

APPROPRIATIONS REQUEST FORM OREGON HOUSE DELEGATION FISCAL YEAR 2010

DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION: FEBRUARY 13, 2009

PLEASE NOTE: As required by the House Appropriations Committee, all requests will be made public on the requesting Member's website.

1. Project Title:

I-84/Sandy River Bridge Trail Connections (Troutdale side) in Troutdale, OR

2. Organization Name and address:

Metro Regional Services, Sustainability Center, 600 NE Grand Avenue, Portland, OR 97232

3. Primary Contact name, phone number, mobile phone number, fax number and email:

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4. Project Location Address (if different from Organization):

Property adjacent to and within the Oregon Department of Transportation Right-of-Way in the vicinity of where the eastbound I-84 bridge meets the riverbank on the Troutdale side of the Sandy River. (No site address is available for this location)

5. Please describe the requesting organization's main activities, and whether it is a public, private non-profit, or private for-profit entity:

Metro is a regional government that serves 1.4 million people who live in the 25 cities and three counties of the Portland metropolitan area. Metro is the federally mandated metropolitan planning organization designated by the Governor of Oregon to develop an overall transportation plan and to allocate federal transportation funds for the region. Metro provides planning and services that protect the nature and livability of the region.

Metro's services include:

- Providing 12,000 acres of parks and natural areas and 100 miles of trails for public use and enjoyment;
- Providing public facilities including the Oregon Zoo, the Oregon Convention Center and the Oregon Exposition Center;
- Overseeing the region's recycling and garbage services;
- Providing state-of-the-art mapping, analysis and forecasting tools;
- Collaborating with community leaders to plan for the region's future growth.

This project will be implemented by Metro's Sustainability Center which acquires, plans and develops regionally significant trails, parks and natural areas throughout the Portland metropolitan region.

6. Briefly describe the activity or project for which funding is requested (please keep to 500 words or less.)

This funding request of \$2.15 million will provide trail connections to a state-funded bike/pedestrian path that is being constructed as part of the Interstate 84 bridge replacement project over the Sandy River in Troutdale Oregon. The Oregon Department of Transportation will complete design and construction of the I-84 bridges and bike/pedestrian path between 2009 and 2013. Metro's trail connections project will close a gap in the regional trail system and provide access to the multi-use bike/pedestrian bridge path on the Troutdale side of the bridge (west side of the Sandy River).

In a separate but related 2010 appropriations request, Multnomah County is seeking \$5.1 million from the Department of Agriculture (Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Act) to complete the trail connections to the same bridge bike/pedestrian path on the east side of the river in the Columbia River Gorge Scenic Area. The attached figure illustrates how Metro's trail connections project is related to Multnomah County's trail connections project and the funded bridge bike/pedestrian path.

If funded, this project will provide safe and efficient bike/pedestrian access between the Portland metropolitan area and the Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area and to nearby local, state and federal recreational facilities at this gateway location.

7. Has this project received federal appropriations funding in past fiscal years?

No

7a. If yes, please provide fiscal year, Department, Account, and funding amount of any previous funding.

8. Federal agency and account from which funds are requested (Please be specific –e.g. Department of Housing and Urban Development, Economic Development Initiatives account):

U.S. Department of Transportation, Federal Highway Administration, Surface Transportation Program (STP).

9. 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 purpose of this project is to complete an important gap in the 4-county, bi-state (Oregon and Washington) regional trail system to allow bicyclists and pedestrians access to the future bike/pedestrian path on the I-84 replacement bridge at the gateway to the Columbia River Gorge Scenic Area in Troutdale, Oregon. The trail connections to the bridge path will provide an opportunity to realize the vision of the *Sandy River Connections Plan* and the Columbia River Gorge Scenic Act for safe and efficient bike/pedestrian access across the Sandy River and to nearby local, regional, state and federal recreational facilities and points east through the Columbia River Gorge Scenic Area. This is a unique opportunity to dovetail the trail connections design/construction work on the Troutdale side of the river with proposed trail connection work on the Scenic Area side of the river (described in item 6 above) and with the I-84 bridge replacement project. Timing the trail connections work with the bridge work will achieve economic and environmental efficiencies and save taxpayer dollars. This project will create approximately 25 construction jobs. If Multnomah County receives their funding request for \$5.1 million (described in item 6 above), another 63 construction jobs will be created. Combining the two trail connection projects with the state funded bridge replacement project, approximately 900 construction jobs would be created – a significant number of jobs in a state hit hard by unemployment. If Metro's and Multnomah County's funding

requests are awarded they will leverage 28 (twenty-eight) times their amount in state funds already committed for the bridge replacement project.

10. Have you requested funding for this project from other Members of Congress? Yes
If so, who? Senators Ron Wyden and Jeff Merkley

11. Funding Details:

a. Total project cost (all funding sources and all years):
\$2,200,000

b. Amount being requested for this project in Fiscal Year 2010:
The amount being requested for this project is \$2,150,000.

c. What other funding sources (local, regional, state) are contributing to this project or activity? (Please provide specific dollar amount or percentage.)
\$50,000 - City of Troutdale (for trail connections on the Troutdale/west side of the Sandy River)

In addition to the direct cash contributions for this project by the City of Troutdale, other funding sources being leveraged by this project include:

- \$57 Million – These funds have been committed by the State of Oregon to build the I-84 replacement bridges and bike/pedestrian path on the bridge to which this project will connect.
- \$5.1 million – Multnomah County 2010 appropriations request for trail connections to the bridge path on the Columbia River Gorge Scenic Area/east side of the Sandy River.

d. Do you expect to request federal funding in future years for this project?

If this funding request is awarded, this project can be completed and future funds will not be needed.

e. Breakdown/budget of the amount you are requesting for this project in FY 2010. (e.g. salary \$40,000; computer \$3,000):
Consultant fees for project design- \$335,000
Consultant fees for project construction - \$1,815,000

f. Please list public or private organizations that have supported/endorsed this project:

This project enjoys strong support by a coalition of local, county, regional, state and federal partners including the City of Troutdale, the Confluence Project, the Port of Portland, the 40-Mile Loop Land Trust, Multnomah County, Metro, the Oregon Department of Transportation, the Oregon Parks and Recreation Department, the Oregon Recreation Trails Council, the US Forest Service and the Bureau of Land Management. These agencies and organizations are signatory partners to a Declaration of Cooperation to implement the *Sandy River Connections Concept Plan* (January 2008) which identifies this project as central to the Plan's success.

g. Is this project scalable? (i.e. if partial funding is awarded, will the organization be able to use the funds in FY 2010?)

Yes