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TRANSPORTATION ENHANCEMENT
APPLICATION

- 1. Project Title East Montmorency Sidewalk Improvements
2. Lead Agency City of George
3. Contact Person Wallace Bushman Public Works Director
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Address 102 Richmond Avenue
George WA 98824
5. Does sponsoring agency have "Certification Acceptance: status from WSDOT?
6. Type of Enhancement Project:
[X] Provision of Facilities for Pedestrians and Bicycles

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 City of George anticipates placing sidewalk on the north side of East Montmorency Boulevard in order to provide a safe, ADA-compliant walking path for pedestrians and school children that frequent the north side of this street. The existing roadway has no pedestrian facilities on the north side of the street, which is where the majority of the houses on East Montmorency are located. Currently pedestrians utilize the northerly travel lane rather than crossing the street to access the recently completed sidewalk installed when Catholic Family Charities built a new 51-unit apartment complex on the south side of East Montmorency. This street is going to become more dangerous for pedestrians due to the increase in vehicular traffic caused by the new housing complex. See the attached Vicinity Map.

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 project is adjacent to a brand new low- to moderate-income apartment complex with 51 new units. Once occupancy reaches 100 percent, the population of the City will increase by approximately 30 percent.

This project will continue the revitalization to this portion of the community. It is estimated that the total project cost will \$250,000. This estimate was developed by the City's consulting engineers and is based off of their experience with designing and constructing this type of work and recent bids that were received for projects of a similar nature.

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

A sidewalk by nature promotes walking vs. driving. The City anticipates an increase of in pedestrian traffic of approximately 10 percent. The City believes that promoting the use of the sidewalk in and along the north side of East Montmorency will also reduce greenhouse gas emissions as pedestrians will walk to areas in the community that they used to drive to. Similarly, school children will be able to safely walk to George Elementary School, located on Washington Way, from their homes on East Montmorency Boulevard.

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

The expectation of the community is that this project will provide a safe walking route for residents along the project and connect this project to the rest of the community.

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

Pedestrians are currently walking in the northerly travel lane on East Montmorency Boulevard. This project will channelize pedestrian traffic to the sidewalk as well as provide ADA compliant driveway entrances and sidewalk ramps.

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

The city has an agreement with Catholic Family Charities to place sidewalk along the south side of East Montmorency Boulevard.

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

This project will add to the existing safe routes to school and make the land more appealing to future developers.

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.

This project will enhance the existing sidewalk that was installed as part of the new housing development on the south side of East Montmorency Boulevard. This project will also connect to the existing walking path on Washington Way and Royal Anne Drive that leads to George Elementary, the City Park, shopping centers, and the community center.

15. Describe how the project will enhance existing resources.

This project will extend the existing sidewalk system. Putting in new curb and gutter will channel storm water into a drainage system instead of letting the water pond up in the street causing a hazard.

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.

In the recently completed City of George Multimodal Transportation Study it was recommended that sidewalks be installed to allow pedestrians and school children a safe place to walk to access shopping, the school, and the rest of the city.

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

The City believes that the school children that will benefit from the sidewalk in and along the north side of East Montmorency are the future of the community. A sidewalk on the north side of the street will allow these school children to walk safely from their homes to George Elementary School without having to walk in the northerly travel lanes of East Montmorency Boulevard.

18. Describe the unique regional importance of the project

With the significant increase in available housing due to the Catholic Family Charities apartment complex, and its ancillary significant increase in vehicle traffic, a sidewalk system in and along the north side of East Montmorency Boulevard has made this project much more significant to the community and the 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.

With the new apartment complex nearing completion, it has thrust East Montmorency Boulevard into a position of high priority for the City and creates the need to channel pedestrian and school children off of the northerly travel lane of this street.

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.

There are no circumstances that could delay this project. This application for \$250,000 requests sufficient funds that will result in a complete and usable facility.

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 project has no state significance, however it does connect to the existing walking path that runs throughout the community and is recognized as a key element in the City's Multimodal Transportation Plan.

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 City of George

DATE: July 8, 2010

BY: Elliot Kooy
(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 City of George

DATE: July 8, 2010

BY: Elliot Kooy
(Mayor / Chairman)

TRANSPORTATION ENHANCEMENT PROGRAM

Certification Acceptance (CA) Confirmation:

Certification Acceptance (CA) is a program in which the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) delegates authority to the Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) for approving project development and construction administration on federal-aid projects. WSDOT has the option of further delegating this authority to qualified agencies. All federal-aid projects must be administered by a CA agency. Non-CA entities can apply for Transportation Enhancement funding, but they must have a CA agency sponsor the project. This sponsorship must be in place prior to applying for funds. All 39 counties in Washington State have CA status, as well as approximately 60 cities, and the six WSDOT region Local Programs offices.

Non-CA entities must have this sheet signed by the CA agency that will administer the proposed enhancement project. This signed confirmation must be included with all project proposals submitted by non-CA entities.

Non-CA Entity: City of George

Project Title: East Montmorency Sidewalk Improvements

CA Agency: Not Applicable

CA Representative

Signature: _____

Printed Name: _____

Title: _____

