



## MEMORANDUM

**DATE:** September 15, 2021

**TO:** Planning Commission

**FROM:** Peter Russell, Senior Transportation Planner

**RE:** September 23 update on Transportation Growth Management (TGM) grant for 1) Tumalo Community Plan update; 2) rural trails for Sisters Country

The TGM Program is a joint planning grant program run by the Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) and Department of Land Conservation and Development (DLCD). Deschutes County in summer 2020 applied for a grant to 1) Update the Tumalo Community Plan (TCP) and 2) implement the rural trails portion of the Sisters Country Vision Action Plan (SCVAP). TGM awarded the TGM grant to Deschutes County in September 2020.

### I. BACKGROUND

ODOT Region 4 (which covers Central Oregon from the Columbia to the California border) reviewed the County's proposed Scope of Work (SOW) for the project. The SOW describes the tasks, project deliverables, and proposed timeline. After a series of reviews and comments between Region 4, DLCD, and the TGM program staff in Salem, the County and ODOT agreed on a SOW.

In the next step of the TGM process, ODOT then identified a potential consultant from the TGM program's pool of pre-approved firms. The County agreed with the firm selected. That firm in turn reviewed the SOW and proposed changes. ODOT Region 4 and the County have agreed to the modifications proposed by the consultant. The consultant-revised SOW is now under review in Salem. Region 4 staff and the County are hoping for a Notice to Proceed in October or November of this year.

### II. OBJECTIVES OF THE TGM GRANT

The TGM has two broad objectives: 1) Update the 2010-2030 Tumalo Community Plan (TCP) and 2) implement the rural trails portion of the Sisters Country Vision Action Plan

## *Tumalo Community Plan Update*

The grant will focus specifically on the bicycle, pedestrian, and transit components of the plan. This may also trigger amendments to portions of the Bike/Pedestrian (Section 5.5) of the Deschutes County TSP. The amendments will include either text, goals and policies, and mapping. The amendments will specify goals and policies to benefit bicyclists, pedestrians, and transit riders.

## *Implementation of the Livable Strategy 4 (Expanded Trail System) of the Sisters Country Vision Action Plan*

Sisters Country is an area defined by the attendance boundary of the Sisters School District. Deschutes County was a participant in the Sisters Country Visioning and the resulting implementation plan. This portion of the TGM grant will focus on the rural areas outside of Sisters and identify general corridors for trails to connect Sisters Country and the City of Sisters. The intent is to map generalized corridors while recognizing any locations on Deschutes National Forest lands are beyond County jurisdiction and likely will require further environmental work. The project will not complete any environmental work.

### **III. COMMON ELEMENTS TO BOTH TASKS**

The TCP Update and the Sisters Country rural trails will both have advisory committees; feature online open houses; project webpage; technical memos; list of prioritized projects; and proposed amendments to the TSP, which will either be incorporated into the current TSP Update or be amended into the TSP if the update concludes prior to the TGM process.

The projects are expected to take 12-18 months to complete and they will be done in parallel rather than sequential.

### **IV. CONCLUSION**

Staff is prepared to answer any questions.