



2014 Regional TAP Project Proposal

PROJECT TITLE: Chehalis Western and Woodland Trails "Hub" Junction

GENERAL PROJECT INFORMATION

Agency or Organization City of Olympia Parks, Arts & Recreation
 Contact Person Stephanie Johnson
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Type of Transportation Partner (Check one)

Traditional Transportation Partner
 Non-Traditional Transportation Partner

Threshold Criteria (Check all that apply)

	Yes	NO
Project elements meet all regional eligibility requirements	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Project elements and administration meet all federal eligibility requirements	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Applicant can demonstrate ability to obligate funding as proposed	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

STATUS OF EXISTING FEDERAL PROJECTS

	Yes	No
Does the applicant have any other regionally selected projects underway? (yes or no)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Does the applicant have any other state selected federal projects underway? (yes or no)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

If yes to either, attach separate documentation describing status of each project including project name, funding source, year of award, progress to date, future obligation commitments and strategy for meeting those obligation commitments in addition to those associated with new project funding.

PROJECT INFORMATION

Applicant's Project Priority

	Yes	NO
Are you submitting more than one TAP application?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

If "YES", what priority is this project application?

Type of Project or Program

(Identify one "Primary Purpose" and any "Secondary Purpose" project type that applies)

	Primary Purpose (1)	Secondary Purpose(s)
Safe Routes to School project or program	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Provision of facilities for pedestrians and/or bicycles	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Preservation and/or conversion of abandoned railway corridors for bike/ped trails	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Construction of turnouts, overlooks, and viewing areas	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Recreational Trails Program (Section 206 of title 23)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Inventory, control and removal of outdoor advertising	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Preservation & rehabilitation of historic transportation buildings, structures, facilities	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Vegetation management in ROW to control invasive species or control erosion	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Archaeological activities related to impacts from transportation projects	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Environmental mitigation to address stormwater associated with highway runoff	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Environmental mitigation to reduce wildlife mortality or improve habitat connectivity	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

PROJECT OVERVIEW

Brief abstract (~ 100 words) of proposal identifying problem or need, how the proposal will address it, and anticipated benefits. This is a high level summary suitable for reports and on-line descriptions. Detailed project information is provided on page 3.

Completion of the Bridging the Gap effort is the crowning achievement of a multi-year, multi-jurisdictional endeavor connecting communities, commuters and citizens at work and at play. The junction of the Chehalis Western and Olympia and Lacey Woodland Trails is an appropriate place to commemorate the efforts of participating Thurston County communities through creation of an attractive gathering place for bicyclists and pedestrians with wayfinding signage, benches and other amenities designed to welcome travelers to rest and recreate.

PROJECT DETAILS

Project Type and Location

Construction Projects
 Project Location: Bridging the Gap Intersection of CWT, OWT and LWT
 Type of Construction Project: Trail Amenity and Wayfinding
 Length/Size of Construction Project: See narrative for detail

Programs/Services
 Delivery Area of Program/Service: NA
 Duration of Program/Service: NA

Total Project Cost (In whole dollars, below)

Construction Element		Total Cost	Year (FFY)
Construction Element	Preliminary Engineering/Design:	\$ 10,000.00	2015
	Right-of-Way:		
	Construction:	\$ 40,000.00	2015
Program or Operational Element	Program or Operations:		
	Other Cost:		
Total Project Cost (Sum of all project phase costs identified above):		\$ 50,000.00	

FFY 2015 and Anticipated Future Year Funds	FFY 2015	Future estimates are not binding	
		FFY 2016	FFY 2017-18
From Project Applicant			
Local State			
Anticipated TAP Grant			
Total Project Revenue			

Note: Anticipated future year funds are provided as a regional coordination and planning tool; they do not bind the applicant or TRPC to a future funding commitment. Actual availability of funds each fiscal year is dependent on a variety of factors. Future funds will be awarded through an annual call for projects.

CERTIFICATION ACCEPTANCE

CA Agency and Representative City of Olympia, Francis R Eide, City Engineer

CA Signature and Date Francis R Eide 4/3/2014

Project Verification and Endorsement

This project proposal reflects established local funding priorities consistent with the Regional Transportation Plan. Costs represent accurate planning level estimates needed to accomplish the work described herein. The project described is financially feasible, and local match revenue identified above is available and will be committed to the project if it receives the requested TAP grant. If selected, the project will obligate funding in the federal fiscal year described above; failure to do so may result in loss of funding for the project. I realize that the use of federal funds for this project entails administrative and project compliance requirements over which TRPC has no control, and for which this agency or organization will be responsible.

This project has the full endorsement of the governing body/leadership of this agency or organization.

Paul Simmons - Parks, Arts, & Recreation Director
Name and Title of Designated Representative

[Signature]
Signature of Designated Representative

4/3/14
Date

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SUPPORT FOR RECOGNIZED REGIONAL INITIATIVES

Identify any ways in which the proposed project supports existing regional initiatives. Examples of such initiatives include, but are not limited to, Sustainable Thurston, Urban Corridor Communities, Walk and Roll, Healthy Kids Safe Streets, Thurston Thrives, Commute Trip Reduction.

Focusing on human-powered, non-carbon producing transportation, this project meets the spirit of the following regional initiatives: Sustainable Thurston, Urban Corridor Communities, Walk and Roll, Healthy Kids Safe Streets, Thurston Thrives, Commute Trip Reduction.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION & SIGNIFICANCE

Please address the following in your narrative: Describe the proposed project and why it is regionally significant, paying particular attention to anticipated benefits to be realized. Identify any collaboration or partnership with other entities with a vested interest in this project. Note whether this project leverages previous work, such as an implementation phase of a previous study or design phase, or whether it lays the groundwork for subsequent implementation phases. Describe any efforts that will help ensure this project can meet its obligation commitments without jeopardizing previous commitments. Indicate if this project is already identified in any local or regional plan, or other list of projects subject to public review and comment. If it is not identified as such, describe how it is consistent with established community values.

The "Hub" Junction Project provides opportunity to commemorate the partnerships that achieved the Chehalis Western Trail Bridging the Gap effort to complete 41.7 miles of rail to trail radiating like a spoke from the junction, connecting Olympia and Lacey to Woodard Bay and the communities of South Thurston County, and eventually Tumwater.

The City of Olympia intends to take the lead in the design process for the "Hub" Junction project, collaborating with Lacey and Thurston County to determine project goals and facilitate that vision through work with a Landscape Architect.

The project will address three components:

Recognition: The Bridging the Gap effort has been a tremendous undertaking, involving local, State and Federal Funds, and partnerships among Lacey, Olympia and Thurston County to provide the regional trails network needed for extensive off-street transportation. This intersection brings together three different trail systems decades in the making, and is an appropriate location in which to recognize, with a plaque or other commemorative feature, the communities of Thurston County whose commitment and long-term vision have resulted in a superior trails network.

Wayfinding: Directions and distances, and a trail map are important components to the function of these crossroads, to orient trail users to the system and its various destinations. This is a critical intersection of two major regional trails in the urban area of Thurston County.

Hub: The intersection is a natural destination for trail users again as a directional aid or a place to meet up at the beginning, middle or end of an excursion. Benches, potable water (if possible), and some kind of hard scape may contribute to a place to stop and rest or meet up with a group. The space should not be intended for long-term gathering, with weather protection and other amenities that invite long-term stays, but rather an active location where people stop to tie a shoe, meet a friend, consult a map, fill a water bottle or have a snack.

The finished project should be attractive, functional and durable, but not high maintenance.

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PROJECT DESCRIPTION & SIGNIFICANCE (continued)

Design direction will be determined through consultation with the Technical Advisory Committee and the Transportation Policy Board that have guided the larger project to date. This final piece is the capstone to a pivotal section of the Thurston Regional Trail Network.

The "Hub" Junction Project is a high priority for the cities of Olympia and Lacey, and Thurston County and is supported by the Woodland Trails Greenway Association.

Chehalis Western and Woodland Trails “Hub” Junction



Proposed location for Chehalis Western and Woodland Trails “Hub” Junction.

- Map from the 2007 Thurston Regional Trails Plan

Disclaimer
This map is for general planning purposes only. Thurston Regional Planning Council makes no representations as to the accuracy or fitness of the information for a particular purpose.





Project Status Summary

Project	Funding Source	Year Awarded	Progress to Date	Future Obligation Commitments	Strategy for Meeting Obligations
<i>Boulevard Road and 22nd Avenue Roundabout</i>	Regional Surface Transportation Program (STP)	May 2011	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Project bids will be opened on April 3, 2014. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Construction funds are obligated, no future obligations required. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Construction scheduled to begin May 2014.
<i>Smart Corridors Project</i>	Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement Program (CMAQ)	November 2012	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Central management software purchased and installed. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Scheduled to obligate construction funds in July 2014. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> City Design staff resourced – Design complete May 2014. City will purchase equipment to complete project.
<i>Citywide Pedestrian Crossing Improvement</i>	Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP)	June 2012	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Construction is complete. Completing punch list items. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No future obligations required. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Design and construction is complete. In project close-out phase.
<i>22nd Avenue Sidewalk</i>	Safe Routes to School (SRTS)	July 2013	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 60% design complete. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Obligate construction funds in 1st quarter of 2015. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> City Design staff resourced – Design in 2013/2014. Construction scheduled to begin 2nd quarter 2015.
<i>West Olympia Access - Interchange Justification Report (IJR)</i>	Regional Surface Transportation Program (STP)	May 2013	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Request for Qualifications issued January 2014. Interview Consultant teams on April 1, 2014. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No future obligations required. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Design will be completed by a consultant. City of Olympia will provide project management.
<i>Boulevard Road and Morse-Merryman Road Roundabout</i>	Regional Surface Transportation Program (STP)	May 2013	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 30% design complete. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Scheduled to obligate construction funds in 4th quarter of 2016. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Design staff resourced – Design 2013-2016. Consultant will be selected for the ROW acquisition phase – ROW acquisition phase begins 1st quarter of 2015. Construction scheduled for 2017.

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April 3, 2014

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Thurston Regional Planning Council
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Dear TPB Board Members:

Re: TAP Grant Application

The City of Lacey Board of Park Commissioners submits this letter of support for the Bridging the GAP/Woodland Trail Intersection "Wayfinding-Tribute" project. This project has widespread support of trail users, planners, managers, and elected officials.

This project is at the intersection of two regional trails, the Chehalis Western Trail and the Woodland Trail. Once the gap over Pacific Avenue is "bridged", we anticipate more use on both trails. Neighboring businesses and trail users alike will benefit from the wayfinding signs. The "HUB" that will be constructed will be used as resting place, a place to meet up with other trail users, and a place to disseminate trail information. These amenities are currently needed on both trails, and will be conveniently located at the HUB to serve both trails.

We respectfully ask for your support to fund this project application.

Sincerely,


Paul Royer, Chair
City of Lacey Board of Park Commissioners

cc: Mayor Andy Ryder and Members of the Lacey City Council
Scott Spence, City Manager



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