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2010
TRANSPORTATION ENHANCEMENT
APPLICATION

1. Project Title Palmero Park Pathway

2. Lead Agency City of Kittitas

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(City) (State) (Zip Code)

5. Does sponsoring agency have "Certification Acceptance: status from WSDOT?"
 Yes No
If No, which agency will serve as your CA sponsor and please fill-out CA confirmation form.
Kittitas County

6. Type of Enhancement Project:

- Provision of Facilities for Pedestrians and Bicycles
- Provision of Safety and Educational Activities for Pedestrians and Bicyclists
- 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)
- 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.

This project consists of constructing a pedestrian pathway from the South end of Rainier Drive through Palmero Park to Patrick Avenue. The existing condition is an unimproved dirt path which is used by pedestrians to avoid walking along County Road 81.

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.

Currently, the Alpine and Rainier Estates housing districts are isolated from the rest of the city by Cooke Creek and the Cascade Irrigation District canal. This project will help joint this section of town to the business district and will promote more local business within the City. Also, this project will give an incentive for future housing growth as this section of town will have an additional access to the South end of town. The cities engineer has estimated this project at \$500,000 based on their experience with other similar projects in the region. The City of Kittitas is asking for \$500,000 to complete the Palmero Park Pathway.

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

This project will definitely encourage an alternative travel mode. Currently the only access to the other part of town is by using County Road 81 which is a busy roadway without any walking pathways. This project will encourage pedestrians to take this route and avoid walking along County Road 81 which is a hazardous to pedestrians that currently use it as a walking travel mode.

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 population is to provide a safe walking route for residents along the project. It is estimate that there are 270 residents living in that section of town that have no way to access the central business distric, schools, or parks without crossing a creek or walking along a dangerous road.

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

The proposed project will induce safety to pedestrians that currently use CR81 as their only source of travel by avoiding the use of CR81. CR 81 is busy roadway with narrow shoulders and steep roadside ditches which forces pedestrians to walk in the travel lanes. Since CR81 is a high traffic area, having pedestrians walking on the travel lanes creates a complex driving environment which increases the potential for collisions.

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 and its council have received frequent suggestions from the public to develop this section of the City as citizens are extremely concern about the safety of their children that must access the school and park.

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

This project will benefit tourism since it will not only enhance the aesthetics of Palmero Park but it will provide a more attractable route for people to go from one side of town to the other.

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.

The propose project will connect the South end of Rainier Drive through Palmero Park to Patrick Avenue. Please see attached map.

15. Describe how the project will enhance existing resources.

The City believes that this project will enhance existing resources, mainly the local businesses.

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.

This project meets regional transportation plans, policies, and goals, because it will improve accessibility and mobility for people, and it will reduce greenhouse gas emission

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

The proposed project will preserve natural and cultural resources by substantially reducing greenhouse gas emission which in turn will make the city more environmentally sustainable.

18. Describe the unique regional importance of the project

This project is of importance to the region mainly because it will provide safety to people and will improve the environment by reducing greenhouse gas emissions.

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.

A previous transportation improvement board application was done requesting funds for planning and design for this project. The city has acknowledged that as part of this project, there is also need to provide safety to the public therefore the City is now proceeding to submit this enhancement application in order to meet the public's safety needs.

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.

All the environmental, Right-of-Way, and other issues have been resolved as part of this project.

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?

This project will create a pedestrian pathway through Palmero Park. By doing so, it will encourage more tourism to the area. Since this pathway will connect Rainier Drive to Patrick Avenue, it will encourage pedestrian to take this as their primary route instead of walking down County Road 81.

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 Kittitas

DATE: 7/8/10

BY: [Signature]
(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: _____

BY: _____
(Mayor / Chairman)

TRANSPORTATION ENHANCEMENT PROGRAM

Certification Acceptance (CA) Confirmation:

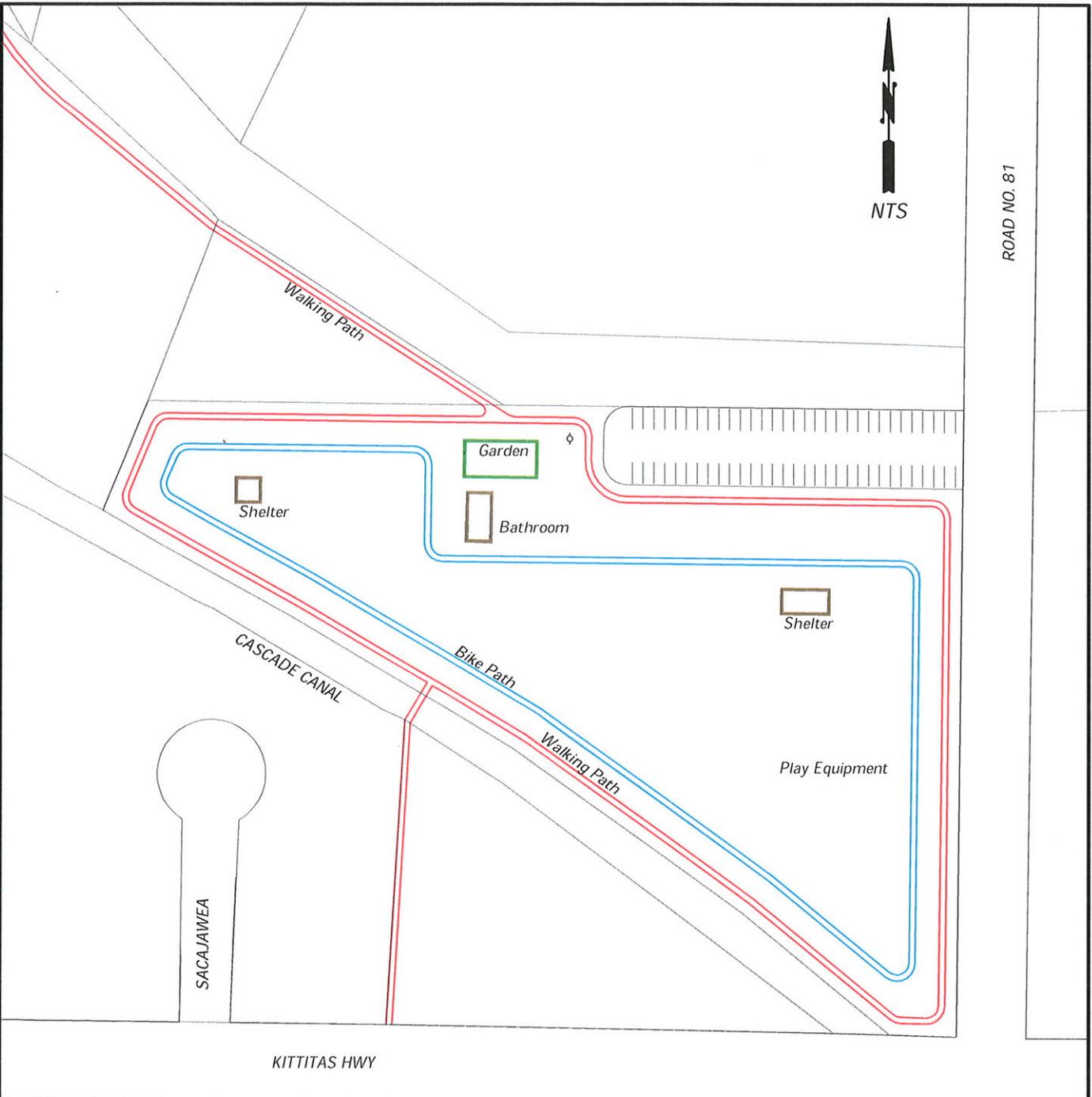
Certification Acceptance (CA) is a program in which the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) delegates authority to the Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) for approving project development and construction administration on federal-aid projects. WSDOT has the option of further delegating 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: QUADCO Enhancement 2010
Project Title: City of Kittitas
CA Agency: Kittitas County Public Works
CA Representative
Signature: 
Printed Name: Douglas P. D'Annunzio
Title: County Engineer

* BOCC will ~~to~~ approve the final agreement between KCPW & City of Kittitas. We can begin writing an agreement soon.





CITY OF KITTITAS
PARK LAYOUT



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