

2023 Transportation Growth Management Grant Application

Instructions

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Applications must be received by July 27, 2023 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 3 of the 2023 Application Instructions.

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

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*PDFs only.***Project information**

Response instructions are on page 4 of the 2023 Application Instructions.

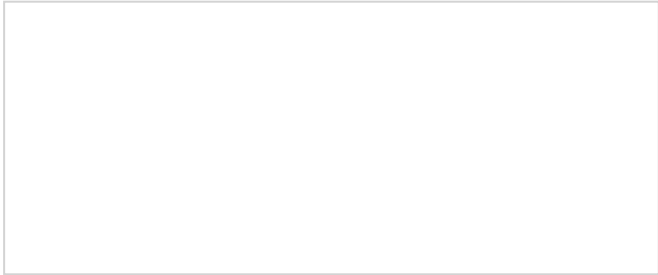
Project title

2024 Transportation System Management Plan Update

Project area: Using either of the two fields below, attach a map of the project area or describe the area your project is located in.**Option 1: Project area map**

ProjectAreaMap.pdf

Option 2: Project area description*PDFs only, 1 file maximum, 3mb file size limit.*



ODOT region (1-5)

[ODOT Region Map](#)

Region 2

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 City of St. Helens Transportation System Plan (TSP) update will develop a 20-year blueprint for improving the City’s transportation system. A TSP update will address key mobility needs to provide better travel choices for the residents and visitors. The plan will address transportation investments and impact on mobility improvements, land use, and public spaces; evaluate the remaining developable land within Urban Growth Boundary (UGB); evaluate key intersections, congestion and expansion, jobs-housing variables, and commuter trends; address community livability, health and safety and infrastructure upgrades; identify deficiencies and recommend prioritized improvements; optimize existing facilities; review future traffic demand and develop a capital improvement program; and review goals and policies to make recommendations to City policies.

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 5 of the 2023 Application Instructions.

TGM funds requested for the work identified in Criterion 3	Consultant	Local reimbursement	Total TGM funds requested
	\$300,000.00		\$300,000.00

Local match	Minimum Match (Calculated)
	\$34,336.34
	<i>Approximately 12%</i>

Local governments that are on the [Distressed Communities](#) list are eligible for a partial match

waiver.

Click yes if your local government is on the Distressed Communities list and you need to receive a waiver.

Yes No

Match to be provided

Labor, supplies and services during project

Payment when Intergovernmental Agreement is signed

Award criteria

Criterion 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.

Response instructions are on page 10 of the 2023 Application Instructions.

Explain how your proposed project addresses a need and supports TGM objectives

The proposed Transportation System Management Plan update will establish the vision, objectives, performance measures, and strategic recommendations for the City's transportation system for the 20-year planning period. The update will recommend projects, programs, and policies that will aim to improve the quality of life for all residents in the region as part of an ongoing and collaborative planning effort; and develop strategic recommendations to address the safety, reliability, and resiliency of the City's multimodal system for the 20-year planning period. This comprehensive transportation planning effort is intended to be "people-centered" to meet people's travel needs, improve people's travel quality, improve the existing urban road system, provide comfortable, safe, efficient and convenient transportation modes, and improve people's quality of life. Specifically, the plan will align with the TGM objectives by,

- Addressing safety and multimodal concerns at key intersections, including Gable Rd and US Highway 30. Currently, this intersection, the most heavily used in Columbia County, is encumbered by (1) a very active rail crossing with nearby switchyard that often backs traffic onto Gable road for at least half a mile, (2) a busy shopping center which houses a Starbucks and restaurants on the north side of the intersection, (3) a Walmart on the south side of the intersection, and (4) a large new apartment complex that will soon house over 400 low-income residents and families with children, who will be crossing this dangerous stretch of road by bicycle or on foot to go school, work, or shop. The St. Helens High School, Safeway, and US Bank are also across the intersection on the west side of US 30. Designing a safer intersection and road section to eliminate conflicts between multimodes of travel (pedestrian, bicycle, vehicle, rail) is paramount to achieving the TGM objective to create a safe and appealing physical environment which is supportive of the social, cultural, and health needs of all the community residents.

- Identifying communities and neighborhoods that are currently underserved and prioritizing projects and programs aimed at improving mobility choices for those areas of the City. (Creating communities of vibrant neighborhoods and lively centers linked by accessible transportation) This effort also includes incorporating a city-wide off-street trail network into the TSP which aligns with the Parks & Trails Master Plan (2015) and which identifies off-street trail projects to connect neighborhoods by walking and biking on safe separated trails. The recommended trails project list will align with the Oregon Community Paths Program trail refinement project for an off-street trail from St. Helens to Scappoose (Notice of award July 2023)

- Addressing the transportation and parking needs of downtown St. Helens as part of the City's Waterfront Development initiative. This important project was not identified in the 2011 TSP. As the City's 25-acre waterfront property redevelops and downtown St. Helens continues to grow and flourish, planning for downtown parking management will be key to ensure that the residents and visitors are able to efficiently get where they need to go. (Support economic vitality and growth)

- Realigning the TSP with the City's economic development policies and programs, including the St. Helens Renewal Plan (2017) and provides a funding source for certain key transportation improvements along commercial corridors. (Support economic vitality and growth)

- Updating the City's Transportation Capital Improvement Program, including project prioritization which was not addressed in the 2011 TSP. A CIP update includes incorporating projects from Master Plans which were adopted after the 2011 TSP, including: 1) the Corridor Master Plan, a refinement plan focused on beautification and pedestrian safety improvements along US Highway 30 and the Houlton Business District and 2) the Riverfront Connector Plan (2019), another refinement plan focused on the route from

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 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 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 12 of the 2023 Application Instructions.

Explain how your proposed project is timely and urgent

At over 12 years old, the City's current TSP is quickly approaching its useful lifespan. The City's comprehensive plan calls for an update of our TSP every 15 years, and anticipated budget constraints in upcoming years may hinder the City's ability to remain in compliance with our own comprehensive plan policy, but a TGM grant would help ensure compliance with a plan update within the 15-year timeframe. More important than the TSP's lifespan and the City's comprehensive plan policy, are the reasons why an update to the existing TSP is needed right now:

1. The City has adopted multiple long-range transportation plans (Corridor Master Plan, Riverfront Connector Plan, Urban Renewal Plan, and the Parks & Trails Master Plan) since the TSP's original adoption. In addition, although the existing TSP identifies short, medium, and long term implementation timelines, the existing TSP does not otherwise indicate prioritization of projects. The City has limited funds for transportation improvements, and by consolidating the projects lists in all the adopted plans into one comprehensive TSP with a capital improvement plan that outlines priorities, the City will be able to utilize limited transportation resources more effectively.
2. With the continuous acceleration of residential and economic development in St. Helens, and the increase in the number of vehicles, pedestrians, and bicycles, the pressure on the traffic network is increasing. Since 2011, 192 acres have been annexed into St. Helens, increasing the City's land area by 5%. In addition, the City has had a massive increase of multi-family developments along key transportation corridors over the last few years. Over 425 multi-family dwelling units are expected to gain occupancy by the end of 2023. For a city of under 15,000 people, this is a massive increase in high density housing.
3. There have been a number of large transportation projects which have been completed since the adoption of the City's 2011 TSP, including signalization of US 30 and Millard Road, multiple sidewalk and roadway improvements, and intersection improvements downtown. The modal inventories and projects lists in the TSP are in desperate need of updating, including with new cost estimates for key improvements.
4. And finally, there are multiple components that were not incorporated into the old TSP and need to be, including downtown parking management, street tree planting and maintenance, a mobility (ADA) transition plan, key intersections which need immediate safety improvements (US 30 and Gable Road), a re-zone of approximately 24 acres adjacent to downtown St. Helens (waterfront redevelopment project) from industrial to mixed-use, a city-wide comprehensive trails plan which accommodates a trail from St. Helens to Scappoose, and a city-wide pavement management system.

Maximum characters: 3,500 | (Text box automatically expands. Click and drag right-hand corner of text box to manually expand it.)

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 13 of the 2023 Application Instructions.

Tasks and deliverables table

What are your proposed tasks and deliverables

The TSP update will be managed by the City's Engineering and Planning Divisions in collaboration with a qualified consultant. Other stakeholders that will also be a part of the TSP planning process is Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT); Columbia County, City of Scappoose; and Portland & Western Railroad (PNWR). The following tasks and deliverables are anticipated:

For each project task, describe the major deliverables and who is responsible for its preparation, decisions to be made, and expected timeline. Clearly identify which local plans or regulations the final document(s) will create, amend or update and which entity or entities will need to take action to adopt them.

Task 1 – Project Management: The City will manage and have general oversight on the project. The Consultant will manage and coordinate all components of the Project, including their subconsultants, and take a proactive role in keeping all tasks on schedule and within budget and ensure timely completion of the Project. This will also include facilitating kickoff and coordination meetings, and attending public meetings. Expected deliverables are meeting agendas, meeting minutes, and monthly progress reports

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Task 2A – Data Collection & Review: The Consultant will be expected to conduct staff interviews with City personnel familiar with the City's Transportation System and collect information on the operation and maintenance of the system and any known deficiencies and request and review the City's previous transportation system management plans and studies, including: the Columbia County Rail Safety and Mobility Study (2022), Riverfront Connector Plan (2019), Housing Needs Assessment (2019), Branding & Wayfinding Master Plan (2015), Waterfront Redevelopment Framework Plan (2016), Parks & Trails Master Plan (2015), Corridor Master Plan (2015), Transportation System Plan (2011), and Columbia County Rail Study (2009); Planning documents, zoning maps and comprehensive plan for future planned land use; Current transportation system information and records;

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Task 2B – Transportation system maps, as-built drawings, construction drawings; GIS base maps and Transportation system files; Road Condition Evaluations; Pedestrian Facilities and trip generations from individual development areas; Bridge inspection reports; Roadway Jurisdiction Boundaries; Freight System/Truck Routes; Traffic Volumes from previous studies and individual development areas; Transportation SDCs and Development Impact Fees; and review and analyze existing socio-economic, land use, transportation and environmental conditions and data. Expected deliverables are a draft write-up summarizing planning criteria, preliminary gap analysis, and proposed data gap resolution. List of anticipated staff interview questions for review and distribution prior to meeting.

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Task 3A - Existing System Inventory & Condition Assessment: The consultant is expected to develop an updated inventory of the transportation system and update the existing GIS database of assets; conduct an assessment of existing transportation system facilities to determine their condition, capacity, efficiency, and compliance with code and safety requirements; Identify existing streets with higher traffic volumes than their functional classification guidelines; Develop a priority list of streets requiring a functional classification change; Identify critical needs gaps that have been resolved and additional gaps that need to be addressed in the pedestrian facilities system; Create a map showing Pedestrian Level of Traffic Stress for the base year, 2024, using ODOT's assessment methodology;

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Task 3B - Create a map showing Bicycle Level of Traffic Stress for the base year, 2024, using ODOT's ranking system; assesses the condition of the city's existing intersections and provide traffic volumes and peak hour operations for the base year, 2024, conditions; and provide the an existing conditions assessment database for roadways, pedestrian facilities, bicycle facilities, transit, freight & rail facilities, and intersections. Include a system inventory report with maps, findings, and recommendations

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Task 4 – TSP Goals, Policies, and Transportation Demand: consultant shall review the goals and policies established from prior transportation plans and studies and provide recommendations to meet current industry standards for the 2024 Transportation System Plan; Prepare an updated population forecast and transportation demand for the 20-year planning horizon. Review current population trends and assess the need for population projection adjustments. Expected deliverables are summary of goals and policy recommendations; tabulation of transportation demands for the current (2024) and future (2044) build out; Summary of forecasting methods; Summary of population projections and summary of areas of growth and projected year of build out

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Task 5A – Transportation System Plan Components: The Consultant will prepare the following plan components (1) Transportation System Projects and Areas of Special Focus (Gable Road & US Highway 30 Intersection including Gable Road section prior to Old Portland Road; Milton Creek Bridge replacement located along Old Portland Road; Old Portland Road and S 18th Street Intersection; 5-way intersection at Columbia Blvd, St. Helens St, and 13th St; (2) Public Parking Study and Forecasted Parking Demand specifically in the Riverfront District; River Street Connection to N 2nd Street to improve emergency services access; (3) Feasibility Study for possible waterfront ferry and impacts to the transportation network, and (3) Federal ADA transition Plan);

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Task 5B - The Consultant will prepare a Roadway Plan with updated lengths and a map showing future roadway classifications based on the 2044 anticipated growth forecast; summary of roadways requiring traffic calming devices and provide recommendations based on current industry standards; short-term, mid-term, and long-term roadway improvements projects based on current and projected transportation needs; The Consultant will prepare an Intersection Improvements Plan (short-term, mid-term, and long-term intersection improvements projects based on current and projected transportation needs);

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Task 5C - The Consultant will prepare a Pedestrian & Bicycle Plan (short-term, mid-term, and long-term pedestrian & bicycle improvements projects based on current and projected transportation needs, and include proposed pedestrian & bicycle improvement projects from previous transportation studies; prioritize pedestrian and bicycle improvement projects based on their ability to complete connections between places that generate and attract pedestrian and bicycle trips such as schools and housing);

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Task 5D - The Consultant will prepare a Trail Plan (short-term, mid-term, and long-term trail improvements projects based on current and projected transportation needs; projects shall be based on their ability to complete connections between places that generate and attract pedestrian trips such as schools and housing; Develop updated cross sections based on future trail demand from bicycles and pedestrians);

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Task 5E - The Consultant will prepare a Safety Plan & Emergency Response Routes that shall identify all emergency response routes and specify improvements that can enhance the safe and efficient movement of emergency vehicles; provide a summary of safety deficiencies for the roadways, pedestrians, and bicycle study areas; provide a ranking system and categorize areas in need of safety improvements. The Expected Deliverables are the plan sections, narratives, maps, graphics, GIS data and presentation materials as needed. Analyze the future conditions scenario (year 2044) for each of the plans and provide categorized project lists to use for Task 8 – Capital Improvement Plan

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Task 6 – Codes and Standards Review and Recommendations: The conjunction with City Staff, the Consultant will review and recommend updates to Chapters 10, 12, 17, 18 and 19 of the St Helens Municipal Code and assist City personnel with providing supporting data for amending the standards and codes for City adoption. Recommend best management practices for new developments to ensure that new growth and its associated infrastructure best integrates into the existing system. Furthermore, specific minimum design and specification criteria, including assessment, inspection, and rehabilitation standards, shall be provided for analysis of future Transportation facilities with draft write up summarizing findings and recommendations

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Task 7 – Staffing Level Analysis: perform a staffing level analysis to determine the staffing level needed to adequately maintain and manage the City’s transportation system. Consultant should consider operational costs of existing and future requirements. Draft writeup of findings and recommendations are the expected deliverables

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Task 8A – TSP Capital Improvements Plan: Consultant shall provide phasing requirements, if necessary, and cost estimates for each improvement; All cost estimates shall include site acquisitions, engineering, construction, and other contingencies; group identified improvements into projects with planning level cost estimates; develop a 20-year Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) for the Transportation System; Outline and summarize the schedule of capital improvement projects in a summary table by year for the first 5 years, then in 5-year increments for the next 15 years. Develop a system exhibit that identifies projects and timeframe for implementation; for Future Transportation System Facilities (Identify capital improvement needs for the Transportation System;

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Task 8B – Consultant shall propose improvements to the identified system deficiencies that result in the revealed “trouble-spots” and propose improvements to correct these deficiencies; Identify locations for new transportation system facilities that consider geography, ownership, capacity, and land value; project summary sheets for each project which will appear in the CIP. The summary sheets will include a map locating the project, a description of the goal and scope of the project, project cost, recommended financing alternatives, engineering alternative and associated costs, schedule for design and construction and any other assumptions which form the basis of the cost estimate).

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Task 8C – Expected Deliverables are Draft and final spreadsheets or database, project cost estimates, and GIS maps; Draft and final chapter of the “Capital Improvement Program” that contains a recommended transportation system improvement program including the recommended engineering alternative and associated costs, maps or schematics showing size and location of proposed facilities, the recommended financing alternative, and a recommended schedule for transportation system design and construction. Draft and final maps of City transportation system showing locations of projects identified in the CIP table with attached project number for ease in cross-referencing

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Task 9A – TSP Projects Funding Plan: Consultant shall review the Transportation Funding Plan within the 2011 TSP and analyze anticipated funding mechanisms and the ability of these mechanisms to finance future projects and programs. Identify funding deficiencies, constraints and additional funding sources; Consultant shall calculate the amount of eligible unused capacity in the existing transportation system using City asset information, policy information from the Transportation System Plan, and input from City staff. Consultant shall use the value of the unused transportation system capacity to calculate the percentage of the reimbursement fee; Consultant shall calculate the percentage of the administrative portion of the Transportation system SDC in accordance with State of Oregon SDC statutes and input from City staff

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Task 9B - Expected Deliverables Draft summary of projects eligible for Transportation System Development Charge (SDC) funding and generate percentages applied to the capital improvement plan project list

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Task 10A – Draft Transportation Management Plan: Upon completion of Tasks 1-9, Consultant shall draft Transportation System Management Plan to the City for review and comment. At a minimum, the report shall include An Executive Summary; Existing System Condition Assessment; Population projections and Transportation System demand summary; Mode elements (bike, pedestrian, transit, micro mobility) Policy Statements; Documentation of modeling methodologies and assumptions;

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Task 10B – Summary of existing transportation roadway conditions and street classifications; Transportation System Plan; Major Intersections/Future Intersection Improvements; Future Streets & Future Street Improvements; Street Cross Sections; Proposed Bicycle Improvements; Proposed Pedestrian Improvements (Including trails); Project Prioritization; Summary of transportation maintenance and operational costs; Capital Improvements Plan; Transportation funding strategies, resources, and SDC percentage allocations; Justification for recommended work to be accomplished

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Task 10C – City of St Helens Municipal Code update recommendations; Colored maps that are clear, easy to understand, and of professional quality of the City’s Transportation System, Master Street Plan, Bike Map, Pedestrian Map, identified deficiencies, and proposed improvements; Technical information, analysis, and discussion of results for each task making use of charts, graphs, and figures of professional quality to clearly and efficiently convey the information, findings, and conclusions; Other supporting documentation

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Task 11 – Public Meetings, Stakeholder Engagement: Consultant shall attend planned public meetings to present, discuss, and answer questions regarding the Transportation System Management Plan from the public, stakeholders, planning commission and the St. Helens City Council. Consultant shall prepare a summary of the Transportation System Management Plan designed to be disseminated to the public for public education purposes. As well as prepare an executive summary of the Transportation System Management Plan to be distributed to the City Council

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Task 12 – Final Transportation Management Plan: Upon approval of the Draft Transportation System Plan by Planning Commission and the City Council, a Final Transportation System Plan will be prepared incorporating comments on the Draft Transportation System Plan. In addition to the complete Final Transportation System Plan, a short, stand-alone Executive Summary will be prepared and provided. This Executive Summary will summarize the overall goals, direction, meanings, and implications of the Transportation System Plan

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How will the project approach lead to a successful project?

A good planning project begins with a well written Request for Proposal. The RFP must be clear on what the project goals are and what is needed to achieve those goals. This approach to master planning has eliminated the issue of receiving poorly drafted master plans that did not meet expectations for the City. Recent updates to the water, wastewater, and stormwater master plans have been highly successful using the clear and detailed RFP method and has allowed to City focus its resources on high priority tasks with great support from City leadership and the community in general.

Maximum characters: 500 | (Text box automatically expands. Click and drag right-hand corner of text box to manually expand it.)

If adoption hearings will be held as part of a larger project, when will that be and as part of what project? (optional)

The proposed update to the City Transportation System Plan is a stand-alone project, so the adoption hearings for the TSP update will not be a part of any other project.

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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 15 of the 2023 Application Instructions.

Upload letters of support from stakeholders here

Letter of Support TGP Grant Program St Helens PW Director.pdf

Columbia Economic Team Support for St. Helens Transportation Planning Grant 7.2023.pdf

Letter of Support Mayor Scholl.pdf

Letter of Support Transportation and Growth Grant St Helens Police.pdf

Letter of Support Col County Pwks.pdf

Letter of Support for St. Helens _County Commissioner.pdf

Letter of Support CDP.pdf

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Letter of Support - St Helens Transportation Grant NOHA.pdf

letter of Support Planning Commission.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 16 of the 2023 Application Instructions.

Explain how proposed project sponsor is ready and capable

The City has the internal capacity to manage the project and in the last four years has overseen successful updates to its Water Master Plan, Wastewater Master Plan, and Stormwater Master Plan. The project will be overseen by Sharon Darroux, the City’s Engineering Division Manager, who managed the updates to the City’s water, wastewater, and stormwater master plans. The day-to-day coordination and project manager for the TSP update will be Alex Bird, Engineer II. The City Planner, Jacob Graichen, and the Associate City Planner, Jenny Dimsho, will provide guidance and oversight on the project to ensure project outcomes are consistent with broader policies, zoning, and land use. The City is prepared to begin this project as soon as the TGM awards are announced, and contracts are in place. The City has also received overwhelming support from stakeholders (City Council, local businesses, the City’s Planning Commission, Columbia County, St. Helens Mainstreet Alliance, private developers, and Columbia Economic Team) for this project.

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

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TGM File Code	Project Title	Status
2D-12	St. Helens, US 30 and Columbia Blvd/St. Helens Corridor Master Plan	Plan addresses the US 30 corridor, Columbia Blvd, St. Helens St and 1st St, and the greater Downtown Area, including the Houlton and Riverfront districts. The plan reflects the community’s vision of how these areas should appear and function in the future, including measures for how to implement the plan <small>300 character limit.</small>
2D-16	Riverfront Connector Plan	A plans that sets the framework for a cohesive, multi-modal, inviting transportation loop from Highway 30 to the Riverfront District and along the waterfront. <small>300 character limit.</small>

Bonus points: Housing (up to 10 points)

Response instructions are on page 7 of the 2023 Application Instructions.

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

The adoption of the City's updated TSP will address the unique transportation challenges that face low-income, rent-burdened, disabled, or aged communities living in St. Helens by ensuring collaboration between the City and the regional transit agency by working to integrate housing affordability and transportation into planning level meetings, and focus public dollars to more efficiently fund the creation of connected communities.

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Required forms

Title VI: Racial & Ethnic Impact Statement form
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Certifications

Response instructions are on page 8 of the 2023 Application Instructions.

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

7/27/2023

City of St. Helens
RESOLUTION NO. 1987

A RESOLUTION EXPRESSING SUPPORT FOR AND AUTHORIZING
STAFF TO APPLY FOR A TRANSPORTATION AND GROWTH
MANAGEMENT GRANT FROM THE OREGON DEPARTMENT OF
TRANSPORTATION TO HELP FUND AN UPDATE TO THE CITY'S
TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM MANAGEMENT PLAN

WHEREAS, the Transportation and Growth Management (TGM) Program provides grants to local governments to help fund planning projects that lead to more livable, economically vital, transportation-efficient, sustainable, pedestrian-friendly communities; and

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

WHEREAS, an update of the City's TSP is needed and will integrate supplemental transportation planning documents that have been developed since the adoption of 2011 TSP such as the Corridor Master Plan (2015), the Parks & Trails Master Plan (2015), the Waterfront Redevelopment Framework Plan (2016), the Branding & Wayfinding Master Plan (2017), and the Riverfront Connector Plan (2019);

WHEREAS, it is recognized that a twelve percent match is required which can be provided through in-kind staff labor and services or a monetary match; and

WHEREAS, the City of St. Helens has determined that there is the staff capacity and/or funds available to meet this match need for these projects; and

WHEREAS, the St. Helens City Council recognizes that transportation management plays a vital role in defining a community's identity and recognizes the importance of seeking grant funds to help fund local projects that will be in compliance with the City's transportation goals and other regulatory requirements; and

WHEREAS, grant funds, if awarded, will be used for consultant assistance to facilitate a public process leading to the update of the City's current TSP which shall incorporate supplemental transportation planning studies completed since 2011 and focus on the implementation of recommendations for downtown parking management, traffic circulation and mobility, streetscape design, and sustainable, pedestrian-bicycle friendly pathways.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY OF ST. HELENS RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The City of St. Helens City Council supports submittal of a Transportation and Growth Management (TGM) Program grant application and authorizes staff to submit a TGM grant application for the Transportation System Management Plan Update.

Section 2. The City of St. Helens City Council authorizes the City Administrator to negotiate and enter into all contracts necessary to secure the grant.

Section 3. This Resolution is effective immediately upon its adoption.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED by the City Council on July 19, 2023 by the following vote:

Ayes: Sundeen, Gundersen, Scholl

Nays: None



Rick Scholl, Mayor

ATTEST:



Kathy Payne, City Recorder

Legend

- City Limits
- Urban Growth Boundary
- Park
- Waterways

St. Helens, OR



**City of St. Helens
Transportation System Management Plan Update - Project Area**

Mouhamad Zaher
Public Works Director
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St. Helens, OR 97051

David Helton
Lead Grant Manager (TGM Program)
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RE: Letter of Support for St. Helens Transportation and Growth Management Grant Application

Dear Mr. Helton,

The City of St. Helens, Public Works Department supports the City's Transportation and Growth Management (TGM) grant application to develop a much-needed update to the City's Transportation System Plan.

For the past few years, the City of St. Helens has added many neighborhoods and well-known retailers since the last TSP which was completed in 2011. Since then, the city has developed multiple, supplemental corridor plans. As St. Helens continues to grow, particularly in the downtown area, the pressure to develop a future that addresses the pressures of traffic, walking and biking, and parking has grown critical. In addition to the downtown area, the city must develop land in Urban Growth Boundary. A comprehensive & cohesive transportation management plan is essential to planning for the increased housing and jobs anticipated over the next 20 years.

While Highway 30 and the railroad presents restrictions between east and west St. Helens, the updated TSP will identify transportation system improvements that are much needed to support anticipated growth, including key intersection improvements, truck routes, and roundabouts. The plan will help to create livable neighborhoods and attract businesses that will help support diverse housing and transportation choices, and natural areas.

On behalf of the city of St. Helens Public Works Department, I humbly ask your consideration to award the City of St. Helens this TGM grant to update our Transportation System Management Plan.

Sincerely,

Mouhamad Zaher
Public Works Director

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Mr. David Helton

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Re: Letter of Support for St. Helens Transportation and Growth Management Grant Application

Dear Mr. Helton,

On behalf of the membership and Board of Directors of the Columbia Economic Team, we offer our full support of the City of St. Helens' Transportation and Growth Management (TGM) Grant application to update the City's current Transportation System Management Plan (TSP). A TGM grant would substantially aid the city in addressing the community's rapid growth, unique economic needs, and align priorities and planning with the downtown Riverfront strategic redevelopment plan currently being implemented. Additionally, as the county seat of government, this planning will enhance the accessibility, livability, and vitality of both the greater St. Helens area, and the broader surrounding community as well.

Columbia Economic Team (CET) is a non-profit membership organization solely responsible for comprehensive economic development throughout Columbia County. The mission of the organization is to promote the creation, retention, growth, and attraction of business and industry throughout the county according to these strategic goals:

- Expand, retain, and recruit businesses and industries participating in existing or new industry clusters.
- Increase per capita income, diversify the economy, and promote sustainable economic growth and family-wage jobs.
- Coordinate the delivery of professional economic development services by leveraging relationships, partnerships, and the collaborative efforts of existing organizations.
- Provide leadership to ensure a climate in which businesses thrive while attracting diverse new investment.

The mission and responsibility of CET extends from tourism to small business development to industrial recruitment, workforce, transportation, and housing – all of which mandate a vested interest in, and our support of, the City of St. Helens planning and application for this grant.

Since the adoption of its 2011 TSP, the city has undertaken the development of five supplemental corridor plans to address the needs of the growing City and its initiative to redevelop and revitalize the downtown Riverfront District. An updated, integrated TSP will help the city, our organization, and developers plan for the future, support economic vitality, and provide businesses a direct framework through which to address the challenges that come from growth. Growth is essential. If you're not growing, you're dying, as a community. Our daily and strategic partnerships with the city are expressly to support planned, intelligent growth that meets common sense requirements as well as market trends of all types.

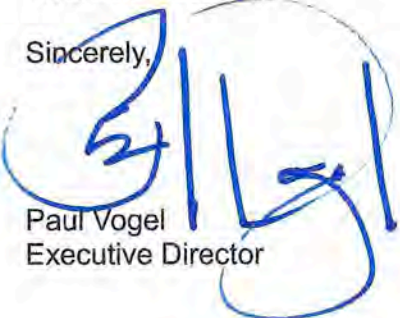
In addition to the revitalizing downtown St. Helens, corridors and key intersections critical to the efficient operation of the City's transportation system will be studied; pedestrian and bicycle access, trails, parking, a feasibility study for a waterfront ferry and its impacts to the transportation system network, and the creation of an ADA transition plan will also be new elements planned update for the TSP update.

These all are critical planning and engineering elements that are vital to commercial, industrial, and retail businesses – both small and large. As a partner with the City of St. Helens in establishing a Small Business Development Center (SBDC), and Growing Rural Oregon (GRO)/GRO Greater St. Helens entrepreneurial ecosystem initiative, and St Helens Main Street Alliance, Columbia Economic Team is highly attuned to the ability to accommodate growth, redevelopment, workforce, housing and the movement of people and goods. Post-pandemic, we are experiencing significant increase in private investment in businesses and sectors of all types throughout the county, but especially in St. Helens. The update to the TSP is critical to addressing and accommodating this growth and investment – and preventing transportation from being a bottleneck or obstacle.

At a higher level, this grant funding will not only support the creation of a vibrant downtown, but also address the future development of lands in the Urban Growth Area, we hope to provide much needed consistency, and a framework that sets for stage for the various modes of transportation to a growing region that accommodate everything from supply chain to walking area local and visitor destinations.

Thank you in advance for your consideration of this important funding and planning facilitation request from our community. We stand prepared to expand further if given the opportunity and strongly urge your favorable decision.

Sincerely,



Paul Vogel
Executive Director



MAYOR RICK SCHOLL

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July 7, 2023

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Letter of Support for St. Helens Transportation and Growth Management Grant Application

Dear Mr. Helton,

As Mayor of the City of St. Helens, I am writing to request strong consideration for the City's Transportation and Growth Management (TGM) grant application, which will make critical improvements to the City's Transportation System Plan and, in particular, address the growing concerns about safety and congestion the Highway 30 – Gable Rd – Railroad intersection.

As the county seat and the largest city in Columbia County, St. Helens has experienced rapid growth in the recent years due to favorable real estate prices compared to the metro area and has a small-town feel that attracts families. Since the last Transportation System Plan (TSP) in 2011, we continue to add many neighborhoods and businesses to our economic base. Recent updates to our Water, Wastewater, and Stormwater master plans have provided us with a great outlook on where critical infrastructure needs are required most and when.

The first phase of our Waterfront Redevelopment project has prioritized, not only constructing new utilities, but also creating new roadways, safer intersections, and safe places for public gathering. As St. Helens continues to grow, the pressure to develop future plans that address the traffic, walking and biking, and downtown parking have grown critical. In addition to the downtown area, there are pressures to develop land in Urban Growth Boundary. A comprehensive and cohesive transportation management plan is essential to planning for the increased housing and jobs anticipated over the next 20 years.

An updated, integrated TSP will help the City and developers plan for the future, support economic vitality, and provide businesses a direct framework to address the challenges that come from growth. It will help to create livable neighborhoods and attract businesses that will help support diverse housing and transportation choices, and natural areas. In addition to the revitalizing downtown St. Helens, corridors and key intersections critical to the efficient operation of the City's transportation system will be studied; pedestrian and bicycle access, trails, parking, a feasibility study for a waterfront ferry and its impacts to the transportation system network, and the creation of an ADA transition plan will also be new elements planned update for the TSP update.

I am thrilled that more and more private investors continue to express interest in investing in the area than ever before and with the update to the TSP, which will support the creation of a vibrant downtown and also address the future development of lands in the Urban Growth Area, we hope to provide much needed consistency, and a framework that sets for stage for the various modes of transportation to a growing region.

I appreciate your consideration of this important request, and fully support this grant application and urge your approval.

Sincerely,



Mayor Rick Scholl



CITY OF
ST. HELENS, OREGON
DEPARTMENT OF POLICE

BRIAN GREENWAY
Chief of Police

July 6, 2023

Brian Greenway
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Letter of Support for St. Helens Transportation and Growth Management Grant Application

Dear Mr. Helton,

I am writing in full support of the City of St. Helen's application for the Transportation and Growth Management (TGM) Grant to update the City's current Transportation System Management Plan (TSP). If funded, the TGM grant will help address St. Helens' rapid growth and unique economic needs and will enhance the livability of not just the St. Helens community, but nearby communities as well.

Since the adoption of the 2011 TSP, the city has seen the development of five supplemental corridor plans to address the needs of the growing City and its initiative to redevelop and revitalize the downtown Riverfront District. An updated, integrated TSP will help the city and developers plan, support economic vitality, and provide businesses with a direct framework to address the challenges that come from growth.

In addition to the revitalizing downtown St. Helens, corridors, and key intersections critical to the efficient operation of the City's transportation system will be studied; pedestrian and bicycle access, trails, parking, a feasibility study for a waterfront ferry and its impacts on the transportation system network, and the creation of an ADA transition plan will also be new elements planned update for the TSP update.

I am thrilled that more and more private investors are now expressing interest in investing in the area than ever before and with the update to the TSP which will support the creation of a vibrant downtown and also address the future development of lands in the Urban Growth Area, we hope to provide much-needed consistency and a framework that sets for the stage for the various modes of transportation to a growing region.

I appreciate your consideration of this important request, and fully support this grant application and urge your approval.

Sincerely,

Brian Greenway
Chief of Police/St. Helens Oregon



July 7, 2023

David Helton
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Letter of Support for St. Helens Transportation and Growth Management Grant Application

Dear Mr. Helton,

I am writing in full support of the City of St. Helens application for the Transportation and Growth Management (TGM) Grant to update the City's current Transportation System Management Plan (TSP). If funded, the TGM grant will help address St. Helens' rapid growth and unique economic needs and will enhance the livability of not just the St. Helens community, but nearby communities as well.

Columbia County has been a close partner with the City to support the city's growth and safety of the transportation system, which the County shares some streets and interfaces in the urban fringe. Since the adoption of the 2011 TSP, the City has seen the development of five supplemental corridor plans to address the needs of the growing City and its initiative to redevelop and revitalize the downtown Riverfront District. An updated, integrated TSP will help the City and developers plan for the future, support economic vitality, and provide businesses a direct framework to address the challenges that come from growth.

In addition to the revitalizing downtown St. Helens, corridors and key intersections critical to the efficient operation of the City's transportation system will be studied; pedestrian and bicycle access, trails, parking, a feasibility study for a waterfront ferry and its impacts to the transportation system network, and the creation of an ADA transition plan will also be new elements planned update for the TSP update. All of these priorities align well with Columbia County's transportation system priorities.

I am thrilled that more and more private investors are now expressing interest in investing in the area than ever before and with the update to the TSP which will support the creation of a vibrant downtown and also address the future development of lands in the Urban Growth Area, we hope to provide much needed consistency, and a framework that sets for stage for the various modes of transportation to a growing region.

I appreciate your consideration of this important request, and fully support this grant application and urge your approval.

Sincerely,

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Mike Russell, Director
Columbia County Public Works

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July 10, 2023

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Letter of Support for St. Helens Transportation and Growth Management Grant Application

Dear Mr. Helton,

The Columbia County Board of Commissioners fully supports the City of St. Helens' application for the Transportation and Growth Management (TGM) grant to update the city's Transportation System Plan (TSP). Columbia County recognizes the importance of this grant in addressing the growing transportation needs within our communities.

Over the years, the City of St. Helens has experienced significant growth, adding new neighborhoods and various commercial projects. However, the last update to their TSP dates back to 2011, and since then, the city has undertaken multiple supplemental corridor plans. The need for an updated and comprehensive TSP that considers traffic pressures, pedestrian and bicycle infrastructure, and parking has become critical, particularly in the downtown area.

As St. Helens continues to grow, with anticipated development within the Urban Growth Boundary, it is vital to have a cohesive and forward-thinking transportation management plan in place. The updated TSP will identify necessary transportation system improvements to accommodate projected growth. By proactively addressing these infrastructure needs, the city aims to create vibrant and livable neighborhoods, attract businesses, improve safety, and offer diverse housing and transportation options, all while preserving natural areas.

The City of St. Helens has demonstrated a strong commitment to effective transportation planning and has a proven track record of successful implementation. The proposed TGM grant will provide the necessary financial support to update their Transportation System Plan comprehensively. Given the city's proactive approach, experienced team, and the significant benefits this project will bring to our largest community, Columbia County wholeheartedly recommends awarding the TGM grant to the City of St. Helens for their Transportation System Plan update.

Thank you for considering this letter of support. If you require additional information or have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us. We appreciate the opportunity to endorse the city's grant application and look forward to this project's positive impact on the transportation infrastructure of St. Helens.

Sincerely,



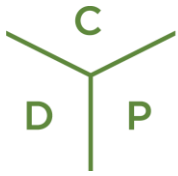
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Margaret Magruder, Commissioner



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July 5, 2023

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Letter of Support for St. Helens Transportation and Growth Management Grant Application

Dear Mr. Helton,

Community Development Partners fully supports the City of St. Helens' grant application to the Transportation and Growth Management program to develop an update to its current Transportation System Management Plan.

This plan update is sorely needed because the opportunities that are possible in this area can only be realized with proper planning.

With the City's location of only 30 miles north of Portland and new neighborhoods and business moving into the area, St. Helens plays an important role in accommodating future employers and providing services to residents and makes the area attractive locate and invest.

This planning effort is needed to address obstacles to development and capitalize on assets and opportunities so that businesses will continue to grow and invest in St. Helens.

I/We appreciate your support in providing a grant to help St. Helens plan for the future of City.

Sincerely,

Jessica Woodruff
Chief Development Officer



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July 13, 2023

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Letter of Support for St. Helens Transportation and Growth Management Grant Application

Dear Mr. Helton,

The Columbia Pacific Economic Development District is a private non-profit organization established to assist in diversifying and strengthening the economy and livability of Northwest Oregon. The District covers all of Clatsop, Columbia, and Tillamook counties and the western part of Washington County. Governed by a 24-member volunteer Board of Directors, ColPac convenes local public and private leaders including representatives from county commissions, cities, ports, local business and business organizations and workforce development and community colleges.

We support the City's Transportation and Growth Management (TGM) grant application to develop a much-needed update to the City's Transportation System Plan.

The City of St. Helens has added many neighborhoods and well-known retailers since the last TSP. The City has developed multiple, supplemental corridor plans since the last TSP update in 2011. As St. Helens continues to grow, particularly in the downtown area, the pressure to develop a future plan that addresses the pressures of traffic, walking and biking, and parking has grown critical. In addition to the downtown area, there are pressures to develop land in Urban Growth Boundary, and a comprehensive and cohesive transportation management plan is essential to planning for the increased housing and jobs anticipated over the next 20 years.

While Highway 30 and the railroad presents restrictions between east and west St. Helens, the updated TSP will identify transportation system improvements that are needed to support anticipated growth, including key intersection improvements, truck routes, and roundabouts. The plan will help to create livable neighborhoods and attract businesses that will help support diverse housing and transportation choices, and natural areas.

On behalf of our Board of Directors, I ask you to award the City this TGM grant to update the Transportation System Management Plan.

Sincerely,

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Lianne Thompson
President



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July 11, 2023

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Letter of Support for St. Helens Transportation and Growth Management
Grant Application

Dear Mr. Helton,

The Northwest Oregon Housing Authority (NOHA) fully supports the City of St. Helens' grant application to the Transportation and Growth Management program to develop an update to its current Transportation System Management Plan.

This plan update is sorely needed because the opportunities that are possible in this area can only be realized with proper planning.

With the City's location of only 30 miles north of Portland and new neighborhoods and businesses moving into the area, St. Helens plays an important role in accommodating future employers and providing services to residents and makes the area attractive to locate and invest.

This planning effort is needed to address obstacles to development and capitalize on assets and opportunities so that businesses will continue to grow and invest in St. Helens.

We appreciate your support in providing a grant to help St. Helens plan for the future of the City.

Sincerely,

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Jim Evans
Interim Executive Director



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David Helton
Lead Grant Manager
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RE: Planning Commission Letter of Support for St. Helens TGM Grant Application

To whom it may concern:

The St. Helens Planning Commission would like to offer our full support of the City of St. Helens application to the Transportation and Growth Management (TGM) Program to update the City's outdated Transportation Systems Plan (TSP). If funded, the TGM grant will help address St. Helens' rapid housing development and unique economic development needs. Updating the TSP will help prioritize limited transportation funding and ultimately improve livability not only for the St. Helens community, but nearby communities as well.

The St. Helens Comprehensive Plan calls for updating of transportation systems plans no less than every 15 years. Our previous TSP was adopted in 2011. Anticipated budget constraints in upcoming years ahead may hinder the City's ability to remain in compliance with our own policy, but a TGM grant would help ensure compliance.

Since the City's TSP update in 2011, the City has seen the development of over 425 multi-family dwelling units located along key transportation corridors. For a City of under 15,000 residents, this is a rapid increase in higher-density housing. The City has also facilitated the adoption of the 2015 Corridor Plan, the 2015 Parks & Trails Master Plan, and the 2019 Riverfront Connector Plan since the adoption of the 2011 TSP. An updated TSP which integrates these plans will help prioritize projects and successfully acquire funding for key capital projects across the City.

Key TSP update study areas include integration of the existing plans, key intersection and corridor improvements, downtown parking needs, assessment of multi-modal transportation improvements (including off-street trails planning), and a capital improvement plan update.

As the City's Planning Commission, we are eager to engage in the planning process and to provide feedback on priorities and recommended transportation improvements. We encourage you to see the importance of funding the City's TSP update for the livability of our residents and for the economic vitality of our local businesses.

Sincerely,



Dan Cary
Vice Chair
St Helens Planning Commission

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:

- | | |
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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Women | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Asians or Pacific Islanders |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Persons with Disabilities | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> American Indians |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> African-Americans | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Alaskan Natives |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 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:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Women | <input type="checkbox"/> Asians or Pacific Islanders |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> African-Americans | <input type="checkbox"/> Alaskan Natives |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 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: 7/27/2023

Printed Name: Sharon Darroux

Title: Engineering Manager

Agency Name: City of St. Helens



Digitally signed by Sharon Darroux
Date: 2023.07.27 15:44:27

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.