

**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@hawaii.house.gov. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact David at (808) 535-2445.

**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:**

Sunrise System

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

Oregon Department of Transportation, Highway Division  
355 Capitol Street NE Room 135  
Salem, OR 97301

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

Travis Brouwer, ODOT General Affairs Advisor  
(503) 344-3445 (cell); 503-986-3432 (fax)  
tbrouwer@odot.state.or.us

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

Highway 212/224 near I-205 interchange, Clackamas

**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 Sunrise System is a comprehensive transportation system that integrates immediate connectivity improvements, multimodal solutions, long-range planning, and innovative design. Since 1988, the east/west Sunrise Corridor has been identified as an essential connection from I-

205 to Highway 26, central Oregon, and beyond. The expansion of the Portland metro region's urban growth boundary (UGB) by 12,000 acres in Clackamas County in 2002 has added new urgency to development of the Sunrise Corridor. With this UGB expansion, the metro region agreed that over 60,000 new residents and 50,000 new jobs would locate in the Damascus area.

In order to create this new community, additional transportation capacity is needed to move people and goods to and through the area. Existing infrastructure, particularly Highway 212/224, is incapable of handling the increased demand expected due to growth in the area. Highway 212/224 is already heavily congested, and many intersections are failing. Highway 212/224 is a designated freight route, with trucks constituting 12 percent of the traffic on the section of the highway near I-205. Freight moving along the corridor, particularly to and from the Clackamas Industrial Area, a major regional manufacturing and distribution center, is bogged down in gridlock every morning and afternoon. This route has a high crash rate and is in the top 10% of unsafe state highways due to severe congestion and roadway deficiencies.

Improvements to Highway 212/224 are needed to help this route function effectively today and to accommodate future traffic volumes. ODOT and Clackamas County are working together to develop plans to address congestion on this section of highway using resources already dedicated to the Sunrise project as well as future allocations of funding. These plans include construction of an additional westbound travel lane on Highway 212/224 from 102nd to I-205. This would provide more capacity at two congested intersections and reduce delay getting to I-205 for freight and automobile traffic.

In addition, Clackamas County and ODOT are developing plans to improve the current intersection at of Highway 212/224 with 82nd Drive in order to reduce delay and improve traffic flow by removing turning movements to Highway 212 from 82nd Drive. Together, these improvements would deliver significant congestion relief to the Highway 212/224 corridor that would keep freight moving to industrial businesses along the corridor and help accommodate regional growth.

**6. Are you requesting Federal funds for more than one project in this bill? Yes**

**If Yes, this project is priority 2 of 8 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? Yes

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, ODOT Federal Funding Coordinator, 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.  
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**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 from a congressional earmark would be used to complete design and right of way acquisition for improvements to the intersection of Highway 212/224 and 82<sup>nd</sup> Drive. This will allow the intersection improvements to be built when construction funding comes available.

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 type="checkbox"/> engineer |
| <input type="checkbox"/> conduct                         |                                       | <input 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 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?

\$35 million for design and right of way acquisition for the intersection improvements at Highway 212/224 and 82<sup>nd</sup> Drive

What amount is being requested? \$30 million

What percentage of the total estimated cost is the request for Federal funding? 86%

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 full Sunrise System project will build a new connection between I-205 and US 26 and make other improvements to other roads within the corridor, including Highway 212/224, to improve mobility between I-205, Damascus, and US 26.

Total Project Estimated cost: The project's total cost could reach \$1 billion.

**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: Select One

Date of approval (MM/YYYY):

Title of the Program:

Listed in STIP: Yes

Date of approval (MM/YYYY): 01/2008

Title of the Program: 2008-2011 Final STIP

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

Select One

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 Environmental Review

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? 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).)

This route has a high crash rate and is in the top 10% of unsafe state highways due to severe congestion and roadway deficiencies. These improvements would help address these safety issues.

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

Highway 212/24 accesses the Clackamas Industrial Area, a major regional manufacturing and distribution center. Reducing congestion on this route will help recruit and retain businesses that rely on this corridor.

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

This project will significantly reduce congestion on this corridor, which is a designated freight route. Both passenger vehicles and trucks will see significant mobility improvements.

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

Reducing idling in congestion will reduce air pollution and greenhouse gas emissions.

**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: 1702, 1934

Project Number: HPP 2625 and 4707, TI 331

Amount of Funding: \$19,000,000

Amount of Funding Amount Obligated: \$3,000,000

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? Yes

Source: ODOT OTIA III

Amount of Funding: \$19,000,000

Amount Obligated: \$0

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 and build Sunrise System Improvements

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:

This project was recommended for authorization funding by JPACT, the Oregon Freight Advisory Committee and the Oregon Transportation Commission.

Clackamas County has invested over \$20 million of local funds for right of way to protect the Sunrise corridor from development. ODOT has also committed \$19 million of state funds to the project, so a federal investment will be well leveraged with local funds.

If sufficient funding comes available for the Sunrise project from the Oregon Legislature under the Jobs and Transportation Act, ODOT may use funding from a congressional earmark to build the first phase of the Sunrise Corridor.

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

**D an@mail.house.gov**

**Washington, D.C. Contact for Rep. Blumenauer: David Skillman, (202) 225-4811  
Oregon Contact for Rep. Blumenauer: Sarah Masterson, (503) 231-2300**