



REQUEST FOR COUNCIL ACTION

Title: Transportation and Growth Management Grant Application

Preferred Agenda: 8/23/2022

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Reviewed By: Christy Wurster, City Manager Pro Tem

Type of Action: Resolution ____ Motion __X__ Roll Call ____ Other ____

Relevant Code/Policy: City of Sweet Home Transportation System Plan

Towards Council Goal: 1.2, Infrastructure Needs and Planning; 4.2, Lead Community Economic Development Efforts

Attachments: Intergovernmental Agreement for City of Sweet Home Transportation System Plan Update and North Sweet Home Area Refinement Plan

Purpose of this RCA:

The purpose of this Request for Council Action is to authorize the City Manager Pro Tem to sign the attached Intergovernmental Agreement with the Transportation and Growth Management Division of the Oregon Department of Transportation and the Department of Land Use and Conservation for an update to the City's Transportation System Plan and a North Sweet Home Area Refinement Plan.

Background/Context:

The City's Transportation System Plan (TSP) is a Council-adopted planning document that outlines the improvements and changes needed to the City's transportation system over the next 20 years in order to accommodate expected growth. The City's TSP was last updated in 2005, and changes since then necessitate an update. In addition, the transportation system is particularly weak in the northern part of Sweet Home, between the railroad and the South Santiam River—an area that includes the vast majority of the City's undeveloped land.

In 2020, the City applied for a grant with the Transportation and Growth Management (TGM) program, which is administered by the Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) and the Department of Land Conservation and Development (DLCD). The City was awarded the grant in late 2020, but a series of delays at the State level have prevented the project from moving on until now. TGM has supplied the attached IGA for this work.

The Challenge/Problem:

How can the City fund an update to its outdated city-wide Transportation System Plan and desperately needed land use planning of the undeveloped land in the northern part of the City?

Stakeholders:

City of Sweet Home Residents: Residents deserve a transportation system that efficiently moves people and goods, and provides access to homes, commercial areas, and places of employment.

City of Sweet Home City Council: The Council is responsible for ensuring that the City's transportation system is well planned and meets the City's needs.

City of Sweet Home Staff: City Staff benefit from a well thought out plan that meets current needs and provides clear direction for future growth.

Property Owners and Developers: Property owners and developers benefit from a Transportation System Plan that provides clear and efficient movement of people and goods and gives their property good access to transportation facilities.

Issues and Financial Impacts:

An update to the City's Transportation System Plan and a refinement of the land uses in the North Sweet Home Area is expected to cost \$289,700. This would be funded by the grant. The only match required from the City would be 12.95% of the project (\$43,100), coming in the form of wages and salaries to City Staff working on the project.

Elements of a Stable Solution:

A stable solution would include a project that meets the City's needs, funded by a State grant with an in-kind match from the City.

Options:

1. Do nothing. The City's TSP would remain in its current state, and no refinement of land uses in the north Sweet Home area would take place at this time.
2. Authorize the City Manager Pro Tem to sign the Intergovernmental Agreement for the Sweet Home Transportation System Plan Update and North Sweet Home Area Refinement Plan as Presented. Once the IGA is signed, the project can begin.
3. Direct staff to research other options or seek changes to the IGA.

Recommendation:

Staff recommends option 2, *motion to Authorize the City Manager Pro Tem to sign the Intergovernmental Agreement for the Sweet Home Transportation System Plan Update and North Sweet Home Area Refinement Plan as Presented.*