath Falls*

# TGM GRANT PROJECTS IN REGION 4



- Estimated Total Population – 300,000
- Eight Percent of State’s Population
- Nine Counties and Twenty-eight Cities
- Largest City – Bend (Pop. 65,210 - #8 Statewide)
- Smallest City – Shaniko (Pop. 20 - #237 Statewide)
- One of the State’s Ten Largest Cities is in this Region
- State Highway Vehicle Miles Traveled – 2.1 Billion

## LEGEND

- Current Projects in Cities
- Current Projects in Counties

## 2003-2005 GRANT PROJECTS

Arlington	Industrial Site Access and Infrastructure Planning .....	\$ 45,000
Klamath Falls	Urban Area Transportation System Plan Amendment .....	\$ 94,992
Redmond	Opportunity Site Industrial Park Master Plan.....	\$ 20,000
The Dalles	Planning and Design for Downtown Streetscape and Parking and Transportation System Plan Update.....	\$119,934
Deschutes County	La Pine Main Street (Highway 97) Design Plan.....	\$ 62,422
Confederated Tribes of the Warm Springs Reservation	Warm Springs Campus (Downtown), Local Street Network Plan .....	\$ 40,205

## 2003-2005 COMMUNITY ASSISTANCE PROJECTS

Klamath Falls	Code Assistance .....	\$115,203
The Dalles	Quick Response, Flour Mill Redevelopment and Streetscape.....	\$ 42,527