

**RESOLUTION 99-001**

**A RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT FOR THE GRANT APPLICATION FOR RIVERFRONT TRAIL CONSTRUCTION, THROUGH THE TRANSPORTATION ENHANCEMENT PROGRAM OF THE TRANSPORTATION EQUITY ACT FOR THE 21<sup>ST</sup> CENTURY (TEA 21)**

**WHEREAS**, the Oregon Department of Transportation is soliciting Enhancement projects for fiscal years 2000 through 2003 in Region 4; and

**WERERAS**, a total of \$2,000,000 is available for Region 4, which runs from The Dalles to Klamath Falls; and

**WHEREAS**, an application has been prepared which identifies a connecting segment of trail through Port of The Dalles Property from Taylor Lake to West First Street; and

**WHEREAS**, the Northern Wasco County Parks and Recreation District is the lead agency for Riverfront Trail development and is the sponsoring agency for this application prepared by The Dalles Riverfront Trail Development Corporation; and

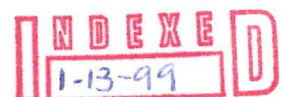
**WHEREAS**, this segment of the trail has been engineered and designed and is ready for construction upon grant award; and

**WHEREAS**, City staff has reviewed the proposed trail project in light of other potential city projects fundable under this program, and has recommended support for this project because of its high priority, probability for funding, readiness to proceed, and availability of match; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council has supported the development of the Riverfront Trail through; the Vision Action Plan, the Comprehensive Plan, Riverfront Master Plan, staff, and budget appropriations;

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL AS FOLLOWS:**

Section 1. That the grant application for the Riverfront Trail segment between Taylor Lake and West First Street is hereby approved and is supported as the Transportation Enhancement project for this area.



PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 11<sup>TH</sup> DAY JANUARY, 1999


Voting Yes, Councilors: Gosiak, Wasser, Broehl, Davis, Davison

Voting No, Councilors: None

Absent, Councilors: None

Abstaining, Councilors: None

AND APPROVED BY THE MAYOR THIS 11<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF JANUARY, 1999

  
~~Robt Van Cleave, Mayor~~  
Mary Ann Davis, Mayor pro-tem

  
Julie Krueger, CMC, City Clerk

**Transportation Enhancement Program  
APPLICATION FORM for FISCAL YEARS 2000-2003**

**Part 1: Project Summary**

<b>APPLICANT ORGANIZATION</b>	
Name: The Dalles Riverfront Trail Development Corporation Address: PO Box 967 The Dalles, OR 97058	Contact Person: Chuck Langley /Todd R. Cornett Title: Board Member Telephone: (541) 296-9533
<b>SPONSORING AGENCY</b>	
Name: Northern Wasco County Park and Recreation District Address: PO Box 967 The Dalles, OR 97058	Contact Person: Karl Cozad Title: Executive Director Telephone: (541) 296-9533
<b>PROJECT LOCATION</b>	
Starting at Taylor Lake to the eastern end of West First Street in The Dalles. The project is located between Interstate 84 and the Columbia River, predominantly on its southern bank.	
<b>PROJECT DESCRIPTION (summary)</b>	
Construction of a 3.7 meter wide 6.5 kilometer long non-motorized trail. TEA 21 funds will be utilized in grading, graveling, and paving the trail as well as the construction of two bridges.	
<b>LENGTH</b> 6.5 kilometers	<b>PROJECT TYPE</b> Provision of facilities for pedestrian and bicyclists.
<b>TRANSPORTATION BENEFIT</b>	
Provide a non-motorized alternative transportation route to the Port of The Dalles, and a link to existing portions of the Riverfront Trail accessing the Columbia River Gorge Discovery Center, The Dalles Marina, and The Dalles Riverfront Park.	
<b>COST SUMMARY</b>	<b>MATCHING FUNDS SUMMARY (type &amp; amount)</b>
Total Project Cost: \$1,570,600.00 Ineligible for Enhancement: \$0.00 Matching Funds Available: \$505,000.00 Federal Funds Requested: \$1,058,600.00 Fiscal Year Requested: 2000 & 2001	Hard Match: \$0.00      Soft Match: \$525,000.00  <b>RIGHT OF WAY NEEDS</b> Property to be purchased <input type="checkbox"/> yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> no Easements or donated property? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes <input type="checkbox"/> no
<b>ATTENTION ITEMS (check any that apply)</b>	<b>ATTACHMENTS (check items attached)</b>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Inter-agency or public/private partnership <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> More than one local jurisdiction involved <input type="checkbox"/> More than one ODOT region involved <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Funds from other federal-aid sources <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Linked to other construction or development <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Donations or volunteer services proposed <input type="checkbox"/> More than one enhancement activity involved	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Vicinity map <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cross-section, drawing or photos <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Documentation of matching funds <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Maintenance commitment/agreement <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Council/Commission resolution (or equivalent) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Planning agency concurrence letter <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Documentation of community support

## Part 2: Project Funding Information

Project Phase	FY 2000	FY 2001	FY 2002	FY 2003	Total
Project Administration	13,000	12,600			25,600
Engineering & Design	43,400	42,000			85,400
Environmental Process					
Coordination					
Information/ Interpretive					
<b>Total PE</b>	<b>56,400</b>	<b>54,600</b>			<b>111,000</b>
Property Acquisition	480,000				480,000
Other Right-of-way Costs	20,000				20,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>500,000</b>				<b>500,000</b>
Construction	68,500	130,000			198,500
Roadway/Bikeway/Walkway	418,000	342,500			760,500
Buildings, Small Facilities					
<b>Total CONST</b>	<b>486,500</b>	<b>472,500</b>			<b>959,000</b>

## Matching Funds Available

Type	\$ Value	Name of Source	Date Available
Sponsor's Cash on Hand			
Sponsor's Future Cash			
<b>Total HARD MATCH</b>			
Donations of Materials			
Donations of Property	500,000	Port of The Dalles	1999
Donations of Labor/Services	25,000	Tenneson Engineering = 20,000 Foster, Peachy & Young = 5,000	1999
<b>Total SOFT MATCH</b>	<b>525,000</b>		
<b>TOTAL MATCH</b>	<b>525,000</b>		

### **Part 3: Narrative**

#### **Project Description:**

The Dalles Riverfront Trail is planned for a total of 14.5 kilometers of paved trail along the Columbia River from the Gorge Discovery Center and Wasco County Museum through The Dalles to The Dalles Dam. The trail will be ADA accessible for bicycle and pedestrian traffic. Motorized vehicles will be prohibited. Currently, 3 kilometers are already constructed. At the western end of the trail, 2 kilometers have been completed leading easterly from the Discovery Center to Taylor Lake. Approximately in the middle of the trail, 1 kilometer was constructed along I-84 between mileposts 84 and 85 by ODOT in 1996. The section of the trail for which TEA-21 funds are being sought is 6.5 kilometers from Taylor Lake to the eastern end of West First Street where it connects to the completed trail segment along I-84. The work involves paving the trail to a width of 3.7 meters and the construction of two bridges.

The Transportation Enhancement Activity represented by this project are 1) Provision of facilities for pedestrians and bicyclists, 2) Provision of safety for recreational activities of pedestrians and bicyclists, 3) acquisition of scenic property along the Columbia River, route of the historic Lewis and Clark Corps of Discovery Expedition.

#### **Purpose and Need:**

The project is needed to regain public access to the Columbia River at The Dalles and provide both a recreational and alternative transportation route from the west end of The Dalles along the river to the eastern city limits. The 6.5 kilometers of trail for which funds are sought passes through the Port of The Dalles Industrial Park where minimal development has occurred to date. The Port of The Dalles is willing to deed a strip of land 3.7 kilometers long by 7.6 meters wide to the Park and Recreation District if it can build the trail. The trail can be most easily and economically constructed now before development occurs on the industrial land.

#### **Relationship to Transportation:**

Riverfront Trail will provide a recreation opportunity as well as a safe alternative travel route to work, school and play. The Dalles is a linear city following the path of the Columbia River as it makes a 180 degree bend. The trail will eventually connect the west and east ends of The Dalles following the Columbia with access points every 1-3 kilometers.

#### **Financial Responsibility:**

The local match for this application will be provided by the value of a land donation from the Port of The Dalles to the Northern Wasco County Park and Recreation District. Nearly 7 acres of land, 3.7 kilometers in length by 7.6 meters wide will be deeded to the Park District along with another 1 kilometer by 7.6 meters wide which will be provided by easement. The Port of The Dalles values the land at \$480,000. This 6.5 kilometer segment of Riverfront Trail or sections of it can be ready to go out for bids as soon as construction dollars are available. Right-of-way issues have been agreed upon and a local attorney, Katy Young, has offered to donate her services in preparing easements,

deeds, and land use agreements. In 1997, Wasco County was awarded \$80,000 by the US Forest Service for engineering design work on the entire trail. Tenneson Engineering in The Dalles has contracted to do the work. As of December 1998, Tenneson has completed approximately 50% of the design work. Funds are still available to complete preliminary design.

### **Long-term Commitment:**

Both the non-profit applicant, The Dalles Riverfront Trail Development Corporation, and the sponsor, Northern Wasco County Park and Recreation District are committed to long-term management and maintenance of Riverfront Trail. Both private and public resources will be available to meet future maintenance needs.

### **Selection Criteria:**

Quality of Experience: Riverfront Trail will be an excellent "quality of life" enhancement for The Dalles area residents as well as visitors to the Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area. The trail will serve as a non-motorized alternative transportation route and a recreation resource along the scenic and historic shores of the Columbia River passing through natural open space as well as commercial and industrial zones. The trail will connect to Rock Fort on the National Historic Registry where the Lewis and Clark Corps of Discovery Expedition camped in October 1805. Due to being separated from motorized traffic, ADA accessible and nearly level (except for 1 kilometer at west end), the trail will be a safe and attractive route for a wide spectrum of users. Connections to roadways for motorized vehicles will be available at intervals of 1-3 kilometers.

Value and Cost: The concept of the Riverfront Trail was first identified in The Dalles Riverfront Master Plan prepared by the Wasco County Planning Department in 1989 and adopted by the City of The Dalles, Port of The Dalles, Wasco County and the Northern Wasco County Park and Recreation District. Sections of the trail have already been completed. The opportunity exists now to complete 6.5 kilometers of trail to connect these sections at a much lower cost than would be possible once industrial development proceeds. The Port of The Dalles is willing to donate river frontage along unsold parcels of land. Other land owners such as the Northern Wasco County Public Utility District are willing to provide land via easement for no charge. The project is well advanced in design and cost estimates provided by Tenneson Engineering are based on substantial design work already completed.

Support: The Port of The Dalles and other private land owners along the trail route are willing to make over \$500,000 of land available for Riverfront Trail through the 6.5 kilometer section for which TEA-21 funds are requested. Riverfront Trail enjoys overwhelming interagency support. The trail has received approval from the Gorge Commission and sections of trail have been constructed and paid for by Wasco County, the US Forest Service and the Oregon Department of Transportation. The City of The Dalles made a five year commitment to provide for maintenance on the trail section built by ODOT along I-84. Nearly 100 individuals from the community of The Dalles have made financial contributions ranging from \$10 to \$1,000 to the Riverfront Trail Development Corporation during the past five years toward sustaining the effort to complete the project. There is no known opposition to Riverfront Trail. Even the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife approves of it because of the opportunities for wildlife interpretation and ADA access to fishing sites.

Importance: TEA-21 enhancement funding is very important for this portion of Riverfront Trail due to the large scope of the project, overall cost and difficulty in securing a single source of construction funds. When the railroad underpass for the trail between Taylor Lake and the Gorge Discovery Center is completed in the summer of 1999 with ISTEA funding, nearly \$1.5 million from a variety of sources will have been spent on two disconnected sections. Connecting these sections by completing 6.5 kilometers of trail between them will be of great importance to the local community for recreation and alternative travel. The trail will also benefit Oregon and the Gorge National Scenic Area since it will provide scenic vistas and connections to important tourist sites. The opportunity exists now to construct the trail through minimally developed industrial zones and take advantage of the Port's willingness to donate land for the trail. Construction of this 6.5 kilometers of trail would leave only 5 kilometers of trail remaining to be funded. The US Forest Service is requesting more than \$1 million in National Scenic Area recreation funds to complete the trail. TEA-21 funds committed to Riverfront Trail would greatly increase the likelihood of receiving National Scenic Area and/or private foundation funds to finish the construction.

Plans and Goals: The Riverfront Trail has been a high priority element of City of The Dalles and Wasco County planning for ten years. The trail is included in the comprehensive plans of both the city and county and it is an approved Gorge Commission recreation project. Development in The Gorge during the 20th century of railroads, dams, and freeways (all transportation related) have diminished access by the public to the shores of the Columbia River at The Dalles. Riverfront Trail is a planned remedy to this situation. The following is the opening paragraph of the Executive Summary of The Dalles Riverfront Plan, October 1989: This plan for the Columbia River front in The Dalles, Oregon proposes a comprehensive, balanced approach to riverfront protection and improvement for recreation, circulation and transportation, natural and cultural resource protection, and commercial and industrial development. It represents the community's vision for a nine mile length of its riverfront below The Dalles Dam and focuses on a multipurpose greenway and trail system linking existing and proposed parks, natural areas, cultural attractions and commercial and industrial areas.

Pedestrian & Bicycle Project: The 6.5 kilometers of Riverfront Trail for which TEA-21 funds are requested connects two existing segments of the trail which will result in 9.5 kilometers of completed trail. It is the link which provides for safe and efficient transportation not only for pedestrians and cyclists but also for others such as skaters and those restricted to wheelchairs. Separated from motorized vehicles, the trail will provide safety and convenience with only four road crossings in 9.5 kilometers. The trail is an important transportation enhancement for recreation and tourism. It should also serve as an amenity and attraction for industrial or commercial development in the Port Industrial Park. Although Riverfront Trail is not an historic preservation project, it will contribute to added awareness and visitorship to Rock Fort, the 1805 Lewis and Clark encampment at The Dalles. The trail and its landscaping will also make a significant contribution to the scenic beauty of the Columbia River shoreline at The Dalles.

#### Part 4: Certification

I Certify that \_\_\_\_\_ supports the proposed Enhancement project,  
*(project sponsor)*

has the legal authority to pledge matching funds, and has the legal authority to apply for Transportation Enhancement funds. I further certify that matching funds are available or will be available for the proposed project. I understand that this is not a grant application, that it is a request for reimbursement through the federal aid system, and that all federal rules for contracting, auditing, and payment will apply to this project.

Signature	Date
Printed Name	Title
Project Name	





**CITY of THE DALLES**

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## MEMORANDUM

To: Mayor and City Council

From: Nolan K. Young, City Manager *NKY*

Date: December 18, 1998

RE: Riverfront Trail Grant

The State of Oregon is accepting transportation enhancement grants until January 29, 1999. The City evaluated potential projects that would closely meet the criteria of this program. We identified the access tunnel and trail head for the Riverfront Trail at the current grain elevator site as our best project. We have become aware that the Riverfront Trail Committee was also preparing to submit us a substantial grant request. After talking with them regarding their grant application needs, we have come to the conclusion that it would be best to hold off pursuing our particular grant project so that the Riverfront Trail group can pursue this source of funding.

At the January 11, 1999, Council meeting, we will be requesting that the Council adopt a resolution supporting the Riverfront group's request for a grant of \$958,000 over a 2 year period.

If Council members have questions regarding this proposed action, please contact Economic Development Director Dan Durow or me. A full Staff Report will be submitted to the City Council 10 days prior to the Council meeting.

NKY:pc