



BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

AGENDA REQUEST AND STAFF REPORT

MEETING DATE: June 3, 2026

SUBJECT: Approve a request from ODOT for a Letter of Support for two Federal Lands Access Program projects

RECOMMENDED MOTION:

Move to approve a letter signed by the Board Chair supporting two Federal Lands Access Program projects proposed within Deschutes County.

BACKGROUND AND POLICY IMPLICATIONS:

The Oregon Department of Transportation has requested a letter from the BOCC supporting two Federal Lands Access Program projects proposed within Deschutes County. A draft letter is attached for Chair signature supporting the following projects:

- US 97: S Century Drive – USFS Boundary Phase II
- Knott Road Pedestrian Undercrossing

The Board provided a similar letter or support for ODOT's request in 2021.

The Federal Lands Access Program was established in 23 U.S.C. 204 to improve transportation facilities that provide access to, are adjacent to, or are located within Federal lands. FLAP supplements State and local resources for public roads, transit systems, and other transportation facilities, with an emphasis on high-use recreation sites and economic generators. Projects are selected by a Programming Decision Committee (PDC) established in each state.

The Federal Lands Access Program is funded via the Highway Trust Fund; Oregon's FLAP allocation is approximately \$35M annually.

BUDGET IMPACTS:

No budget impact to Deschutes County. The Road Department is submitting FLAP applications for six projects in the County system that will compete with these projects for funding; however, demonstrating support will not indicate prioritization of ODOT projects over County projects.

ATTENDANCE: Chris Doty, Road Department