

August 24, 2026



**Planning
Department**

Department of Land Conservation and Development
635 Capitol Street NE, Suite 150
Salem, OR 97301

Subject: TGM Grant Letter of Support for the Stanfield Interchange Access Management Plan Update

The Hermiston City Council supports the joint application submitted by the Cities of Stanfield and Echo for funding from the Transportation and Growth Management (TGM) grant program offered by the Department of Land Conservation and Development and the Oregon Department of Transportation. Updating the Stanfield Interchange Access Management Plan (IAMP) is an important priority for our region, and the City of Hermiston is pleased to lend its support.

The U.S. Highway 395 corridor directly connects the City of Hermiston to Interstate 84 at Exit 188, by way of Stanfield and Echo. This corridor and interchange serve as a primary route for freight, commuters, and regional travel to and from Hermiston, the largest and fastest growing city in Umatilla County. As Hermiston continues to grow, the volume of traffic moving along the U.S. Highway 395 corridor and through the Stanfield interchange will continue to increase, making coordinated regional planning essential.

The original IAMP was adopted in 2005 and now predates important updates to the Oregon Highway Plan and the Transportation Planning Rule. An update that refreshes planning-level design concepts and modernizes access management along the corridor will benefit not only Stanfield and Echo, but the entire region that relies on this connection, including Hermiston.

The City of Hermiston is committed to participating in this effort and welcomes the opportunity to serve on the Technical Advisory Committee and the Public Advisory Committee as the project moves forward.

The Hermiston City Council strongly supports this application and looks forward to partnering with the Cities of Stanfield and Echo, Umatilla County, and ODOT to complete this important work.

Sincerely,

THE HERMISTON CITY COUNCIL

Doug Primmer,
Mayor