

**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 Dav. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact David at

**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:**

Safety and Accessibility Improvements Associated with the Multi-Modal Transportation Features of SW Campus Drive

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

Oregon Health & Science University  
3181 S.W. Sam Jackson Park Rd., Mail Code 101  
Portland, Oregon 97239

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

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**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?**

Funds will be used to improve the safety and accessibility of the multi-modal transportation features of SW Campus Drive, a major access road to OHSU's Marquam Hill main campus. The funds will support the following improvements for pedestrians and bicyclists: enhanced crosswalks, lighting & signage/way finding; transit stop improvements; ADA parking improvements; ADA pathway improvements and bicycle lane and bicycle parking improvements. See attachment 1 for additional information.

Accessibility to OHSU is important as it is the state's only health and research university, and Oregon's only academic health center. OHSU serves as a safety net health care provider in Oregon and in the Northwest. It provides many services and community support activities not found anywhere else in the state. OHSU serves 210,000 patients annually, and is a conduit for learning for more than 3,400 students and trainees. OHSU is also the source of more than 200 community outreach programs that bring health and education services to every county in the state.

OHSU estimates the number of jobs created, sustained or saved by this project to be the equivalent of between 11 and 23 full-time positions paid at prevailing wages for the project's implementation. Additional jobs associated with project engineering, materials supply and manufacturing would also benefit. Short-term economic benefits will occur in the form of income for workers associated with the project and the subsequent flow of their purchases into the local economy. Long-term economic benefits will occur in the ability for OHSU to accommodate more individuals seeking medical care from the University. Recent surveys conducted by OHSU indicate that the public perceives the University as a highly preferable source for medical services but difficult to access physically. Reducing the barriers to accessing OHSU will result in increased preventative healthcare among Oregonians, such as the services provided to low-income individuals at the University's dental and medical clinics, thereby reducing the costs shouldered by taxpayers when individuals defer medical care. Improvements to Campus Drive made in the near future will be particularly beneficial in the future as OHSU continues to consolidate its patient-care operations in the areas adjacent the roadway.

**6. Are you requesting Federal funds for more than one project in this bill?** Yes (Select One, No, Yes)

**If Yes, this project is priority 1 of 2 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 (Select One, No, Yes)

**If Yes, which Members?** Reps. Kurt Schrader, David Wu and Peter DeFazio

**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: Bicycle/Pedestrian Project

Located on a Federal-aid highway? No

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):

John Baker, Transportation Economist, Government Relations

Section, ODO:

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.

Oregon Health & Science University, an academic medical center that is a public corporation in the State of Oregon.

Oregon Health & Science University  
3181 SW Sam Jackson Park Road  
Portland, OR 97239

If required, funding could be directed to the Oregon Department of Transportation for distribution to OHSU:

Oregon Department of Transportation  
355 Capitol St NE  
Salem, OR 97301

**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.)

Funding is requested for the entirety of the project, which will occur along the alignment of SW Campus Drive between its terminus points of SW Sam Jackson Park Road and SW Terwilliger Boulevard.

Project Activities: (May select more than one.)

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

What is the total estimated cost?

\$457,000

What amount is being requested? \$457,000

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.)

Total Project Estimated cost:

**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)? No**

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: Select One

Date of approval (MM/YYYY):

Title of the Program:

Listed in STIP: Select One

Date of approval (MM/YYYY):

Title of the 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)? Within 12 months after the receipt of funds, likely late in FY2010 or FY 2011.**

**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?** No

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

**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).)

- Enhanced crosswalks & sidewalks will reduce pedestrian exposure to traffic.
- Improved bicycle accessways will reduce cyclist exposure to vehicle traffic.
- Improved ADA accessways will reduce disabled patient exposure to traffic.
- Improved lighting & signage will increase vehicle and pedestrian awareness/safety.

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

Every dollar that is invested in OHSU indirectly generates an additional \$1.30 for a total economic impact of \$2.30. Short term economic benefits include 11- 23 full-time positions paid at prevailing wages for the project's implementation. Long term benefits include improved access to health care services and reduced costs shouldered by taxpayers when individuals defer medical care.

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

- Improved ADA accessways will improve pedestrian and disabled mobility to and around OHSU facilities.
- Improved bicycle accessways will increase cyclist mobility to and around OHSU facilities.

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

- Enhanced pedestrian and bicycle accessways will encourage non-polluting forms of transportation to and around OHSU facilities, thereby reducing OHSU impact on the local environment.

**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.

Construct multi-modal transportation safety and access improvements to Oregon Health & Science University's main access road.

**23. Are you enclosing the letter referenced at the top of this form with the required formatting? No**

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

Letters of support are forthcoming.

SW Campus Drive's functional classification is currently a local road. However, OHSU has been in discussions with ODOT regarding redesignation of SW Campus Drive as a an "urban collector." Such reclassification is justified given the hundreds of cyclists and pedestrians, 3,000 transit riders and 5,000 personal vehicles that travel on and off OHSU's Marquam Hill campus each day. Additionally, SW Campus Drive is a primary access route for six of OHSU's patient care facilities, including the School of Dentistry Clinic, Doernbecher Children's Hospital and the Casey Eye Institute. The street is also

one of the most mass transit-oriented roadways in the state, currently accomodating six TriMet Bus lines and one C-Tran line, as well as TriMet Lift, private medical transports and emergency ambulances.

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

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**Washington, D.C. Contact for Rep. Blumenauer: David Skillm  
Oregon Contact for Rep. Blumenauer: Sarah Masterson, (**