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2010
TRANSPORTATION ENHANCEMENT APPLICATION

1. Project Title **West Ellensburg Trail Enhancement**

2. Lead Agency **City of Ellensburg**

3. Contact Person **Ryan Lyyski** (Name) **City Engineer** (Title)

4. Phone: **509-962-7230**

   Email: **lyyskir@ci.ellensburg.wa.us**

   Address **501 N. Anderson St.**

   Ellensburg, WA 98926 (City) (State) (Zip Code)

5. Does sponsoring agency have "Certification Acceptance: status from WSDOT?

   X Yes ☐ No

   If No, which agency will serve as your CA sponsor and please fill-out CA confirmation form.

6. Type of Enhancement Project:

X Provision of Facilities for Pedestrians and Bicycles

X Provision of Safety and Educational Activities for Pedestrians and Bicyclists

X Acquisition of Scenic Easements and Scenic or Historic Sites

___ Scenic or Historic Highway Programs (including the provision of tourist and welcome center facilities)

___ Landscaping and other Scenic Beautification

___ Historic Preservation

___ Rehabilitation and Operation of Historic Transportation Buildings, Structures or Facilities (including historic railroad facilities and canals)

X Preservation of Abandoned Railway Corridors (including the conversion and use thereof for pedestrian or bicycle trails)

___ Control and Removal of Outdoor Advertising

___ Archaeological Planning and Research

___ Environmental mitigation to address water pollution due to highway runoff or reduce vehicle-caused wildlife mortality while maintaining habitat connectivity

___ Establishment of Transportation Museums

7. Total Project Description: **(attach detailed 8 1/2" x 11" vicinity map)** Explain the nature of the **entire project**. Indicate the major work involved, a brief comparison of existing and proposed conditions, and type of use etc. Identify if this is part of a larger project. Include drawings as required to explain the project.

The proposed project will pave a multi-use pathway on the levee adjacent to Reecer Creek between Dolarway Road and Interstate 90, where it will connect to the existing multi-use path that goes underneath Interstate 90 and into Irene Rinehart Riverfront Park (completed in 2009 with Federal Enhancement Funds). The proposed trail is a part of the City of Ellensburg's Non-Motorized Plan and extends/connects to existing identified trail segments; West Ellensburg Trail and the Campus to Canyon Trail. The levee that the trail is to be constructed upon is a fully funded and permitted project that is currently out to bid. Construction of the levee is a part of the Reecer Creek Floodplain Restoration Project and is anticipated to be complete in late 2010.

8. Describe how this project promotes economic revitalization. Provide estimates of the specific economic revitalization this enhancement will provide. Please include your justification or rationalization of the estimates.

The West Ellensburg Trail will serve as a connector between two big trail systems, the John Wayne Pioneer Trail and the future Yakima River Trail that will extend into the Yakima River Canyon. With the existing trails and sidewalks/bike lanes and the future planned extensions of the West Ellensburg trail, an asthetically pleasing non-motorized link will be established between the West Interchange and Historic Downtown Ellensburg. As stated above in the answer to question 7, the proposed trail connects to two regionally significant parks; Rotary Park and Irene Rinehart Riverfront Park. Rotary Park is home to multiple regional baseball, softball, and soccer events. The project will provide non-motorized recreation and access to services for those out of town users in addition to the local users.

9. Describe how the project encourages the use of alternative travel modes. Identify what types of alternative travel modes will be encouraged. Include estimates of how much this will be used by primary and alternative modes of transportation

Rotary Park is used by over 700 youth and families for soccer leagues, and over 600 youth and families for baseball leagues, including regional and statewide tournaments. Irene Rinehart Riverfront Park is also a heavily used regional recreational site, because of its internal trails, swimming pond, picnic facilities, beach volleyball court, etc. The trail networks and sidewalks/bike lanes will provide a non-motorized link to these park amenities, separating the non-motorized modes of travel from the motorized modes of travel.

10. Describe what is the expectation of the population of the geographic area to use, benefit, or be served by the project.

A random sample survey, which was part of the City of Ellensburg 2002 Park, Recreation and Open Space Plan, indicates that 54% of 200 survey participants believe that developing a network of on and off-road sidewalks and walking trails providing connections to the existing trail systems, including the West Ellensburg Trail and other community facilities is a high priority.

11. Describe how this project will improve safety and either reduce crashes or reduce the potential for future crashes.

The proposed non-motorized trail segment will provide an additional trail connection to our park facilities, which will provide and encourage a safe route to the facilities separated from the Dolarway traffic (Minor Arterial Street). This is yet another non-motorized path connected to other non-motorized paths/sidewalks which decrease possible vehicle encounters.

12. Demonstrate local or regional support of the project. (letters of support, previous public involvement and input, partnerships with private or public agencies)

The proposed project is included in the City of Ellensburg's Non-Motorized Transportation Plan and is included in the Parks, Recreation and Open Space Plan. The proposed trail will also go a long way in promoting and educating the public as to the importance to the soon to be completed environmental enhancements associated with the Reecer Creek Floodplain Restoration Project and its many partners discussed in the response to question 17.

13. Describe how this project will benefit tourism. Describe the current tourism impact and quantify how this will benefit the community.

Rotary Park has several baseball fields, which are used by the Ellensburg School District and other sports leagues for softball games, baseball games and tournaments. Rotary Park also has several soccer fields, which support over 700 youth in the recreational soccer leagues. The sporting events, including practices, games, and tournaments taking place at these facilities, adjacent to the proposed trail result in a tremendous amount of revenue coming into Kittitas County in the form of tourism. For instance forty five youth baseball teams were at Rotary Park Fathers Day weekend for a large tournament. The proposed trail could be used for recreation or accessing existing and future services at the West Interchange.

14. Describe how this project enhances connections or existing facilities. (i.e. trail/path connections). Please provide a drawing and description of existing facilities, and how this enhancement completes the connection.

Connections made via the completion of the West Ellensburg Trail will include connections to Rotary Park, West Ellensburg Park, Irene Rinehart Riverfront Park, the future Yakima River trail, and the West Interchange of Interstate 90.

15. Describe how the project will enhance existing resources.

As stated above, the proposed trail will provide a safe, non-motorized access to several existing park facilities, and extend/expand existing trails. The trails are part of comprehensive plans and planned trail networks.

16. Describe how this enhancement project meets regional transportation plans, policies and goals. Specifically list where this project has been previously approved in regional or local plans, policies, or goals for this project.

The proposed project is included in the City of Ellensburg's current Non Motorized Transportation Plan, the 'Park, Recreation and Open Space Plan', and the Current Comprehensive Plan. The City of Ellensburg Park, Recreation & Open Space Plan completed in August, 2002 identified that 14.8 miles of off road bicycle trails need to be developed to meet NRPA standards of .4 miles of off-road bicycle trails for every 1,000 residents.

17. *Describe the project's ability to preserve and enhance significant natural and cultural resources.*

The proposed trail will border over 5000 lineal feet of the soon to be constructed Reecer Creek Floodplain Restoration Project, which will reconstruct a new meandering Reecer Creek channel, create additional flood plain storage capacity, and create approximately 25 acres of the new improved natural habitat. The proposed trail will be separated from the habitat by a pedestrian handrail or fence. The trail will create great promotional opportunities for the numerous environmental groups or agencies involved in the Flood Plain Restoration Project; South Central WA RC&D, WA Department of Fish and Wildlife, Kittitas Reclamation District, Kittitas County Conservation District, the Yakama Nation, and the City of Ellensburg. The lead agency for the project is the Mid-Columbia Fisheries Enhancement Group.

18. *Describe the unique regional importance of the project*

The proposed trail provides direct connections to the above stated property, a 72 acre sports park (Rotary Park), a 117 acre regional park (Irene Rinehart Riverfront Park (IRRP)), and a 6 acre neighborhood park (West Ellensburg Park).

The north end of the proposed trail will connect to the Dolarway Road Improvements, scheduled to be completed in 2011, with its sidewalks and bike lanes, and other existing sidewalks to provide non- motorized connections to the West Interchange, historic downtown Ellensburg, Central Washington University, and numerous neighborhoods. The South end of the trail connects to an existing east-west paved trail at Renewable Park.

City of Ellensburg's Renewable Park is a pilot community renewable energy project, which provides Ellensburg residents the opportunity to invest in locally produced clean electricity. To date, local homeowners and businesses have teamed up with the City to fund the installation of 372 solar modules (70 KW) over the past three years. With the help of a Federal ARRA grant, along with the continued community support, the solar project will be doubling in size over the next two years, in addition seven small wind turbines will be added adjacent to the trail. The completed project, connects the public to Renewable Park, and promotes future public investment into renewable energy in our region.

19. *Demonstrate the need of the project by providing previous conceptual project plan dates, previous funding requests, and/or planning programs that included the project.*

As stated in the response to question 16, the proposed project is included in the City of Ellensburg's current Non Motorized Transportation Plan and the Park, the Recreation and Open Space Plan, and the Current Comprehensive Plan.

20. Are there any circumstances that could delay this project and/or are there any critical times associated with this application? (e.g., right of way acquisition, environmental documentation, other funds needed to match other applications, etc.) Does this application request sufficient funds that result in a complete and usable facility.

The City of Ellensburg is not aware of any circumstances that could delay or hinder this project. The multi-use pathway (trail) is to be constructed on top of the new setback levee. The setback levee is a part of the Floodplain Restoration Project, which is fully funded, currently out to bid, and scheduled to be completed within this calendar year of 2010.

21. Statewide Significance - Explain how this project benefits tourism, improves safety, enhances connections to regional or statewide systems? Is this project recognized as a scenic highway, on the state historic register, or on the national historic register?

The area near the West Interchange has recently been zoned to allow significant commercial development. The proposed trail will connect this future commercial and tourism growth area(recently completed hotel) to our park facilities and downtown, via sidewalks and the proposed trailway. The trail will promote and educate its many users the importance of the environment and renewable energy, via the previously discussed Floodplain Restoration Project and Renewable Park.

In addition, the trail will connect to and expand existing facilities, such as Rotary Park. As stated above, Rotary Park, has several baseball fields, which are used by the Ellensburg School District and other sports leagues for softball games, baseball games and tournaments (regional and state). Rotary Park also has several soccer fields, which support over 700 youth in the recreational soccer leagues. The sporting events, including practices, games, and tournaments taking place at these facilities, adjacent to the proposed trail result in a tremendous amount of revenue coming into Kittitas County in the form of tourism.

22. Approval/Concurrence of Submitting /Lead Agency

This project has the approval/concurrence of the submitting agency, is consistent with the agency comprehensive plan.

AGENCY COE

DATE: 7/6/2010

BY: _____
(Mayor / Chairman/Responsible Party)

23. Approval of Receiving Agency that will operate and maintain

This project has the concurrence of the agency and this agency will provide ongoing maintenance and operations for the anticipated design life of the proposed project.

AGENCY _____

DATE: 7/6/2010

BY: _____
(Mayor / Chairman)

CITY OF ELLENSBURG

Public Works Department
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Ph: (509) 962-7230 Fax: (509) 962-7127

July 6, 2010

David Heilman
Assistant Director
Grant County Public Works
124 Enterprise St. SE
Ephrata, WA 98823

RE: Transportation Enhancement Grant Application for the 'West Ellensburg Trail Project'

Dear Mr. Heilman,

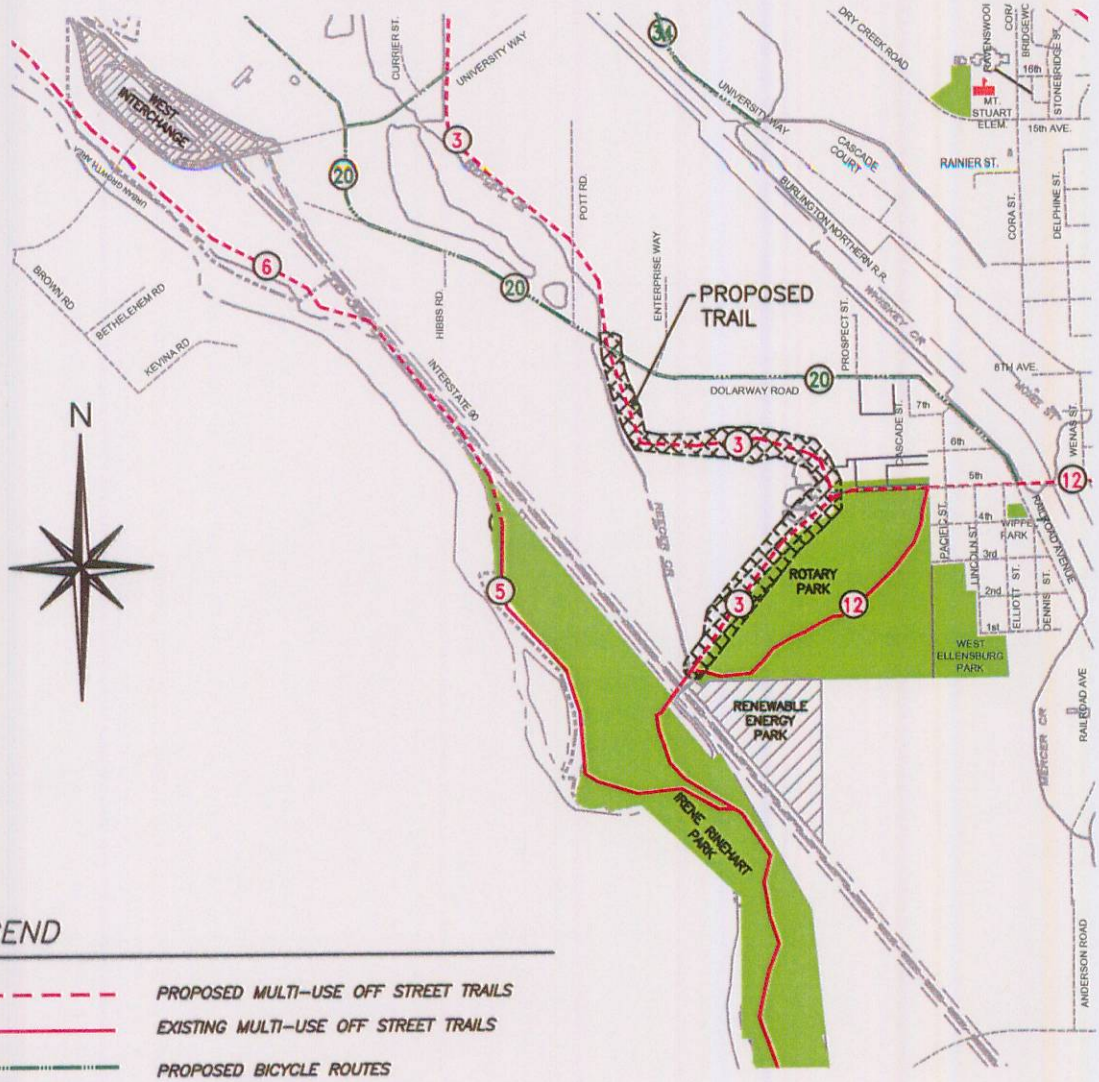
Please find enclosed a completed application and supporting documentation for the 2010 Transportation Enhancement Program, for the City of Ellensburg's 'West Ellensburg Trail Project'. The City of Ellensburg is requesting $297,500 of Enhancement funds to complete the project.

Thank you for considering this grant request. Please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any questions.

Sincerely,

John Akers, PE
Public Works Director
City of Ellensburg

CC: file #10-084



LEGEND

- PROPOSED MULTI-USE OFF STREET TRAILS
- EXISTING MULTI-USE OFF STREET TRAILS
- PROPOSED BICYCLE ROUTES
- URBAN GROWTH AREA

BICYCLE ROUTES/BIKEWAYS

MAP #	PROJECT	FROM	TO
20	DOLARWAY ROAD*	UNIVERSITY WAY	5TH AVE

*DOLARWAY IMPROVEMENTS ARE ANTICIPATED TO BE COMPLETE IN 2011. IMPROVEMENTS INCLUDE ROAD WIDENING, DEDICATED BIKE LANDS AND SIDEWALKS.

MULTI-USE OFF STREET TRAILS

MAP #	PROJECT	FROM	TO
3	WEST ELLENSBURG TRAIL	ROTARY PARK AT IRENE RINEHART RIVERFRONT PARK I-90 UNDERCROSSING	JOHN WAYNE TRAIL NEAR FAUST ROAD
5	IRENE RINEHART RIVERFRONT PARK	UMPTANUM ROAD	NORTH CAREY LAKE

PEDESTRIAN FOCUSED MULTI-USE ROUTES

12	RIVER TO RODEO TRAIL	ROTARY PARK	KITTITAS COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS

PUBLIC WORKS DIVISION
501 N. ANDERSON ST.
ELLENSBURG, WA 98926
509 962-7230

City of Ellensburg WASHINGTON

WEST ELLENSBURG TRAIL GRANT APPLICATION

DRAWN: D. MAYO

DATE: 6-25-10

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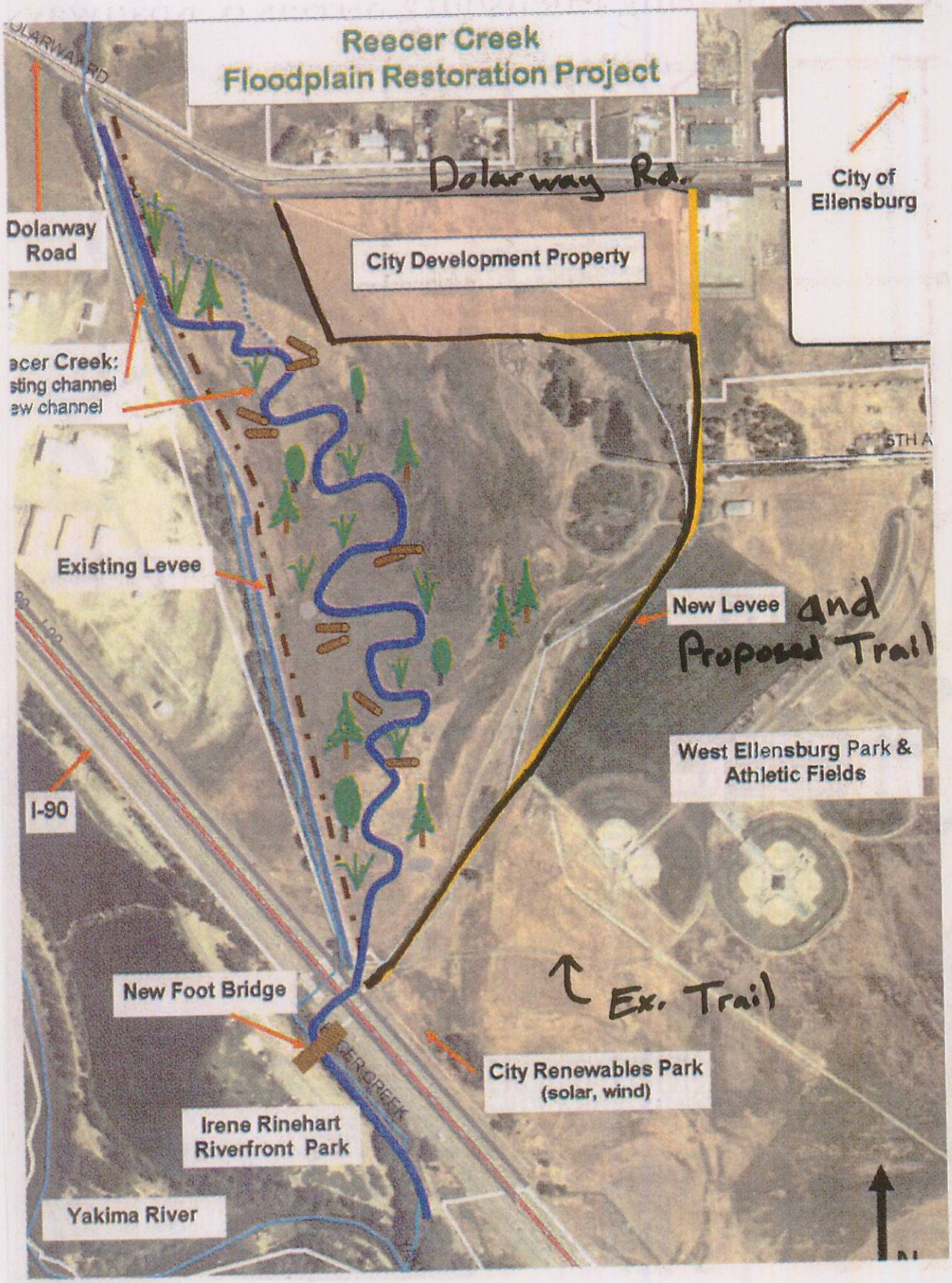
Proposed Trail


Reecer Creek
Floodplain Restoration Project
Dolarway Rd.
City of Ellensburg
Dolarway Road
City Development Property
ecer Creek:
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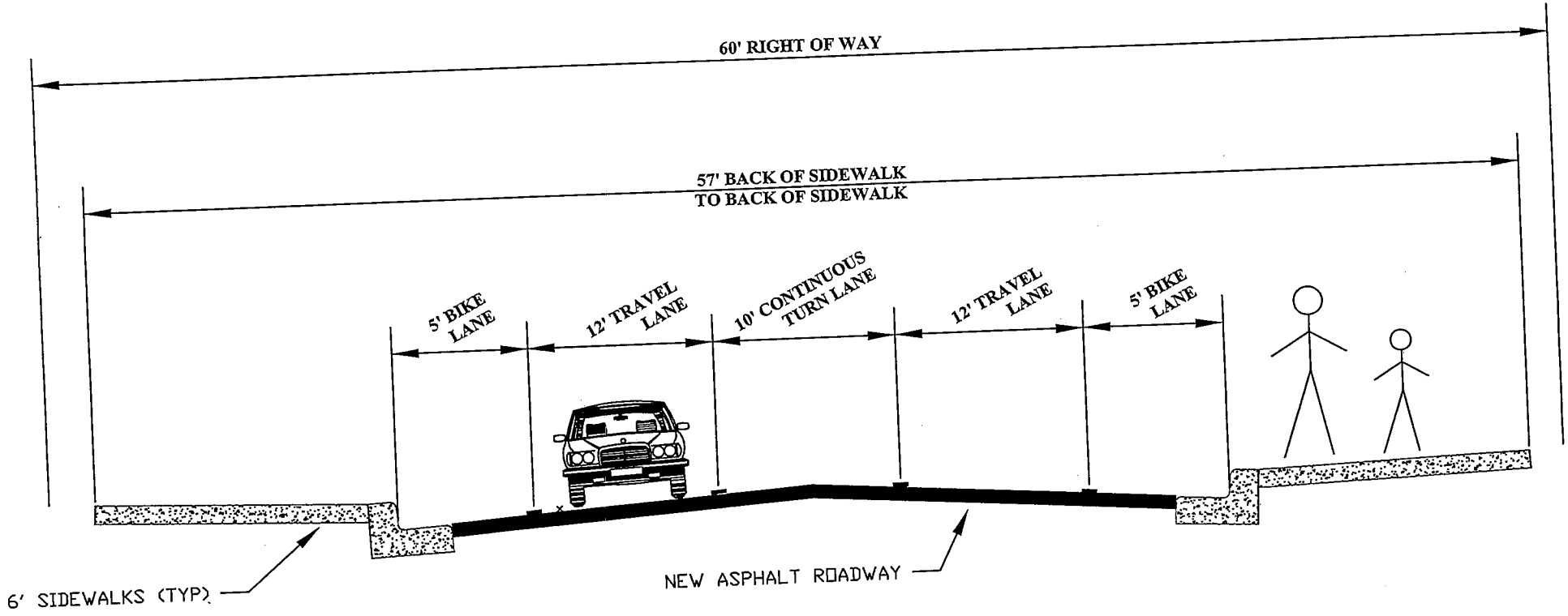
Existing Levee
New Levee
and Proposed Trail
West Ellensburg Park & Athletic Fields
I-90
New Foot Bridge
Ex. Trail
City Renewables Park (solar, wind)
Irene Rinehart Riverfront Park
Yakima River

Proposed Trail Location - Connection at 'Renewable Park'

Proposed Trail to connect to the existing trail between Rotary Park and Irene Rinehart Riverfront Park, constructed in 2009 with Transportation Enhancement funds (Trail Undercrossing of I-90 Project).

DOLARWAY ROAD (University Way to 5th Ave.)
Typical Road Section



City of Ellensburg | DOLARWAY ROAD TYP. SECTION – To Be Constructed in 2011

Mid-Columbia
FISHERIES
ENHANCEMENT
GROUP

July 2, 2010

Derek Mayo, PE
Asst. City Engineer
City of Ellensburg
501 N. Anderson Street
Ellensburg, WA 98926

Dear Mr. Mayo:

I am pleased to convey my support for the City of Ellensburg's proposal to enhance fitness and recreational opportunities in west Ellensburg. In addition to health and social benefits, a paved trail from Dolarway Road to the new I-90 trail underpass would allow area residents and visitors to observe the Reecer Creek Floodplain Restoration project as it matures on the landscape.

The Reecer Creek Floodplain Restoration project, located on city-owned property south of Dolarway Road and north of I-90, is scheduled for construction in late summer of 2010. It will include: 1) improvement of instream habitat in the northernmost 1,500 feet of Reecer Creek south of Dolarway Road; 2) creation of 3,300 feet of newly-excavated floodplain and meandering stream channel on the southern portion of the project area; 3) setback of the levee protecting West Ellensburg; and 4) intensive revegetation of the new floodplain and upland areas. A mixture of riparian trees and shrubs will be planted near the stream, and xeric grasses, shrubs, and trees will be planted in the upland area.

A critical component of the Reecer Creek Floodplain Restoration project is public education, which will be accomplished through interpretive signs, field trips, and presentations. Mid-Columbia Fisheries anticipates installing the interpretive signs along the proposed recreational trail. The signs will describe how well-functioning floodplains promote healthy salmon populations and reduced flood damage. The floodplain restoration project is highly-visible from I-90 and Dolarway Road, and we expect significant interest and curiosity in the project from passing motorists. The trail and interpretive signs will allow motorists to take a break and learn about stream restoration.

Please pass along my support of this project to the Transportation Enhancement Grant Program, and let the proposal reviewers know that I am happy to answer any questions about how the paved trail would complement the floodplain restoration project. I am also pleased to note that this proposal aligns well with a concurrent proposal by the Kittitas Environmental Education Network to improve Scenic Byway facilities in the Yakima Canyon. Eventually, area residents and visitors will benefit from a network of trails that connect the Yakima River Canyon to Iron Horse State Park. The proposed trail is a key segment in this network.

Thank you for your work in preparing this proposal; a trail along the eastern edge of the Reecer Creek Floodplain Restoration project would greatly enhance the public's access to and understanding of our restoration work.

Sincerely,

Rebecca DG Wassell

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City of Ellensburg WASHINGTON

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July 7, 2010

David Heilman
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124 Enterprise St. SE
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RE: Transportation Enhancement Grant Application for the 'West Ellensburg Trail Project'

Dear Mr. Heilman,

On behalf of the City of Ellensburg Parks & Recreation Department I would like to thank you for the opportunity to apply for Transportation Enhancement Funds for the West Ellensburg Trail Project and strongly encourage allocating funds for this much needed project.

Upon completion, the West Ellensburg Trail will build upon and connect to a network of trails covering 200 acres of developed park land, as well as 40 acres of floodplain restoration land. In a survey conducted as a part of the '2002 City of Ellensburg Park, Recreation and Open Space Plan', 54% of the respondents ranked additional trail development as a high priority need within the City of Ellensburg.

Ellensburg is home to many outstanding park facilities; however our trail system has room for improvement. The opportunity to build this first segment of the 'West Ellensburg Trail' project will be critical to expanding and connecting our network of trails, which will undoubtedly improve our quality of life as well as promote and encourage healthy lifestyles through the development of a safe non-motorized transportation system.

Please feel free to call me at the phone number below if you have any questions regarding this project.

Sincerely,

Brad Case
City of Ellensburg
Parks & Recreation Director
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