

**OFFICE OF CONGRESSMAN EARL BLUMENAUER  
SURFACE TRANSPORTATION AUTHORIZATION  
HIGH PRIORITY PROJECT REQUEST FORM**

**DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION: FRIDAY, APRIL 24, 2009**

This form must be filled out in its entirety. It must be accompanied by at least one letter of support from a state, regional, or local governmental official specifically supporting the project request. This letter should discuss the merits of the project; specify the process to provide the public with an opportunity to comment on the project; and identify the other sources of Federal, state, or private funding that will be used to complete this project or project phase. This letter must contain an explicit statement of support for the project. In addition, if you are requesting less than 80 percent of the total estimated cost of the specific segment or activity, the letter must identify other specifically designated Federal, state, local, or private funding sources that, combined with this request, equal at least 80 percent of the total estimated cost. Please use **boldface font** to highlight these statements in the letter.

**The deadline to submit this form and the support letter is Friday, April 24, 2009. No exceptions.** Please submit this form along with any supplementary materials to David Skillman via email at David Skillman@congress.earl-blumenauer.com. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact David at (503) 325-2222.

**Form instructions:** This form contains drop-down menus to answer some questions. To access the drop-down menu, run your cursor over "Select One" or "Select One if Applicable" and click your mouse. A drop-down menu will appear and you can select the appropriate answer. Additionally, written answers should be typed in the gray boxes provided.

**1. Project Title:**

172nd Avenue Improvements (Sunnyside to 177th Ave.)

**2. Organization (project sponsor) Name and Address:** (if state or local entity, please identify specific department requesting funding)

City of Happy Valley  
16000 SE Misty Drive, Happy Valley, OR 97086

**3. Primary contact name, phone number, mobile phone number, fax number, and e-mail:**

Michael D. Walter, AICP  
Telephone 503 325 139  
Mobile phone number 503 325 99  
fax number 503 325 14  
e-mail address mwalter@ci.happy-valley.or.us

**4. Project location address (if different from organization):**

**5. What is the purpose of the project? Why is it a valuable use of taxpayer funds? How will the project support efforts to improve the economy and create jobs in Oregon?**

Metropolitan Mobility project. 172nd Ave. is currently a two-lane, substandard County road that is a designated major arterial serving planned commercial, industrial, residential and institutional

uses, including three schools and a 35-acre community park. The existing and future roadway project provides connectivity to a State Highway Freight Route and serves three cities, Happy Valley; Damascus and Gresham, as well as portions of unincorporated Clackamas and Multnomah Counties. Said project is a valuable use of taxpayer funds in that the road planning, engineering and construction will provide jobs, and the facility itself has the ability to substantially improve the local economy by providing vehicular, freight, bicycle and pedestrian access to planned industrial, commercial, institutional and residential development area

**6. Are you requesting Federal funds for more than one project in this bill? No**  
**If Yes, this project is priority of total requests for your organization.**  
(For example, priority 1 of 3 requests or priority 3 of 3 requests.)

**7. Are you requesting funds from other Members of Congress? No**  
**If Yes, which Members?**

**8. Please select which type of eligible project under Title 23 (Highways) or Chapter 53 of Title 49 (Public Transit) of the U.S. Code for which you are requesting funding.** (Note: The Committee will not accept requests for non-surface transportation projects, such as transportation museums, horse trails, or historic battlefields, as part of the High Priority Projects program.)  
**Highway Project (Title 23)**

Type: Highway/Road

Located on a Federal-aid highway? Yes

Located on the National Highway System? No

Located on the Interstate System? No

**Public Transit Project (Chapter 53 of Title 49)**

Indicate Type with an 'X':

Passenger Vehicles

Transit Bus or Van

Transit Rail Car or Locomotive, including Streetcars

Transit Ferry

Transit Facilities

Vehicle Maintenance or Administration Facility

Passenger Facility, including Intermodal Facilities, stations, and terminals

Transit Rights-of-Way

Property Acquisition  Corridor Development

Rail Track Construction or Maintenance

Bus-only Lane Construction or Maintenance

Transit Equipment

Vehicle-related Equipment  System-related Equipment

New Start Project (A New Start project is a major new fixed guideway capital project seeking more than \$75 million in Federal funds.)

**Small Start Project (A Small Start project is a *new* fixed guideway capital project seeking less than \$75 million in Federal funds and with a total estimated net capital cost of less than \$250 million.)**

**Rail**

Intercity Passenger Rail (Not commuter rail. Commuter rail should be requested under public transit)

Is the project located within a corridor previously designated by the Secretary of Transportation pursuant to section 104(d)(2) of Title 23, United States Code, or the Northeast Corridor? Select One

If Yes, which Corridor: Select One

Freight Rail

Select Rail Class

**Research**

University Transportation Center

Other

**9. Did the Federal Highway Administration, Federal Transit Administration, State Department of Transportation, or public transit agency confirm that the project is eligible under Title 23 (Highways) or Chapter 53 of Title 49 (Public Transit) of the United States Code? Yes**

If Yes, which entity confirmed the project eligibility?

FHWA, FTA, State DOT, or Public Transit Agency:

State DOT

Contact information (Name, Position, Phone):

John Baker, Transportation Economist, : \_\_\_\_\_ 5

According to the entity, is the project eligible under Title 23, Title 49, or both:  
Title 23

**10. Please identify the state, regional, or local governmental entity that is an eligible recipient of the funds. Please include an address. (For example, a State Department of Transportation, public transit agency, Metropolitan Planning Organization, local government, or Federally-recognized tribe.) Note: If a project is a multi-state project, please identify the state, regional, or local governmental entity which will serve as the lead agency for the project.**

City of Happy Valley, OR

**11. Please identify and describe the specific segment or activity for which project funding is requested. (The request must finance at least 80 percent of the total estimated cost of the specific segment or activity by either (1) the amount requested; or (2) the amount requested in addition to other specifically designated Federal, state, local, or private funding sources.)**

Project Description: (Include the specific terminus points of the project or activity, as appropriate.)

Design a new five lane collector roadway with traffic signals and a bridge from Sunnyside Road to the south to 177th Ave. to the north and east, and the Clackamas County/Multnomah County boundary to the north. Seeking project engineering and right-of-way acquisition costs for the City's component of this major north/south collector that is planned to carry pedestrian, bicyclist, vehicular and freight traffic from Highway 212 to the south to an eventual 190th Avenue alignment connectivity to the City of

Damascus, which then would provide eventual connectivity to the City of Gresham to the north. The overall project to construct a north south 5 lane major arterial. This request is for the right of way and preliminary engineering (including environmental) phases of the project.

Project Activities: (May select more than one.)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> construct                       | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> plan | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> design                        | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> engineer |
| <input type="checkbox"/> conduct                         |  | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> environmental review          |  |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> acquire right-of-way |  | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> conduct alternatives analysis |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> research                        | <input type="checkbox"/> develop         | <input type="checkbox"/> demonstrate                              | <input type="checkbox"/> deploy              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> reconstruct                     | <input type="checkbox"/> rehabilitate    | <input type="checkbox"/> replace                                  | <input type="checkbox"/> retrofit            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> install                         | <input type="checkbox"/> mitigate        | <input type="checkbox"/> implement                                | <input type="checkbox"/> realign             |

What is the total estimated cost?  
15,000,000

What amount is being requested? 15,000,000

What percentage of the total estimated cost is the request for Federal funding? 100  
If the percentage is less than 80% identify other specifically designated Federal, state, local, or private funding that when combined with this request equal at least 80 percent.

Source:  
Amount of Funding:

**12. If you are requesting funding for a specific segment or activity, please describe the overall project of which this segment/activity is a part.**

Project Description: (Please limit your response to 3-4 sentences; up to 500 characters.)  
The overall project is to construct a north-south, 5-lane major arterial. This request is for the right of way and preliminary engineering (including environmental) phases of the project.

Total Project Estimated cost: 50,000,000

**13. Is the project included in the State's Long-Range Transportation Plan?** No.

If Yes, please provide the date of approval of the most recent version of the plan and the title of the plan.  
Date of approval (MM/YYYY):  
Title of the plan:

**14. Is the project included in the Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and/or the State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP)?** Yes

If Yes, please provide the date of approval of the most recent version of the program(s), and the title of the program(s).  
Listed in TIP: Yes  
Date of approval (MM/YYYY): 01/2008  
Title of the Program: 2008- 2011 STIP  
Listed in STIP: Yes  
Date of approval (MM/YYYY): 01/2008  
Title of the Program: 2008- 2011 STIP

**15. If the project is an intercity passenger rail project is it included in the State Rail Plan?**

Not Applicable

If Yes, please provide the date on which the Governor approved the most recent version of the plan and the title of the plan.

Date of approval (MM/YYYY):

Title of the plan:

**16. Please describe the current status of the project and the expected schedule for its completion.**

Federal-aid Highway projects:

In Planning

Public Transit projects:

Select One if Applicable

Rail projects:

Select One if Applicable

Research:

Select One if Applicable

**17. What is the expected date of completion of the project for which you are requesting funding (Between FY2010-FY2020)? 2015**

**18. Does the project have regional or national significance?** (A project of regional and/or national significance is typically a high-cost transportation infrastructure facility that often includes multiple levels of government, agencies, modes of transportation, and transportation goals and planning processes that are not easily addressed or funded within existing surface transportation program categories. These projects have national and/or regional benefits, including improving economic productivity by facilitating international trade, relieving congestion, and improving transportation safety by facilitating passenger and freight movement.)

**Does the project have regional or national significance? Yes**

If Yes, Please describe the regional or national significance of the project. Please limit your response to 3-4 sentences (up to 500 characters):

The project is phase 2 of a new north-south major arterial that connects Clackamas County, Happy Valley, Damascus, Gresham, Multnomah County and Portland. The project would eventually connect to I-84 to the Sunrise Project.

**19. Describe the safety, economic development, mobility, and environmental benefits associated with completion of the project.**

Safety Benefits: (Please limit your response to 2-3 sentences; (500 characters).)

The existing road is a narrow farm to market road without sidewalks and bike lanes within a urban developing area. The project would bring this road up to urban arterial standards that includes sidewalks, bike lanes and *turning* lanes.

Economic Development Benefits: (Please limit your response to 2-3 sentences; (500 characters).)

The area was added to the Urban Growth Boundary in 2002. It is expected that 172nd will experience rapid growth within the next 5 years. Type of economic development may include phase 1 of a medical complex, industrial development and a commercial centers.

Mobility Benefits: (Please limit your response to 2-3 sentences; (500 characters).)

Currently, within the eastern part of the Portland metropolitan area, the transportation system lacks north-south connectivity. The project provides for a new north-south arterial that connects to the rest of the eastern part of the region.

Environmental Benefits: (Please limit your response to 2-3 sentences; (500 characters).)  
The proposed design of this project is a green street that will contribute to stormwater management and water quality, particualry for Rock Creek and its impacted tributaries.

**20. Has the project previously received any Federal funding? No**

Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU) (P.L.109-59)

Section:

Project Number:

Amount of Funding:

Amount of Funding Amount Obligated:

Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century (TEA 21) (P.L. 105-178)

Section:

Project Number:

Amount of Funding:

Amount of Funding Amount Obligated:

National Highway System Designation Act of 1995 (NHS Act) (P.L. 104-59)

Section:

Project Number:

Amount of Funding:

Amount of Funding Amount Obligated:

Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act of 1991 (ISTEA) (P.L. 102-240)

Section:

Project Number:

Amount of Funding:

Amount of Funding Amount Obligated:

Appropriations act(s)

Public Law Name:

Public Law Number:

Section:

Project Number:

Amount of Funding:

Amount of Funding Amount Obligated:

Other legislation:

Public Law Name:

Public Law Number:

Section:

Project Number:

Amount of Funding:

Amount of Funding Amount Obligated:

**21. Has the project received any prior funding from a state, local, or private source? No**

Source:

Amount of Funding:

Amount Obligated:

**22. Please provide the proposed legislative text (in no more than 250 characters) of the project as you would like it to appear in the bill.** Please use action verbs to begin the description (for example, "construct," "plan," "design," "engineer," "research," or "rehabilitate"). Please note that project line items carry the force of law, and can only be amended through subsequent public laws. If Congressional intent (as established through answers listed on this form) is different from the legislative text, the entity administering the project is required to adhere to the statutory language.

172nd improvements - Design a new five lane major arterial roadway with traffic signals, sidewalks, bikelanes and a bridge.

**23. Are you enclosing the letter referenced at the top of this form with the required formatting?** Yes

**24. Notes or anything else we should know about the project request:**

Planned multi-jurisdictional, multi-modal green street that will provide access to existing and planned commercial, industrial, institutional and residential development, including a wide variety of housing types.

**Please return this form and at least one local or state letter of support  
no later than Friday, April 24, 2009 (via email) to:**

**L. [mail.house.gov](mailto:mail.house.gov)**

**Washington, D.C. Contact for Rep. Blumenauer: David Skillman  
Oregon Contact for Rep. Blumenauer: Sarah Masterson, (503) 326-3333**

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