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Mayor and Members of the City Council
STAFF REPORT
For the Meeting of August 24, 2026

Title/Subject

Letter of Support for Stanfield and Echo TGM Grant Application

Summary and Background

The cities of Echo and Stanfield have requested that the city council submit a letter of support for a grant application being prepared to update the master plan for the I-84/395 interchange. The TGM program is a transportation planning funding stream administered by ODOT for growth management projects. Hermiston is currently using a TGM grant to update the Hermiston transportation system plan.

The interchange plan was last updated in 2005, and the region has seen significant growth in the two decades since the last planning effort for the interchange. The interchange's importance to the region, Highway 395, and the City of Hermiston has only grown since the last planning effort. Hermiston will be involved in the planning effort at a technical advisory level, but no financial outlay in the form of matching funds is required.

As part of preparing a complete grant application, support from affected local governments is required. Therefore, the cities of Stanfield and Echo are requesting that the City of Hermiston submit a letter of support for the application. A letter has been prepared by the Stanfield and Echo planning consultant for signature by the mayor.

Tie-In to Council Goals

1.8 Work with regional partners to improve transportation access and circulation

Fiscal Information

There is no financial impact from supporting the grant application.

Alternatives and Recommendation

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The council may choose to support or reject the letter of support for the application.

Recommended Action/Motion

Staff recommends that the city council authorize the mayor to sign the letter of support.

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