

**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 skillman@mail.house.gov. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact David Skillman at [503-231-1111](tel:503-231-1111).

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:

Division Street Reconstruction Project / Brooklyn Creek Basin Project

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

City of Portland Bureau of Transportation
1120 SW 5th Avenue, Suite 800
Portland Oregon 97204

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

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Phone: (503) 231-1111
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Funding Contact: Gretchen S. Mahon, Program Manager, Portland Bureau of Transportation

Phone: (503) 231-1111
E-mail: gretchen.mahon@portlandoregon.gov

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

SE Division Street from SE 6th to SE 39th Avenue, Portland Oregon

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?

The Division Streetscape & Street Reconstruction Project will construct transportation, streetscape, green street and pavement improvements in the public right-of-way on SE Division Street from SE 6th Ave and SE 39th Avenue. The project will improve the pedestrian environment, access to transit, and safety for all modes through sidewalk and crossing improvements, signalization, alternative vehicle lanes and on-street parking configurations, and innovative stormwater management facilities. The resulting street improvements will be a model of the use of green infrastructure to achieve multiple transportation and environmental goals. The project will create 126 jobs during construction.

**6. Are you requesting Federal funds for more than one project in this bill? Yes
If Yes, this project is priority 4 of 5 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? Yes

If Yes, which Members? Senator Wyden and Senator Merkley

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:

Oregon Department of Transportation

Contact information (Name, Position, Phone):

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According to the _____, eligible under Title 23, Title 49, or both:

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.

Local government:

City of Portland, Bureau of Transportation

Attn: Greg Jones

1120 SW 5th Avenue, Suite 800

Portland Oregon 97204

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.)

SE Division Street from SE 6th to SE 39th Avenue

Project Activities: (May select more than one.)

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> construct | <input 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 type="checkbox"/> conduct alternatives analysis | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> research | <input type="checkbox"/> develop | <input type="checkbox"/> demonstrate | <input type="checkbox"/> deploy |
| <input checked="" 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?

\$10,100,000

What amount is being requested? \$3,600,000

What percentage of the total estimated cost is the request for Federal funding? 35%

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:

Local Funding Source

Amount of Funding: \$4,000,000 (40%)

Source:

Metropolitan Funding Source (MTIP Funds)

Amount of Funding: \$2,500,000 (25%)

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 Division Street Reconstruction/Brooklyn Creek Basin Project will reconstruct/resurface the entire segment along SE Division Street while also constructing green street, stormwater management facilities, and pedestrian crossing and safety improvements.

Total Project Estimated cost: \$10,100,000

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): 08/2007

Title of the Program: Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program

Listed in STIP: Yes

Date of approval (MM/YYYY): OTC Adoption: 11/2007;

FHWA/FTA Approval: 01/2008

Title of the Program: Statewide Transportation Improvement Program

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)? FY 2011-2012

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 area lies along a major regional transit line and also provides access to an Oregon State Highway facility (OR HWY 99E).

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 planned streetscape elements (which include curb extensions, street signals, street lighting, marked crosswalks, and possible reconfiguration of an intersection that is problematic for bicyclists and pedestrians) will increase safety for all by modes by increasing visibility and access. The green street elements in the project area will provide

increased pedestrian safety by introducing street elements that cause drivers to slow at intersections.

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

The project will enhance the public right-of-way and improve the sidewalk/pedestrian environment, which will stimulate economic development in the area through additional mixed-use development/revitalization and job creation. The comprehensive green street improvements will help reduce private and public costs of sewer back-ups, extend the life of City sanitary sewer and stormwater infrastructure, and provide aesthetic benefits that increase the attractiveness of the neighborhood.

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

Reconstruction and repair of the roadway, in addition to signal installation and timing adjustments for existing signals, will ease congestion and improve transit time for motor vehicles and transit through the Division Street corridor. The planned streetscape elements (curb extensions, street signals, marked crosswalks, and possible reconfiguration of an intersection that is problematic for bicyclists and pedestrians) will improve mobility for bicyclists and pedestrians.

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

The project will not only improve the roadway, but enhance conditions for pedestrians and bicyclists. Enabling travel by other modes will have a direct environmental benefit for the area and the region. The projects will construct green streetscape elements (bioswales and other stormwater infiltration systems) that will manage street drainage, provide ecosystem benefits (carbon sequestration, urban heat island cooling, habitat, etc) and advance watershed goals for improved water quality.

20. Has the project previously received any Federal funding? Yes

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

Section: SE Division Street, SE 6th to 39th Avenues

Project Number: 13529

Amount of Funding: \$2,500,317

Amount of Funding Amount Obligated: \$2,500,000 (year 2011)

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

Section: N/A

Project Number:

Amount of Funding:

Amount of Funding Amount Obligated:

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

Section: N/A

Project Number:

Amount of Funding:

Amount of Funding Amount Obligated:

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

Section: N/A

Project Number:

Amount of Funding:

Amount of Funding Amount Obligated:

Appropriations act(s)

Public Law Name: N/A
Public Law Number:
Section:
Project Number:
Amount of Funding:
Amount of Funding Amount Obligated:

Other legislation:

Public Law Name: N/A
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.

Design, right-of-way acquisition, and construction of street, pedestrian and green street improvements, and reconstruction of pavement on SE Division Street from SE 6th to SE 39th Avenue.

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:

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

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