
Meeting Date:	July 28, 2025
Subject:	Authorization for City Manager to Execute Funding Agreement with Sandy Williams Connecting Communities Program and Solicit Consultant Services
Attachments:	Resolution No. 2025-47, Sandy Williams Connecting Communities Program (SWCC) Project Summary
Presented by:	Mick Monken – GMP Consultants
Approved for Agenda by:	Dan Ford, PE – City Manager

Discussion:

The City of Toppenish has been awarded grant funding through the Sandy Williams Connecting Communities Program in the amount of \$1,422,400. This funding is for the W 1st Avenue Pedestrian Improvements Project. This project aligns with the program's goal to improve access and connectivity for communities with high equity needs, particularly by enhancing pedestrian and bicycle safety and connectivity along W 1st Avenue between 250 feet east of Shearer Lane and Alder Street.

The project scope includes:

- Community engagement activities in partnership with the Yakama Nation and Yakima Valley Farmworkers Clinic.
- Traffic calming measures through a lane reduction from four lanes to three.
- Construction of protected bike lanes and enhanced pedestrian crossings.
- Lighting improvements for safety.
- ADA curb ramp upgrades and signal modifications to improve access and accommodate mobility users.

Upon approval, the City Manager will be authorized to enter into an agreement for the funding and to advertise for consultant services necessary to carry out planning, design, and construction phases of the project.

Fiscal Impact:

The Sandy Williams Connecting Communities Program will provide funding for 100% of the estimated project costs, not to exceed \$1,422,400. No local matching funds are required.

Recommendation:

Approve Resolution No. 2025-47, to authorize the City Manager to execute all necessary agreements with the Sandy Williams Connecting Communities Program for funding of the W 1st Avenue Pedestrian Improvements Project and authorize the City Manager to advertise for consultant services upon allocation of funds to the City.

Alternatives:

Choose to delay authorization and direct staff on how to precede.

SWCC Project Summary

Program: Sandy Williams Connecting Communities Program

Date: 10 July 2025

Project Title: W 1st Avenue pedestrian improvements

Agency: City of Toppenish

Name of Person who will complete the local Project Reports: Mick Monken

Email: mmonken@gmphr.com

Location (city/ county / Tribe): Toppenish/ Yakima / Yakama Nation

Phase(s) Funded: Planning, community engagement, design and construction

Project location

Road/ SR route name:	Start cross street:	End cross street:
W 1st Avenue	250' East of Shearer Lane	Alder Street

Instructions: When filling in the following sections, address how the project will meet the following expectations:

- **Describe how the project improves access and connectivity for high-equity needs residents** to transit, health centers, grocery or commercial centers, recreational green space, and other community-identified assets. High Equity Needs Residents are defined as those who, due to disinvestment and environmental burdens are vulnerable to environmental health disparities and barriers to opportunity.
 - **High Equity Needs Communities include** Black, Indigenous, and People of Color (BIPOC) Communities, those with limited English skills, communities with disproportionate exposure to pollutants, those living on low incomes, residents with few healthy food choices, people who are housing cost-burdened, paying more the 30% of their income on rent, and those with high transportation costs.
- **How the project provides facilities for people walking and bicycling at a level of traffic stress of one or two (LTS 1)**, consistent with the Complete Streets requirement Sandy Williams Connecting Communities projects. The linear facilities required may be provided in a parallel route if it offers a similar level of route directness. For more information on [Level of Traffic Stress](#).
- **How will you incorporate Community-based organizations and Black, Indigenous, and People of Color (BIPOC)/ Minority and women-owned businesses** in the project? There are opportunities for collaboration and contracting for planning, community engagement, design, and/or construction of the

project. We can work with you to help identify opportunities. **Please provide information on the results of these efforts in the final reporting on the project.**

- 1. Summary Project Description: The project will utilize community engagement, partnering with the Yakama Nation transportation representatives and the Yakima Valley Farmworkers Clinic to conduct outreach to the most vulnerable users of the W 1st Avenue project corridor and develop pedestrian and bicycle Improvements that address safety and connectivity.

This includes :

Community engagement, protected bike lanes, three enhanced mid-block pedestrian crossings, travel lane reduction from 4 lanes to 3, traffic calming measures, and lighting upgrades.

3. Community Engagement:

- Project website, building of the website and Social Pinpoint comment map developed for the Toppenish Transportation Safety Action Plan
- Public meetings, at venues to be selected based ease of access
- Materials translated in Spanish, with live translation services available at all in-person events
- Partnership with Yakima Valley Farmworkers Clinic to provide outreach and receive input from their W 1st Avenue facility users
- Partnership with Yakama Nation transportation representatives to provide culturally responsive outreach strategies to gain input from Indigenous corridor users

4. Detailed Project Description:

Land survey and Right of Way (ROW) research and analysis

- o No anticipated ROW acquisitions
- Preliminary environmental - research and permitting analysis
 - o No anticipated significant ROW impact as the project limits are contained within existing ROW and previously disturbed ground
- Traffic modeling and data collection
 - o Network connectivity analysis for pedestrian and bicyclist facilities
 - o Speed data collection and analysis for W1 st Avenue, guiding treatments to ensure LTS 2 or better

- o Pedestrian and bicyclist usage counts (to be used for evaluation only; not needed as justification for changes to improve network connectivity)
 - o Traffic counts
 - o Traffic modeling
- Plan development and coordination - includes analysis of design alternatives
 - o Includes coordinating concept of full alternative that extends to US 97, coordinated with Yakama Nation, WSDOT, and Yakima County
 - o Lighting analysis of the project corridor to identify gaps and deficiencies
- Development of Plans, Specifications, and Estimates (PS&E) for the W 1st Avenue Corridor
 - o Includes signal modification plans for the SR 22/1st Avenue intersection o May include up to 60% design of full build alternative extending to US 97 Construction
- W 1st Avenue between 250' east of Shearer Ln and Alder Street
 - *Re-stripe for lane reduction from four to three lanes (two through, one center left turn)*
 - *Lighting improvements, including new luminaires, to meet appropriate lighting standards along the corridor*
 - *Three new mid-block pedestrian crossings with RRFBs, including paved medians (where feasible) and curb bulb outs*
 - *Spot median curb treatments and access consolidation (including sidewalk reconstruction) along the corridor to protect active transportation users*
 - *Protected and separated bike lanes* See NACTO Urban Bikeway design guide for information on [designing](#) and [separating](#) protected bike lanes (3.3.1)
 - ADA Curb ramp upgrades and crosswalk re-striping.
 - Traffic signal modification to accommodate bike/mobility movements.
- At the intersection of SR 22 and W 1st Avenue
 - o Improve and update pedestrian signal elements
 - o Update/re-stripe crosswalks
 - o Signal modifications and timing adjustments (remove split phasing) to reflect W 1st Avenue reconfiguration

Project Schedule:

Begin Planning	Aug 2025
Planning Complete	December 2025
Begin PE	January 2026
Design Complete	September 2026
Environmental Documents Approved	August 2026
Right-of-Way Approved	August 2026
Estimated Contract Ad	October 2026
Estimated Contract Award Date	November 2026
Open to Users	August 2027

Project Cost and Award Amount:

Phase	Total Project Cost	Amount Requested	Amount Awarded
Grant Match			
Planning	\$60,000	\$60,000	\$60,000
Community Engagement	\$40,000	\$40,000	\$40,000
Preliminary Engineering	\$228,200	\$228,200	\$228,200
Right-of-Way	\$0	\$0	\$0
Construction	\$1,094,200	\$1,094,200	\$1,094,200
Total	\$1,422,400	\$1,422,400	\$1,422,400

When the grant is completed, we would love to share and highlight your work. Please document the project and share images or testimonials about the projects that can be used to communicate the project's success or tell the story about the value of the project to the community.

If you agree to the project summary described above, please sign below and return Clara Cheeves

Concurrence: I agree with the project summary described above and understand that the work outlined is expected to be completed without change.

Approving Authority Name (Print): _____

Approving Authority Signature: _____

Date: _____