

2025 Transportation Growth Management Grant Application

Instructions

Be sure to download and review the [2025 Application Packet](#) before filling out this grant application.

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Applications must be received by July 31, 2025 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 9 of the 2025 Application Packet.

Primary applicant jurisdiction

City of Yachats

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Yachats

City

Oregon

State

97498

Zip Code

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Katherine

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Contact person title

City Planner

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

Bobbi

First

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Last

Title of above named person

City Manager

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List co-applicants (if a joint project)

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Providing match?

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Upload your resolution or meeting minutes from the governing body of applying jurisdiction(s) here:

2025-266 RES TSP Grant - signed.pdf

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Project information

Response instructions are on page 10 of the 2025 Application Packet.

Project title

City of Yachats Transportation System Plan

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

Yachats_TSP_project_area.pdf

PDFs only, 1 file maximum, 2mb file size limit.

Option 2: Project area description

ODOT region (1-5)

Region 2

Refer to the region map if you are unsure of your region.

ODOT Region Map**Type of grant**

Category 1: Transportation System Planning

Summary description of project

Yachats needs an official Transportation System Plan to provide a cohesive plan on the strategic implementation of transportation-related efforts for economic growth, community building and community resilience in south Lincoln County. Transportation issues needing to be addressed are Hwy 101 corridor safety, multimodal connectivity, diversifying active transportation options, parking congestion downtown, and tsunami evacuation routes. This year, a hybrid trolley was purchased for the City's use as local transit to increase connectivity and transit options. A transit route needs to be developed. This is good timing because Lincoln County TSP has a planning horizon of 2007 - 2027. The Yachats TSP would address transportation needs in south county and potentially provide momentum for the County to update theirs in the near future. Yachats needs to develop a tsunami evacuation route, as 100% of hotels and commercial lodging are in the tsunami inundation zone.

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 11 of the 2025 Application Packet.

TGM funds requested for the work identified in Criterion 3	Consultant \$250,000.00	Local reimbursement [Redacted]	Total TGM funds requested \$250,000.00
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Local match**Minimum Match (Calculated)**

\$28,613.62

Approximately 11.5% of requested funds

Match to be provided	Labor, supplies and services during project	Payment when Intergovernmental Agreement is signed
	\$28,613.62	

Total Match to be Provided

\$28,613.62

Award criteria

Criterion 1: Proposed project addresses a need and supports TGM objectives (up to 40 points)

The application demonstrates the proposed 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 13 of the 2025 Application Packet.

What is the transportation or transportation-related land use issue, problem, need, or opportunity the proposed project will address?

Yachats, of about 1000 residents, is a well-known outdoor recreation destination where visitors enjoy the charm of a small and walkable village by the ocean and its close proximity to USFS Cape Perpetua Scenic Area. The area is also home to numerous state parks and campgrounds.

With limited geography and parking availability, local businesses, residents, and visitors alike are increasingly challenged by congestion eroding village character and visitor experience. Improvements to multimodal connectivity are essential to keep the village quaint, vibrant, and attractive to residents and visitors. In an operational sense, over 60% of the city services revenue comes from the unrestricted portion of the Transient Lodging Tax. With low property tax, visitors are important to Yachats's economy and to the City's ability to provide services.

A Village Circulation Plan was funded by TGM in 1997. Though not a TSP adopted into Yachats's Comprehensive Plan, this 1997 Plan was referenced in Lincoln County Transportation System Plan 2007 – 2027.

This proposal is for an adopted or a hearings-ready draft TSP. The TSP would address overall circulation of traffic and improve safety and multimodal connectivity for active transportation. Two major elements of the proposed TSP are a local transit route and tsunami evacuation routes.

Yachats needs a TSP to carry forward unfinished elements of the 1997 Plan, such as trail connectivity, sidewalks, and the 804 trail. Updating these elements in a TSP will strengthen the City's ability to seek funding for implementation or to require them as a condition of development. Indeed, without a TSP adopted into the Comp Plan, the City had in the past vacated undeveloped rights-of-way that would be useful now.

This year, a hybrid trolley was acquired with grants from Travel Oregon, Oregon Coast Visitors Association, and the Yachats Area Chamber. In addition to serving city limits, the trolley will serve unincorporated areas with Angell Job Corps as the northern terminal and Cape Perpetua Visitor Center as the southern. This would provide south county groundbreaking multimodal connectivity. The trolley would connect surplus parking at the Job Corps to downtown Yachats and provide transit to area residents and visitors. People could use transit in and out of town for work or leisure and not use a car. Initially, the City was planning on developing the trolley route via a committee of local volunteers. Since the service area will be multi-jurisdictional, the route needs to be developed by transportation consultants with participation from City and County staff.

Finally, Yachats needs tsunami evacuation routes. West of Hwy 101 is within the inundation zone. Uphill and east of Hwy 101, access easements exist for evacuation routes but yet to be legally described.

Without a TSP, legal descriptions and improvements of these access rights are not being actively pursued by the City.

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What are the proposed Project Objectives? How will the Project Objectives achieve one or more of the TGM Objectives?

Since Yachats is a small geography and even more limited topography, the City is unable to plan for enough parking spaces to accommodate future demands while maintaining its defining character of a walkable small town by the ocean. As the City is in-part reliant on transient lodging tax, it is critical to Yachats' economic vitality and growth to ameliorate this ever-increasing parking problem, especially since visitors' presence seems to be shifting from a seasonal pattern to a year-around occurrence.

The larger goals of the community are to alleviate parking congestion downtown, improve multimodal connectivity and provide safe routes for active transportation and micro-mobility options. Project objectives are to develop 1) Yachats' first Transportation System Plan; 2) a transit route, and 3) tsunami evacuation routes.

TSP would provide a cohesive plan on the strategic implementation of transportation-related efforts for community building and resilience in south Lincoln County.

On the horizon, the City may rezone longstanding lodging establishments such as Adobe, Yachats Inn, Overleaf, and Fireside from R4 to Commercial. The TSP would help to plan multimodal connectivity of these potential commercial centers. Trail connectivity planning through town and extending sidewalks to north end of the city would increase foot traffic to underused commercial properties and new businesses. The trolley with ADA lift as local transit would 1) provide transportation choices to visitors and residents with interconnected transportation networks necessary for mobility, equity, economic growth, and environmental stewardship; 2) create communities by connecting downtown Yachats to the surrounding unincorporated areas with accessible transportation. The only transit available is Lincoln County Transit's regional route connecting Yachats and Newport. The trolley would support economic vitality and growth by connecting surplus parking at Angell Job Corps and rural communities to downtown Yachats. People can easily access employment and services, such as childcare, in the City without a car. By facilitating employee-parking away from business centers, reduced downtown parking demand would increase parking availability to visitors. Further, the local transit would support active lifestyles by connecting people to trailheads. The trolley could also be used for special city events such as New Year's Day Peace Hike honoring indigenous ancestors and July 4th La De Da Parade.

Connecting rural communities north of Yachats provides an alternative to urban growth boundary expansion. It saves public and private costs by eliminating the need for the City to construct a public parking lot in town and people's need to drive.

Tsunami evacuation routes are necessary since all commercial lodging is located in the tsunami inundation zone. Yachats Rural Fire Protection District relocated its station from inundation zone to east of Hwy 101. New trails are needed to connect.

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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 local conditions or in federal regulations, state requirements, or regional plans
- 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 15 of the 2025 Application Packet.

Why is it important to do the proposed project in this grant cycle?

The most urgent item in this TSP proposal is the development of the local transit route for the trolley recently purchased for the City. The trolley as a local transit option has been part of the City's efforts to improve multimodal connectivity for years, as evidenced by letters of support from 2023 (attached) to acquire the trolley. The trolley will sit unused until a route and schedule is developed. In the meantime, countless customers will remain unserved, and the immense potential this additional transportation option to alleviate parking congestion downtown and enhance multimodal connectivity and equity for residents and visitors will be unrealized. The trolley would alleviate parking congestion downtown by connecting surplus parking at Angell Job Corps to city center while providing a local transit option for residents in unincorporated rural residential areas north of the City and for visitors to the area. With Cape Perpetua Visitor Center as the proposed southern terminal of the transit route, visitors can take the trolley to various trails and scenic points on the Hwy without negotiating the numerous tight turns on Hwy 101 south of the city on their own, improving Hwy 101 safety and visitor experience.

Including sidewalk extensions in the TSP, the City would be in a stronger position to apply for funding for sidewalk construction and/or be able to require developers to construct them. Further, connecting businesses currently not served by sidewalks would promote economic growth.

Developing tsunami evacuation routes would move forward Governor's Regional Solutions Team priority of community resilience. Once those routes are planned for, the City can then work to develop a plan for tsunami preparedness and response such as essential services and cache locations to build upon the 2019 Emergency Operations Plan.

In Lincoln County TSP 2007-2027, it is mentioned that if Yachats had its own TSP, the Yachats TSP would cover areas of unincorporated county jurisdiction within rural communities of San Marine and Starr Creek and road districts of California Street and Starr Creek north of the City. Since the Lincoln County TSP would soon pass its planning horizon in 2027 and the proposed Yachats TSP would plan for south county from San Marine to the Lincoln/Lane boundary in addition to city jurisdiction, this project may generate momentum for TSP updates to other parts of Lincoln County.

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What local actions are needed to move the proposed project forward? Have these actions been taken and if so, when? If those efforts are underway, when will they be completed?

Grant funds were awarded to the City for trolley acquisition, and the trolley has been ordered with an anticipated delivery later this year.

In addition, the City has completed many elements in the 1997 Village Circulation Plan. Now the City needs to carry forward those elements and continue to work on multimodal connectivity.

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**How does the proposed project relate to other planning efforts, developments, or initiatives?
Which of those are completed, underway, or waiting on the completion of this project?**

The Downtown Yachats Parking Study was completed in 2022 which highlighted the City's existing multimodal connections; emphasized taking advantage of the City's walkability with connected trails and sidewalks; and advocated for satellite parking for employees and providing signage to direct people to existing parking. This study provided impetus for the City to think creatively and resourcefully to acquire a trolley and to coordinate with Angell Job Corps to utilize their surplus parking.

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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 16 of the 2025 Application Packet.

Tasks and deliverables table

What are your proposed tasks and deliverables

Task #1 Project Kick-off

This task will allow the consultant team and the City to get acquainted with community issues and proposed project. City Staff will assemble a Project Advisory Committee to help guide the process and provide community voices as goals, policies, and projects are identified. During this phase, all parties will review the project plan and schedule and identify any additional voices that should be brought to the table. City Staff will provide a site tour to acquaint PAC and consultant with key issues and opportunity areas.

Deliverables: One (1) project meeting with consultant, City Staff and PAC with meeting summary memorandum; project plan and timeline; website page developed; one-page handout created describing project; community involvement strategy memorandum.

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 2: Existing Conditions

City Staff will provide consultant with pertinent plans, including 1997 Village Circulation Plan, 2007-2027 Lincoln County TSP, 2022 Downtown Yachats Parking Management Plan, 2022 Housing Needs Analysis, 2023 Housing Implementation Plan, 2019 Emergency Operations Plan, and East Hillside Trails Proposal. The consultant will inventory existing facility conditions and identify gaps in multimodal connectivity or unmet transportation needs to determine necessary changes to reach our goals. New proposed goals, policies, and priorities should be reviewed by the PAC as an outcome of this task.

Deliverables: One (1) project meeting with consultant, City Staff, and PAC with meeting summary memorandum; Draft Existing Conditions memorandum; public meeting to identify unmet community needs; Goals, policies, and priorities memorandum.

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 3: Future Conditions and Solutions

The consultant will identify gaps in modal equity and access and will forecast future needs and deficiencies for all applicable transportation elements. These findings should then be drafted into future scenarios based on financial constraints with a project list available for public review. Public review will include PAC involvement, public engagement activities, and Planning Commission and City Council work sessions.

Deliverables: One (1) project meeting with consultant, City Staff, and PAC with meeting summary memorandum; community conversation workshop; online survey or open-house; future scenarios and alternatives memorandum.

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 4: Draft Local Transit Route

The consultant will develop plans for the route and schedule of local transit service to meet policy direction, identified needs, and funding.

Deliverables: One (1) project meeting with consultant, City Staff, and PAC with meeting summary memorandum; community conversation workshop; online survey or open-house; draft local transit service.

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 5: Draft Tsunami Evacuation Routes

The consultant will develop plans for the tsunami evacuation routes to meet policy direction, identified needs, and funding and integrate proposed east hillside trail system.

Deliverables: One (1) project meeting with consultant, City Staff, and PAC with meeting summary memorandum; community conversation workshop; online survey or open-house; draft tsunami evacuation routes.

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 6: Draft TSP & Adoption

The consultant will prepare a draft TSP, integrating existing conditions, future needs and deficiencies, financial constraints, and public comments for another round of public review. The consultant should then prepare language for inclusion in applicable city codes, plans, and policies along with an adoption-ready TSP. The City will host a final round of work sessions with the PAC, Planning Commission, and City Council, before the final public hearing is scheduled and the TSP is adopted.

Deliverables: One (1) project meeting with consultant, City Staff, and PAC with meeting summary memorandum; community conversation workshop; presentation to City Council and Planning Commission, draft and final plans.

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.

How will the project approach support investment decisions that align with Oregon's Transportation Plan and Transportation Planning Rules?

The OTP Vision is for an equitable, climate-friendly, and safe transportation system that supports Oregon's communities, economy, and environment. The proposed TSP would further the OTP Vision for the following buckets:

1. Land Use - Transportation Coordination;
2. Resiliency and Climate - Transportation Coordination; and
3. Economy and Tourism - Transportation Coordination.

The TSP would address Bicycle and Pedestrian Infrastructure, gaps in Oregon Coast Trail, Public Transportation, and Transportation Safety and Options.

The Yachats TSP would support multimodal connectivity so residents are not limited in the ways they can access jobs, goods, or services available in the south county community.

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

Not applicable. This is a standalone 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 17 of the 2025 Application Packet.

Upload letters of support here

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OCVA_LOS_Yachats_TGM_app2025.pdf

2023_Letters of Support for Trolley.pdf

TSP Support Letter Drift Inn.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 18 of the 2025 Application Packet.

Describe the experience and availability of key staff

City Planner Katherine Guenther has deep knowledge of the Yachats community. Having lived in the City since 1994, she has over 20 years of experience participating in local land use processes through various roles. Katherine served as Planning Commissioner from 2001 to 2016 and for the past 5 years as City Planner. In addition, Katherine had worked as a realtor in town for decades. She is the City's lead on this TSP project.

DLCD Regional Representative, Hui Rodomsky, is committed to assisting the City completing this project and will be on the project team. Based in Newport, Hui has experience as a land use planner in Oregon for over 10 years and is a former Lincoln County planner. With established relationships in the County and the region, Hui is skilled in facilitating coordination and engagement as well as knowledgeable of local conditions and wider land use policy concepts.

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Explain how the applicant has the capacity to scope the proposed project during the next 15 months and manage it to completion within 3 years

Previously, the City has experienced high turnover in the City Manager position. The current City Manager, Bobbi Price, who came aboard in December 2023, has been a stabilizing force for City Staff. The City is now fully staffed, which was not the case during the period of high City Manager turnover. Prior to joining the City, Bobbi served as the Director of the Yachats Chamber of Commerce.

This TSP project is high priority for the City. With the City's newfound stability and trust in the City Manager, the City is ready to take on a major planning effort such as this which will have widespread positive impact on the community. This project has the City Council and City Manager's full support with multiple City Staff eager to participate and assist.

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If applicable, list applicant's TGM projects within last 10 years and their status

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

TGM File Code	Project Title	Status
E&O	2022 Downtown Yachats Parking Study	Completed 300 character limit.

Bonus points: Housing (up to 10 points)

Response instructions are on page 19 of the 2025 Application Packet.

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

with good transit?

Adoption of the Yachats TSP would link residents of rural communities in unincorporated county north of city limits to the walkable city center by establishing a previously unavailable local transit service. Housing in Yachats is deeply unaffordable with over 60% second homeownership and very limited housing types. Local businesses, including the post office, have had difficulty hiring employees due to high housing prices in the City. TSP will provide multimodal connectivity to link more affordable neighborhoods with employment opportunities in Yachats, which will stimulate economic growth.

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Required forms

Title VI: Racial & Ethnic Impact Statement form
Yachats_TGM_2025_Racial-Ethnic-Impact-
Statement.pdf

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

PDFs only. Max 2 mb per file.

Certifications

Response instructions are on page 20 of the 2025 Application Packet.

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)

Would you like to receive TGM news and updates?

- Yes
- No
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Today's date

7/31/2025

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

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**CITY OF YACHATS
RESOLUTION 2025-266**

**A RESOLUTION APPROVING APPLICATION SUBMISSION OF THE
TRANSPORTATION AND GROWTH MANAGEMENT PROGRAM (TSP) Grant**

WHEREAS, the City of Yachats intends to apply for a Transportation and Growth Management (TGM) Program grant to develop a Transportation System Plan (TSP), with the application deadline set for July 31, 2025; and

WHEREAS, the new TSP will emphasize planning for improvements such as sidewalks and pedestrian crossings, trails, satellite parking, and trolley integration with existing and proposed transportation systems; and

WHEREAS, due to the regional nature of transportation infrastructure, including trolleys and trails, City staff has coordinated with, and received support from, the County Planning Director; and

WHEREAS, the goal of the TSP is to create a comprehensive and cohesive plan for transit users, pedestrians, and cyclists, enabling the City to get a head start on strategic implementation; and

WHEREAS, the Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) requires all TGM-funded projects to be completed by June 2028, and the completed TSP must be adopted as an amendment to the City's Comprehensive Plan; and

WHEREAS, a local match of up to 10.27% of the total project cost is required, which may be fulfilled through staff time, volunteer hours, postage, travel, or other in-kind contributions; and

WHEREAS, Council support in the form of a resolution is a required component of the TGM grant application.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Yachats that the City supports submission of the grant application for the development of a Transportation System Plan.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of Yachats this 16th day of July, 2025.

ATTEST:

Craig Berdie

Craig Berdie (Jul 29, 2025 14:47:51 PDT)

Bobbi Price

Craig Berdie, Mayor

Bobbi Price, City Manager

Angell Job
Corps

TILLICUM BEACH

San Marine



Silver Surf Mo

Starr Creek



Dublin House
Oregon Hwy 101



Yachats

Yachats Ocean
Road State
Natural Site



Amanda's Trail



Cape Perpetua
Visitor Center

Well



September 12, 2023

We are writing in support of the proposed trolley service in Yachats. With our business at the edge of town, in a location that is not easily accessible by pedestrians, we're sure this would reduce the need for people to drive to the shops in our complex, and enable access for people who cannot drive their own vehicle. There are many days when the parking lot at the complex is full, and we know of a few instances where customers told us they drove by, because there was no available parking.

We feel the trolley service would benefit the entire community. A few ways in which this service would be a boost to the city of Yachats are the following:

1. Reduced Traffic Congestion. A trolley system would encourage visitors and residents alike to leave their cars behind, either at their hotel, or at a single parking spot in town, reducing the number of vehicles on our roads and decreasing traffic congestion.
2. Improved Accessibility. The trolley system would make it easier for both residents and visitors, including those with disabilities, to access key attractions, businesses, and recreational areas, enhancing our town's overall appeal. It also has the potential to provide transportation for essential hospitality workers who live in the area, and who may not have their own vehicles.
3. Community Bonding. Trolleys have a way of bringing people together, creating a sense of community among passengers, and fostering a unique identity for our town.

Note that these benefits are not just plausible forecasts. We saw the value of a shuttle-type service in April 2023, during the Yachats Sip and Stroll Event. Virtually every time the shuttle (running on approximately a 15-20 minute schedule) stopped at our complex, we saw groups of 5-10 people exit the shuttle, and others getting into it. We saw many of our regular customers, as well as tourists who were visiting Yachats using the shuttle. This clearly demonstrates that visitors and local people are quite willing to use a shuttle service, if it were available.

Regards,
Karen Moyer
Todd Moyer
Co-Owners, Beach Daisy Wine, Yachats Oregon

Karen Moyer

Todd Moyer



To: Travel Oregon

From Joanne Kittel, Co-chair, View the Future

RE: Application for partial funding from the Travel Oregon Competitive Grant Program for the Yachats Community Trolley Service Project

To Whom It May Concern:

View the Future (VtF) is a 19-year-old all-volunteer 501©(3) whose mission of View the Future is to preserve, protect, and enhance the natural environment, promoting collaborative actions for scientific, educational, recreational, cultural, and economic goals for the benefit of the Yachats community and its future generations. As our mission attests, our organization collaborates with a number of agencies, organizations and individuals to achieve our goals. One is the area of recreation whereby we help to fund through grants and donations significant trail and trail-related projects like the Amanda Trail Suspension Bridge and 7 interpretive signs about our First Nation history that were Tribally supervised. Over the years, we have often partnered with the City of Yachats and its Chamber of Commerce.

The Yachats Community Trolley Service Project project is well thought out and serves to fill essential needs for our growing population of both residents and visitors as follows:

- 1) The Trolley Service is one project that will allow both residents and visitors to avoid driving in an already growing congested Highway 101.
- 2) The Trolley Service will also relieve parking problems both in reaching the City's amenities and trail-accesses such as the very popular Amanda Trail and Cape Perpetua Regional Scenic Area.
- 3) The Trolley will be ADA accessible.
- 4) Sustainability Plan: City of Yachats will absorb the operating costs for two years while a study is conducted with the goal of absorbing the Trolley Service into the Lincoln County Transit Program after that time.

VtF fully supports the Trolley Service being instituted and looks forward to its solving some of our area's congestion.

The Board of Directors of VtF fully appreciate your consideration of this application.

Sincerely, Joanne Kittel, Co-chair

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Joanne Kittel".

Fireside Hospitality, LLC
Dba Fireside Motel
1881 Highway 101 North
P.O. Box 313
Yachats, OR 97498

September 13, 2023

To whom it may concern,

I am writing this letter to express my support for the implementation and operation of a trolley system within our Yachats community. As a long-time community member and employee, I believe that introducing a trolley system would bring numerous benefits to our town for our residents and visitors.

This will be a great asset for our local workforce who do not have their own vehicle or for those who don't want to drive into town and deal with trying to find a place to park. Many of our locals live on the outskirts of Yachats and must walk to and from work as well as the stores for daily necessities. One of our own team members, who lives in our employee housing, does not have a vehicle. While she is fortunate that she doesn't have to walk to work, she must find rides to the store or she and her son walk back and forth, which is about 2 miles round trip. The residents with vehicles often share their frustration about not being able to find a parking spot at the post office or the market because these parking lots are used as all-day parking by visitors. Riding a trolley would be a great resource for both residents with or without vehicles, as they both have their own challenges.

Many members of our community are elderly and/ or have mobility limitations. The trolley will give them the independence and the ability to do their grocery shopping as well as visit shops and restaurants.

A trolley would also promote tourism and economic growth. It would attract visitors to our town and provide them with a unique experience of sightseeing and exploring the shops and restaurants. Yachats has a severe lack of parking. If locals and hotel guests had an option other than driving into town, it would leave more parking available for visitors just passing through. If there are no parking spots available for tourists, then they will drive through town without stopping and they will spend their money elsewhere.

On many occasions, we have been asked by our guests if there are Ubers/ Lyft's or taxi services in town. We do not have these transportation luxuries in our rural town. We have also had guests who do not drive and are dropped off at the hotel for their stay. They have no way to get into town to go eat at a restaurant or shop at the gift shops. We have been asked if we have a shuttle or car service to take them into town and pick them up. We also have guests that walk into town and it's a beautiful sunny day, and then the storm clouds roll in and they are stranded in the rain. They called us for a ride back to the hotel. We have accommodated this request if we have the staff to do so.

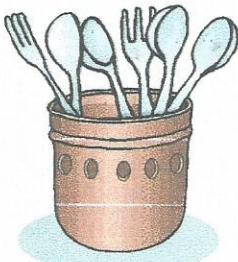
There is also a huge safety factor. We have guests that would like to go out and have dinner with drinks and not have to worry about driving back to the hotel. The Yachats Trolley would give tourists and residents a safe way to get home after drinking.

The Yachats Trolley would align with our goals of sustainable and inclusive tourism.

The Yachats Trolley is a win/ win for the community. All the community members and guests that I have talked to think this is a wonderful idea and would utilize the trolley if it came to fruition.

Sincerely,

Heather Tincher-Overholser
General Manager
Fireside Motel



SILVER FORK COPPER SPOONS, INC

September 8, 2023

Yachats Area Chamber of Commerce
PO Box 728
Yachats, Or 97498

I am the owner of the Drift Inn Café and Hotel and on behalf of this business and my employees I would like to register my support for the Chambers work to raise funds to purchase and operate a Trolley in Yachats.

Parking is a problem especially during the summer tourist months. The operation of a trolley that maintains a regular schedule will greatly improve traffic flow through town. Park and Ride will decrease vehicle traffic and make foot traffic safer in those areas that do not have sidewalks and crosswalks. I anticipate the trolley will increase patron traffic in my businesses because it will be easier for them to get to the business. Parking is very limited in our area of town.

Some of my employees will be able to use the trolley for transportation to and from work. This again reduces parking needs in the core part of town and is a great employee benefit.

Working in partnership with the US Forest Service at Cape Perpetua Visitor Center (south of Yachats) and Tillicum Beach Campground and the Angel Job Corps Civilian Conservation Center (north of Yachats) and all businesses and trails in between will only foster increased coordination and create memorable visits from the many tourists who visit here.

Sincerely,

Linda Hetzler

Silver Fork Copper Spoons, Inc.
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Yachats, OR 97498



DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

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TO: Region 2 TGM Planning Grant Review Team

RE: City of Yachats Grant Application for TSP

July 28, 2025

On behalf of Lincoln County I am writing today to express support for the City of Yachats' grant application to undertake a Transportation System Plan (TSP) for their community.

We are willing, at the county's Planning Department, to participate on a project advisory team to ensure coordination with Lincoln County's TSP (the current TSP and future updates to Lincoln County's TSP).

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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DIRECTOR, LINCOLN COUNTY PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT



Monday, July 21, 2025

Oregon's Transportation and Growth Management Program

RE: Support for Transportation and Growth Management Program Grant Application

Dear TGM Grant Reviewers,

My name is Marcus Hinz and I am the Executive Director of the Oregon Coast Visitors Association (OCVA).

We are appointed by the Oregon Tourism Commission to serve as their Regional Destination Management Organization for the Oregon Coast. Our service area encompasses all coastal counties, cities, villages, port districts, harbors, state and federal lands, chambers of commerce and aligns with many thousands of private sector businesses along the Oregon Coast.

Our programming supports community partnerships which are relevant to our industry's challenges and opportunities. We understand that The City of Yachats is applying for a grant to develop a Transportation System Plan (TSP) and that their current plan is almost 30 years old and is not recognized as a TSP. Today, we are writing to offer strong support for this Transportation and Growth Management Program (TGM), as transportation systems are a major area of concern for us for a variety of reasons.

Major objectives of The OCVA are mitigating the negative affects of over-visitation, supporting access to workforce and reducing our industry's carbon footprint. These objectives involve alleviate in-town parking congestion, incentivizing public/mass transportation for visitors and workers alike, elevating the visitors experience through micro-mobility options and investing in resident quality of life through pedestrian and bike infrastructure.

Very recently we helped purchase an electric trolley for the city of Yachats, and hope the use of this investment will be maximized by a modern and effective TSP. On the North Coast we launched the North Coast Express service to reduce highway congestion Portland day trippers to Astoria, Seaside, Cannon Beach and Tillamook. Similarly on the North Coast, we reviewed, compared and contrasted all the TSP in both Clatsop and Tillamook Counties. As you can see we are serious about transportation solutions.

Having said all that, we fully support City of Yachats application for funds and believe this grant will allow the City to update the Village Circulation Plan and adopt it as an official TSP and help gain the City eligibility to apply for future transportation funding.

Sincerely,


Marcus Hinz, Executive Director
Oregon Coast Visitors Association
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July 25, 2025

Dear Regional 2 TGM Planning Grant review team,

The Drift Inn supports the City of Yachats's application for the City's first official Transportation System Plan. The Drift Inn would be happy to participate in the process through project team meetings and/or public engagement, pending staff availability.

As operator of one of Yachats' cornerstone businesses, we want our business to continue to thrive and grow. Parking availability for our workers and guests and pedestrian safety getting to us can be challenging during peak tourism season and frustrate economic activities.

We are especially supportive of the City's trail system and the enormous potential it has to provide our community with reliable pedestrian routes.

The Drift Inn looks forward to participating in Yachats's first official Transportation System Plan. Please fund Yachats TSP!

Sincerely,

Linda Hetzler

Owner

Drift Inn

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:

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:

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.