

# 2023 Transportation Growth Management Grant Application

## Instructions

Be sure to download and review the [2023 Application Packet](#) and [2023 Application Instructions](#) before filling out this grant application.

You can save your progress and revisit this form at any time by clicking the "Save" button at the bottom of the page.

***Applications must be received by July 27, 2023 at 11:59 p.m. (PDT)***

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## 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.**

### Primary applicant jurisdiction

City of Rainier

### Mailing address

PO Box 100, Rainier, Oregon 97048-0100

### Website

<https://www.cityofrainier.com>

### Contact person name

William Jorgensen

### Contact person title

City Administrator

### Contact phone

(503) 556-7301

### Contact email

[sjorgensen@cityofrainier.com](mailto:sjorgensen@cityofrainier.com)

**Name of person empowered to sign the agreement with ODOT, if different from the applicant contact**

**Title of above named person**

Phone

Email

## List co-applicants (if a joint project)

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Providing match?

Upload your resolution, minutes or authorized letter from governing body of applying jurisdiction(s) here:

Signed Authorization Letter.pdf

## Project information

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

### Project title

City of Rainier Transportation System 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

ODOT Map of Rainier.pdf

### Option 2: Project area description

### ODOT region (1-5)

Region 2

[ODOT Region Map](#)

### Type of grant

Category 1: Transportation System Planning

### Summary description of project

The City's current Transportation System Plan is from September 1997, over 25 years ago. As such, it no longer meets the City's existing or future needs. Having an updated TSP will better enable the City to plan projects to ensure safe mobility throughout town for vehicles, bicycles and pedestrians.

## Project cost table

Response instructions are on page 5 of the 2023 Application Instructions.

**TGM funds**

**Consultant**  
\$205,000.00

**Local reimbursement**

**Total TGM funds requested**

requested for the  
work identified in  
Criterion 3

\$205,000.00

Local match

Minimum Match  
(Calculated)  
\$23,463.17

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

Match to be  
provided

Labor, supplies and services during  
project  
\$25,000.00

Payment when Intergovernmental  
Agreement is signed

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## 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 City of Rainier is a distressed community that is in the midst of a transition towards a more vibrant and diverse economic future. However, its current Transportation System Plan was adopted in 1997, over 25 years ago. Much has changed in the community since then. An updated plan will better enable the city to focus on creating greater opportunities for multimodal transportation while still maintaining the ability of its businesses to bring products to market. The long-planned Riverfront Trail project was completed in 2022, which connects the downtown business district with the city park and allows pedestrians and bicyclists to better access those areas. The City is also exploring options aimed at expanding the variety of available housing. This creates an opportunity to develop those as walkable communities. In order to achieve these goals, the City needs to have an updated TSP that reflects modern realities, which have changed considerably since 1997,

### 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**

The City has been actively planning its next phases of residential, commercial and industrial development. In the process, it has become obvious that the current TSP is no longer meeting the City's needs. There have been numerous significant policy changes at the state level throughout the 25 years since the City's TSP was adopted. There is more of an emphasis on walkability and multimodal transportation. The City could use an updated TSP with those kinds of consideration to create neighborhoods and other areas with a greater sense of livability than has historically been the case. Additionally, the City has recently updated its Park Master Plan, with the aim of creating smaller parks in residential areas throughout town. There are also preliminary plans to create a series of walking trails. The City also recently acquired a piece of property just beyond its Urban Growth Boundary that can be used as part of a future trail system. An updated TSP is needed to put all these elements together so the City and its residents can better plan for the future.

**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**

Task 1. Collect and review existing plans. Examine current policy direction. Review neighborhood areas using GIS and other mapping data. Present to Planning Commission for direction. This should take around two months and cost around \$25,000 for a consultant.

Task 2. Conduct neighborhood and public outreach. \$15,000 consultant

Task 3. Prepare detailed identification of the transportation system needs for each of the neighborhood areas focusing on vehicular, bike, pedestrian, disabled access elements, amenities, recreation and linkages to other neighborhoods and services. Analyze the conditions of existing infrastructure. 75 days \$40,000 consultant

Task 4. Prepare detailed updated mapping of city streets, sidewalks and other transportation elements. Present the results of Task 2 and 4 to Planning Commission. 45 days \$20,000 consultant

Task 5. Prepare Capital Improvement Program and Financial Element and Phasing Plan based on Planning Commission direction. Include funding options for CIP, examine public and private options for funding resources. Include estimated costs and timeline for implementation. Conduct neighborhood outreach. 30 days \$25,000 consultant

Task 6. Prepare implementation measures, plan and regulatory amendments. Conduct neighborhood outreach. 30 days \$10,000 consultant

Task 7. Prepare draft plan. Conduct neighborhood outreach. Present to public at open house. 60 days \$15,000 consultant

Task 8. Present Plan to Planning Commission and City Council for adoption. 45 days \$10,000 consultant

**How will the project approach lead to a successful project?**

The technical work will be completed by the Consultant. The City will ensure that the input gathered during the neighborhood outreach is incorporated into the Plan. The City will conduct outreach through traditional and modern means, including its underserved senior population. The City will schedule meetings, review deliverables and maintain and update a webpage devoted to the project.

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

The Plan will be prepared for consideration of adoption before both the Planning Commission and the City Council in Task 8 of the project.

**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**

Chamber Letter of Support.pdf

**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**

Rainier is a full service city with a professionally staffed public works department and a contract planner. W. Scott Jorgensen will be the City's project manager. He has over five years of experience in executive roles in small cities and also spent five years working in the Oregon Legislature. His duties include the management of many third-party contracts used by the City to provide services to its residents. The City is committed to dedicating staff time, as well as that of its volunteer Planning Commissioners and City Councilors, to the completion of this project.

**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

## 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 City's Housing Committee and Planning Commission have been examining ways that the City can update its municipal code to allow for greater variety of housing options. An updated TSP will aid in these efforts to address current and future housing needs and the ways in which more modern approaches to transportation can be part of the solution.

## Required forms

Title VI: Racial & Ethnic Impact Statement form  
Racial-Ethnic-Impact-Statement.pdf

[Download the Racial & Ethnic Impact Statement form here](#)

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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

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**Would you like to receive TGM news and updates?**

No

**Today's date**

7/26/2023

**If you encounter any issues with the submittal process, please contact:**

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Wednesday, July 26, 2023

To: The Oregon Department of Transportation's TGM program

RE: Authorization Letter for Grant Application for City of Rainier TSP Update

On the behalf of the Rainier City Council, I am writing to give authorization for the City's application to ODOT for its TSP update.

This project will be essential for assessing how people move through the area and identifying key goals for improvement. The future plans will include strategies and policies to improve the community's transportation infrastructure and diverse transportation options. This plan is highly essential in shaping cities, enabling economic activities, promoting community interaction and enhancing the quality of life of residents and visitors for the City of Rainier.

The City's current TSP is from the late 1990s and is very much outdated. An updated TSP will go a long way towards helping the City plan for its current and future transportation needs.

This project will also greatly benefit the city of Rainier by improving routes for all ages and abilities. The City supports this project, as it will provide essential updates to otherwise vulnerable road users.

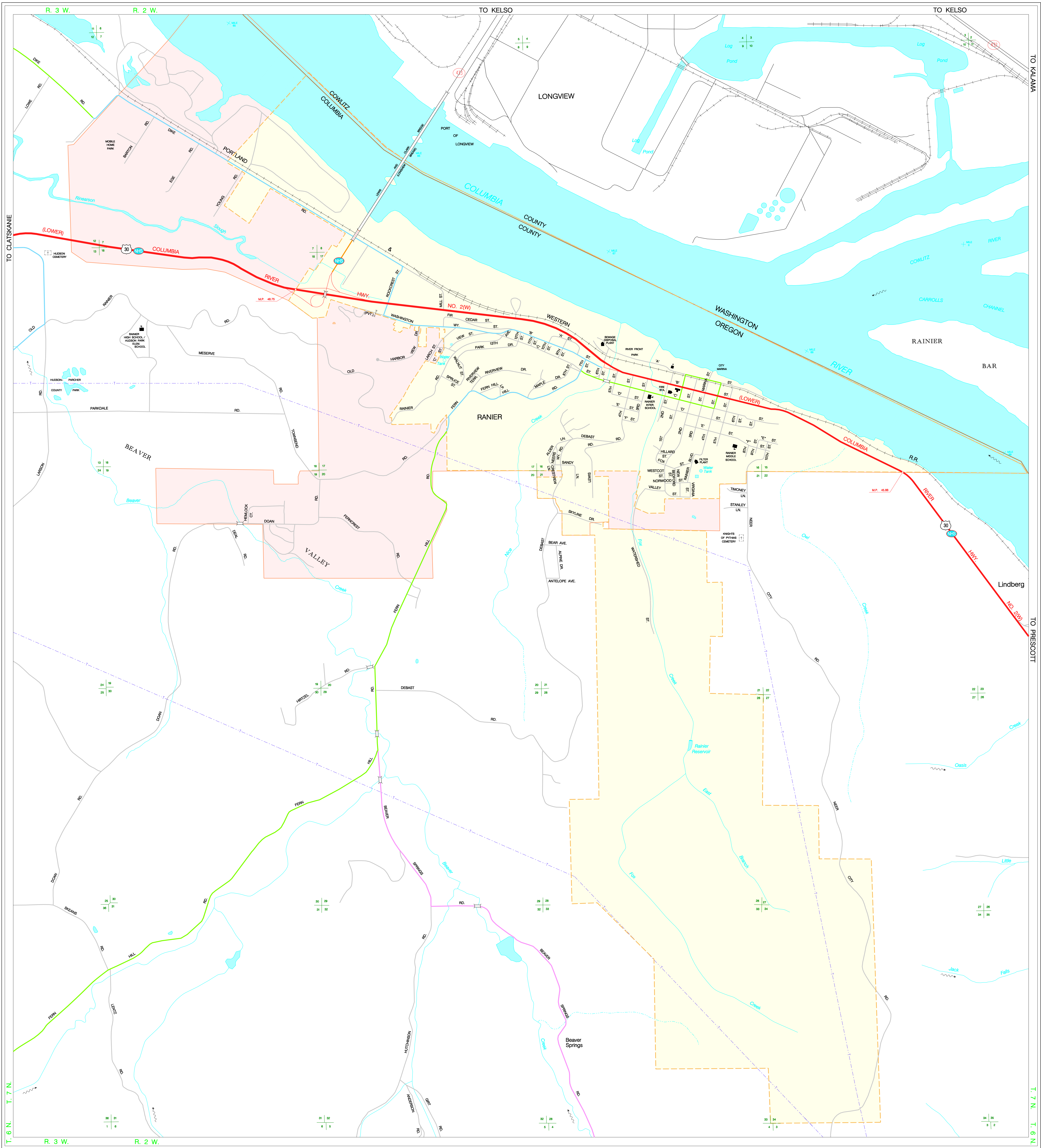
We thank you for your consideration and commitment to improving the safety and security of residents and visitors of our community.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Jerry Cole", is written over a horizontal line.

Mayor Jerry Cole





**LEGEND**

FOR FURTHER FUNCTIONAL CLASSIFICATION INFORMATION, CONTACT O.D.O.T. REGION OFFICE.

STATE - OTHER

INTERSTATE

PRINCIPAL ARTERIAL

MINOR ARTERIAL

URBAN COLLECTOR / RURAL MAJOR COLLECTOR

MINOR COLLECTOR

LOCAL ROAD

ORE. ROUTE - U.S. ROUTE - INTERSTATE ROUTE

NATIONAL HIGHWAY SYSTEM ROUTE

URBAN GROWTH BOUNDARY

CITY LIMIT

AMTRAK RAIL PASSENGER STATION

BRIDGE

GRADE SEPARATIONS

STATE - OTHER FUNCTIONALLY CLASSIFIED - LOCAL ROAD

PUBLIC BUILDING

COURTHOUSE

CITY HALL

ARMORY

POST OFFICE

SCHOOL

LIBRARY

SAFETY REST AREA

WEIGH STATION

PARK & RIDE LOCATION


INTERCITY - CITY TRANSIT

COMMERCIAL - GENERAL AVIATION

AMTRAK STOP - PORT FACILITY

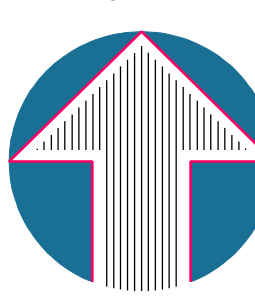
GRAVEL PIT - QUARRY - ODOT STOCKPILE SITE

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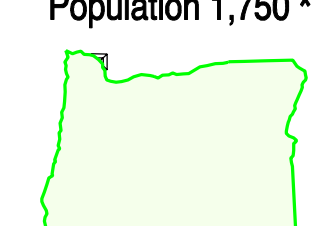
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SCALE

750 0 750 1500 FEET

225 0 225 450 METERS

RAINIER  
Population 1,750 \*



T. 6-7 N. R. 2-3 W. W.M.

**PRELIMINARY COPY  
SUBJECT TO CORRECTION**

**OREGON TRANSPORTATION MAP**

Showing Functional Classification of Roads

City of

**RAINIER**

COLUMBIA COUNTY  
2004

AVAILABLE TRANSPORTATION SERVICES SHOWN WITH YELLOW BACKGROUND

PORT AIRPORT COMM. AIR

AVAILABLE TRANSPORTATION SERVICES SHOWN WITH YELLOW BACKGROUND

Copies available from the Oregon Department of Transportation, Map Distribution Unit, Mill Creek Office Park, 555 13th St. NE, Suite 2, Salem, Oregon 97301-4178, Telephone (503) 986-3154, <http://www.odot.state.or.us/tm/mappingpublic>  
\* Based on current Oregon Population Report, College of Urban and Public Affairs, Portland State University, <http://www.upa.pdx.edu/CPRC>

RAINIER - COLUMBIA COUNTY





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*Community & Business working together*

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Wednesday, July 26, 2023

To: The Oregon Department of Transportation's TGM program

RE: City of Rainier TSP Update

I am writing on behalf of the Rainier Chamber of Commerce, its board of directors and its members in support of the City of Rainier's application to ODOT for its Transportation System Plan update.

The City's current TSP is from 1997, and much has changed around town since then. What hasn't changed is the need for our small local businesses and their customers to be able to move products and supplies safely through the city and to markets in other communities.

Rainier and Columbia County are also actively looking to bolster the tourism that comes to the area. With that being the case, a TSP that looks to the future can be truly beneficial to those efforts.

We thank you for your consideration and commitment to improving the safety and security of residents and visitors of our community.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'BreAnna Grissom', with a large, stylized flourish at the end.

BreAnna Grissom  
Rainier Chamber President

## 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 persons<sup>1</sup> in the State of Oregon if the grant is awarded to a corporation or other legal entity other than natural persons.

1. The proposed grant project policies or programs could have a disproportionate or unique positive impact on the following minority persons:

Indicate all that apply:

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

Women	Asians or Pacific Islanders
Persons with Disabilities	American Indians
African-Americans	Alaskan Natives
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:**

Printed Name:

Title:

Agency Name:

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<sup>1</sup> “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.