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Director

SUBJECT: **Consent 6** – Transportation Enhancement Discretionary Account – Funding Request
6th Street: Yerxa Ave – Umatilla Bridge (Umatilla)

Requested Action:

Request approval to amend the Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) to add \$1,000,000 from the Transportation Enhancement (TE) Discretionary Account to 6th Street: Yerxa Avenue – Umatilla Bridge (Umatilla) project. The funds will augment the construction of the 6th Street sidewalk/streetscape project in Umatilla, concurrent with pavement preservation on U.S. 730 (6th Street) through the city of Umatilla. The total estimated cost of this project is \$4,575,000.

Project Name	6 th Street: Yerxa Avenue – Umatilla Bridge (Umatilla) – KN 18113	
PHASE	YEAR	COST
Preliminary Engineering	2012	\$546,000
Right of Way	2016	\$50,000
Utility Relocation	N/A	\$0
Construction	2017	\$3,979,000
TOTAL		\$4,575,000

Background:

The Transportation Enhancement Discretionary Account provides federal funds for projects that strengthen the cultural, aesthetic, or environmental value of our transportation system. The Oregon Transportation Commission (OTC) approved \$2 million per year for the account for fiscal year 2006 through 2015. This allows the Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) to apply funds to qualified projects as needs become known, separate from the statewide project selection process. The use of the discretionary account is guided by a general policy adopted by the OTC in 2003 and implementing procedures adopted by the Transportation Enhancement Advisory Committee. Projects are subject to the same evaluation criteria used in the most recent competitive selection cycle. Funds are available through the Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) as defined in federal MAP-21 and FAST-Act legislation.

Discussion:

The 6th Street project in Umatilla was originally funded through the Surface Transportation Program Flex program in 2011. The OTC approved \$400,000 for a “readiness” project to complete preliminary engineering and project development for future construction. The project progressed to final design, but was not selected for construction funds in the FY 2016-2018 Multimodal Transportation Enhancement Program (MTEP) “Enhance” process. In December 2015, the OTC approved \$950,000 in unexpended flex funds (with \$110,000 match from City of Umatilla) to allow for Phase 1 construction.

In 2015, the City of Umatilla and ODOT Region 5 jointly applied for Phase 2 construction funds through the 2018-2021 Enhance process. That request advanced to the 100 percent list that is now pending OTC approval. Upon that approval, ODOT will advance the Enhance funds into 2017, so that Phase 1 and Phase 2 can be combined into a single contract for more efficient use of funds. However, the existing and pending funds are not enough to construct the full length and scope of the plans developed in the Flex “readiness” project. The requested Transportation Enhancement Discretionary funds will allow the project to be constructed in a single phase, in conjunction with ODOT’s pavement overlay through the City of Umatilla.

Project design is complete through 90 percent plans, with right-of-way acquisition ready to begin. The project will be ready for bid in the spring of 2017. The Transportation Enhancement Discretionary funds will cover the added cost for construction between B Street and I Street, including sidewalk connections, curb ramps and curb extensions, conduit for future lighting and irrigation, and pedestrian amenities.

The prospect of Transportation Enhancement discretionary funds for this project was first discussed in 2015. Competitive selection for FY 2015 Transportation Enhancement/TAP funds was already complete in 2013 as part of the Transportation Enhancement-Oregon Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee (TE-OBPAC) combined solicitation. The funds for FY 2016-2018 were awarded in 2014 through the Multimodal Transportation Enhancement Program (Enhance).

The Transportation Enhancement Advisory Committee determined that this project meets the eligibility criteria for use of Transportation Enhancement Discretionary funds. It meets the requirements for technical review and selection criteria, with scores comparable to those for high-ranking projects awarded in the 2012 Transportation Enhancement-OBPAC selection cycle. The proposed work is eligible under TAP Activity A, Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities.

The project can draw from the \$1.2 million remainder in the Transportation Enhancement Discretionary allocation for FY 2015.

Attachments:

- Attachment 1 – List of TAP activities
- Attachment 2 – Application narrative
- Attachment 3 – Location and vicinity maps

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