

2016 Regional Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) Grant Application

PROJECT

TITLE: Yelm-Tenino Trail Wayfinding Signage

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GENERAL PROJECT INFORMATION

Agency or Organization City of Tenino
 Contact Person John Millard, City Clerk/Treasurer
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Type of Transportation Partner **Select 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="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| Project elements and administration meet all federal eligibility requirements | <input checked="" type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| Applicant can demonstrate ability to obligate funding as proposed | <input checked="" type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |

STATUS OF EXISTING FEDERAL PROJECTS

Does the applicant have any other regionally selected projects underway? (yes or no) Yes No
Does the applicant have any other state selected federal projects underway? (yes or no) Yes No

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 (3 maximum)? | <input checked="" type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| If "Yes," what priority is this project application? | 1 | 2 |

TYPE OF PROJECT OR PROGRAM

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

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

PROJECT OVERVIEW

Brief abstract (~ 150 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.

The Yelm-Tenino Trail is both a regional and local amenity. However, there are no signs that guide residents and visitors alike to the trail, nor are there signs that guide trail users to city amenities. The City of Tenino proposes installing wayfinding signage at key points along the Yelm-Tenino Trail within city limits. Additionally, the City proposes installing directional signs at key intersections along Sussex Avenue to point residents and visitors to the trail. The anticipated benefits of this proposal include: 1) increasing safety by reducing driver anxiety while searching for trail access; 2) increasing the number of residents and visitors that utilize the Yelm-Tenino Trail; and 3) connecting trail users to city amenities such as the historic city center, library, quarry pool, campground, and Tenino City Park. The City will work with Thurston County to defederalize the funds, if granted.

PROJECT LOCATION AND DETAILS — applicants may submit a map of the project or program/service area

| | | |
|-----------------------|-------------------------------------|--------------------|
| | Project Location | City of Tenino |
| Construction Projects | Type of Construction Project | Wayfinding Signage |
| | Length/Size of Construction Project | |
| Programs/Services | Delivery Area of Program/Service | |
| | Duration of Program/Service | |

PROJECT PHASING AND COSTS

| | | | |
|--|---------------------------------|--------------------------|-----------------|
| Identify project phases and costs (mark the appropriate phase and enter cost) | | Phase | Cost |
| Construction Projects | Preliminary Engineering/Design: | <input type="checkbox"/> | \$ 6000 |
| | Right-of-Way: | <input type="checkbox"/> | \$ |
| | Construction: | <input type="checkbox"/> | \$ 18000 |
| Program or Operational Element Costs | Program or Operations Cost: | | \$ |
| | Other Cost: | | \$ 6000 |
| Total Project Cost (Sum of all project phase costs identified above): | | | \$ 30000 |

YEAR OF OBLIGATION

| | | | |
|--|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|--------------------------|
| FFY 2017 – 2019 Project Obligation | 2017 | 2018 | 2019 |
| Select the preferred federal fiscal year the project <u>will</u> obligate* | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Select an alternate federal fiscal year the project <u>could</u> obligate | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

*Applicants are expected to obligate their project on time, as stated on this application and indicated on the award letter, if the project proposal is selected.

TAP FUNDING REQUEST AND MATCHING REVENUES

| | | | |
|--|-------------------------------------|-----------------|--|
| Federal Funding Request and Match (non-federal share) | | | *Applicants must provide a minimum of 13.5% non-federal share to federal share. Example Total Project Cost is \$100,000 Minimum non-federal share: \$13,500 Federal STP Funds: \$86,500 |
| From Project Applicant* | Local funding or other sources | \$ 4050 | |
| | State funding | \$ 0 | |
| | TAP Grant Request | \$ 25950 | |
| | Total Project/ Phase Revenue | \$ 30000 | |

CERTIFICATION/ACCEPTANCE

CA Agency and Representative

Thurston County, Scott Davis, Interim County Engineer

CA Signature and Date

[Signature] 10/17/16

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 Federal Fiscal Year 2016, prior to August 1, 2016. Failure to do so will 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.

Wayne Fournier, Mayor

Name and Title of Designated Representative

[Signature]
Signature of Designated Representative

10/14/16
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.

The proposal supports Sustainable Thurston Goal C-2 which calls for creating "safe and vibrant South County city and town centers that foster entrepreneurship, active transportation, civic pride, and a sense of place" by connecting neighborhood bike/walk networks with a regional multi-use path. This proposal also supports the Thurston Thrives goal for creating "safe, convenient and abundant opportunities for physical activity" by encouraging residents to walk/bicycle and be active.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION & SIGNIFICANCE (2 PAGES MAX, 10 POINT FONT MINIMUM)

Using the space provided on pages 3 and 4 below, please address the following in your narrative: Describe the proposed project and why it is a regional funding priority, paying particular attention to benefits the proposal will deliver. Consider all modes of travel in your description. 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. Indicate how this proposal supports the goals and policies of the Regional Transportation Plan, the transportation initiatives in Sustainable Thurston, or other adopted community plans and goals.

The Yelm-Tenino Trail is both a regional and local amenity that encourages walking, biking, and other forms of non-motorized transportation and recreation. Each year, participants in the Seattle-to-Portland bicycling event, other organized bicycling events, and thousands of non-organized cyclists and pedestrians utilize the trail. The Olympia-Lacey-Tumwater Visitors and Convention Bureau has also highlighted the Yelm-Tenino Trail as a way to explore the Thurston Bountiful Byway, a draw for agritourism to the region.

Although the Yelm-Tenino Trail sees a great deal of use throughout the year, there is no signage in Tenino city limits that guide residents or visitors to the trail, nor are there signs that guide trail users to city amenities. Without signage, many trail users are unaware of the abundant recreational, cultural, and amusement opportunities available in Tenino including the city's campground, the Quarry Pool, the Depot Museum, etc.

The City of Tenino proposes installing wayfinding signage at key points along the Yelm-Tenino Trail within city limits. Additionally, the City proposes installing directional signs at key intersections along Sussex Avenue to point residents and visitors to the trail. Wayfinding signs could encourage trail users to utilize the existing R/T service to access the trail, City Park, and the campground. This project leverages previous work the City has undertaken to establish a gateway sign at Tenino City Park (to be constructed in 2017) and directional signage along Sussex Avenue (installed spring 2016).

In addition to the trail head at Olympia Street, there are two major neighborhood connectors to the Yelm-Tenino Trail at Park/Sussex Avenues and Reynolds Street. In each case, the surrounding residential neighborhoods have paved access to the trail, but there is no signage indicating the purpose of these connectors or the proximity of the Yelm-Tenino Trail. Further, the presence of the city's campground is easy to miss even though it is right next to the trail. The City of Tenino proposes installing wayfinding signage at four key points along the Yelm-Tenino Trail within City limits:

- Olympia Street. The main entrance to Tenino City Park is located at the intersection of Olympia Street and Park Avenue; this point also acts as a trail head for the Yelm-Tenino Trail, and an informational kiosk sits at the park entrance in close proximity to the trail. In 2017, the city will be installing a gateway sign over the park entrance. A directional sign at the intersection of Olympia Street and Sussex Avenue would guide visitors and residents to the trail head. The sign style would be the same as directional signage already installed at this location (see attached photo X). Directional signs on the Yelm-Tenino Trail could orient trail users to Olympia Street and point the way towards amenities such as the city's historic downtown and the library.

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PROJECT DESCRIPTION & SIGNIFICANCE (continued)

- Campground and Ball Fields. The campground in Tenino City Park is underutilized and nondescript from the trail. There is an unimproved pathway that leads from the trail into the campground, and a directional sign at this location could identify the campground and point the way to city amenities such as the ball fields and quarry pool.

- Reynolds Street. Reynolds Street connects the residential neighborhoods south of Sussex Avenue to the Yelm-Tenino Trail, but the access point is unmarked. A directional sign at the intersection of Reynolds Street and Sussex Avenue would guide visitors and residents to the trail access. The sign style would be the same as directional signage already installed along Sussex Avenue (see attached photo X). Directional signs on the Yelm-Tenino Trail could orient users to the cities of Yelm and Rainier, Tenino City Park, and Reynolds Street. A gateway sign at the end of Reynolds Street would mark this as a major point for accessing the trail.

- Park Avenue/Sussex Avenue. Park Avenue meets Sussex Avenue near the eastern city limits. As part of the Park Trail Subdivision, a 4' sidewalk was constructed on city property and leads to the Yelm-Tenino Trail. Installing a gateway sign for the Yelm-Tenino Trail at Park/Sussex would mark this as a major point for accessing the trail. Directional signs on the trail would welcome trail users to the city and point the way to city amenities such as Tenino City Park, the campground, and the quarry pool.

Wayfinding signage supports the Regional Transportation System's goal of working toward an integrated, multimodal transportation system that supports adopted land use plans, reduces overall need to drive, and encourages transit, walking, and cycling as choices. This goal is supported through making connections that provide bicycle and pedestrian access between residential and commercial destinations.

Wayfinding signage also supports Sustainable Thurston Goal C-2 which calls for creating "safe and vibrant South County city and town centers that foster entrepreneurship, active transportation, civic pride, and a sense of place" by connecting neighborhood bike/walk networks with a regional multi-use path. Finally, wayfinding signage supports the Thurston Thrives goal for creating "safe, convenient and abundant opportunities for physical activity" by encouraging residents to walk/bicycle and be active.

The City will work with Thurston County to defederalize the funds, if granted.

**Proposed Wayfinding Signage for the Yelm-Tenino Trail
City of Tenino**



- 2. Campground and Ball Fields**
- a. Directional Signs (on trail)
 - Campground
 - Ball fields
 - Quarry Pool



- 1. Olympia Street**
- a. Directional Signs (on Olympia)
 - Yelm-Tenino Trail
 - b. Directional Signs (on trail)
 - Olympia Street
 - Historic Downtown
 - Library

- 3. Reynolds Street**
- a. Gateway Sign (at trail)
 - b. Directional Signs (on trail)
 - Rainier/Yelm
 - Tenino City Park
 - c. Directional Sign (on trail)
 - Reynolds Street
 - d. Directional Sign (on Reynolds)
 - Yelm-Tenino Trail



- 4. Park and Sussex Avenues**
- a. Gateway Sign (at Park/Sussex Ave)
 - b. Welcome Sign (on trail)
 - c. Directional Signs (on trail)
 - Park Avenue
 - Tenino City Park
 - Campground
 - Quarry Pool