



## City Council

### Approval of Chehalis Western and Woodland Trails Transportation Alternative Program (TAP) Grant Submission

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#### **Title**

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#### **Recommended Action**

##### **Committee Recommendation:**

Not referred to a committee.

##### **City Manager Recommendation:**

Move to approve TAP submission for a federal grant through Thurston Regional Planning Council (TRPC), and authorize the City Manager to sign necessary documents if the grant is awarded.

#### **Report**

##### **Issue:**

April 4, 2014 was the grant application deadline for the 2014 TAP proposals. Multiple jurisdictions were involved, and Olympia did not take on the task until March 25. Because the timeline was tight, the application was submitted by the deadline and City staff now seek City Council approval of the project submitted.

##### **Staff Contact:**

Stephanie Johnson, Arts & Events Program Manager, Parks, Arts & Recreation, 360.709.2678

##### **Presenter(s):**

None - consent calendar.

##### **Background and Analysis:**

The project application is for a \$50,000 grant to design and build a small, attractive place for bicyclists and pedestrians at the junction or "hub" of the Chehalis Western Trail and the Olympia and Lacey Woodland Trails. The Bridging the Gap trail construction, managed by Thurston County, is multi-year, multi-jurisdictional endeavor connecting communities, commuters and citizens at work and at play.

The "Hub" is both an appropriate place to provide wayfinding signage and commemorates the efforts

of participating Thurston County communities, but also an opportunity for benches and other amenities designed to welcome travelers to rest and recreate.

This project is the only TAP proposal submitted by City of Olympia this grant cycle.

**Neighborhood/Community Interests (if known):**

The “Hub” Junction Project is a high priority for Lacey and Thurston County, and is supported by the Woodland Trails Greenway Association.

**Options:**

1. Approve TAP submission for a federal grant through TRPC.
2. Withdraw the submitted project from consideration in the current grant process.

**Financial Impact:**

The request for the “Hub” project from TRPC is \$50,000 for design and construction of a commemorative trail amenity. There is no local match required for this project; however, it is a reimbursement grant so the City will need to front end the design services and construction costs.