

INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT Umatilla River Bridge Crossing

This agreement is between City of Hermiston (“Hermiston”), City of Umatilla (“Umatilla”), and Umatilla County, Oregon (“County”), regarding federal grant funding for the proposed Umatilla River Bridge Crossing (“Project”)

1.0 Project

The parties previously agreed to jointly fund a preliminary engineering report for a new bridge to cross the Umatilla River, and the preferred option from that report is to locate the bridge on Punkin Center Road. The purpose of this Intergovernmental Agreement is to establish a formal agreement between the City of Hermiston, the City of Umatilla, and Umatilla County (collectively, "the Parties") regarding the planning, coordination, and pursuit of federal planning grant funding for the proposed Umatilla River Bridge Crossing ("the Project").

2.0 Selection of Preferred Alternative

The Parties have reviewed the options presented in the Umatilla River Bridge Preliminary Engineering Report (PER) prepared by Anderson Perry & Associates, Inc. (2022). Based on the findings of the PER, all Parties formally agree to advance the Punkin Center Road Option as the preferred alignment for the Project.

3.0 Alignment of Transportation Planning

To ensure a unified regional approach and to enable informed planning decisions, the Parties acknowledge the following:

- Each jurisdiction has updated, or hereby commits to updating, its respective Transportation System Plan (TSP) to include the Project.
- This alignment of planning documents is intended to demonstrate regional consensus to state and federal agencies and to provide a consistent framework for future land-use and infrastructure decisions.

4.0 Grant Application and Leadership

The Parties agree to pursue federal funding to move the Project through the next phases of development:

- A. Application: The Parties agree to jointly submit an application in 2026 for a US Department of Transportation BUILD (Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development) Planning Grant.

- B. Lead Applicant: The County shall be designated as the lead applicant for the grant submission.
- C. Fiscal Agency: Should the BUILD Planning Grant be awarded, the County will serve as the fiscal agent and lead administrative agency for the execution of the grant.

5.0 Collaborative Commitment

The Parties agree to work in good faith and collaborate on the technical, environmental, and engineering requirements necessary to advance the Project from the planning phase toward final construction, including participation in activities funded through the BUILD Planning Grant. This includes sharing data, coordinating public outreach, and participating in steering committee meetings as required.

6.0 Funding

Nothing in this agreement shall be construed as a commitment of local funding for final design or construction.

7.0 Effective date.

This agreement shall become effective upon the signature of authorized representatives from all three entities.

CITY OF HERMISTON

Name/Title:

Date:

CITY OF UMATILLA

Name/Title:

Date:

UMATILLA COUNTY

Daniel N. Dorran
Chair, Board of Commissioners

Date: