

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 Othello has begun the process of upgrading the major street through the Central Business District that connects the majority of the commercial businesses in town to public services. Phase 1 of Main Street project includes the resurfacing of Main Street, new sidewalks where necessary, all of the conduit that will be needed to hook up the proposed decorative lighting system, and the water services that will be needed to water the trees and plants that will be part of this project. Phase 2 (this project) will provide the decorative lighting system and landscaping in and along each block of Main Street from Broadway Avenue to 14th Avenue for downtown revitalization and beautification. See the attached 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 City of Othello has a few empty lots and a few empty buildings along Main Street, the communities Central Business District. By providing a much more attractive downtown area, the City will attract more businesses and developers to the area hoping to capitalize on the draw that these improvements will create for shoppers and tourists. It is estimated that the City could see a 10 percent increase in pedestrian traffic due to this project which would be equal to an increase in income of approximately \$4,000 per day. These improvements will cost \$380,000, which is what the City is requesting at this time. 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

With the downtown revitalization that these beautification improvements will initiate, it will encourage pedestrians to walk more to look at the new improvements instead of driving up and down Main Street. It is estimated that pedestrian traffic could increase as much as 15 percent.

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

The expectation would be to have a safe, appealing walkway system for pedestrians to utilize that the local citizens could be proud of. This project would also promote the use of public facilities along Main Street such as City Hall, the Library, Pioneer Park, Adams County Public Works Development Center, and the Columbia Basin Health District, as well as enhance the use of the private businesses along the route.

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

This project will create additional lighting in and along Main Street in areas that the existing luminaries at select intersections do not cover. An increase in effective lighting will improve safety for pedestrians as well as vehicles and reduce the potential for future accidents.

By correcting the sidewalk deficiencies along Main Street all of the tripping hazards will be eliminated, every corner along Main Street will have ADA-compliant ramps, and new traffic signals and crosswalks will be provided all as part of Phase I of this project that the City has already undertaken.

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 is committed to completing this project. Recently, the City received \$50,000 from the Adams County Development Council to begin the planning for the Main Street project. In addition the City will pay for the costs of Phase 1 (\$4,748,000) from its own funds. The City estimates that with its existing funding partner, they will have provided approximately 93 percent of the total project cost, leaving \$380,000 (7 percent of the total project cost) for funding from other source(s).

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

This project will allow downtown Othello to become destination place, which will enable more businesses to start up in support of tourism. It is estimated that a 10 percent increase in tourism will occur due to the City's efforts to revitalize and beautify its downtown corridor.

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 directly connects the sidewalks in and along Main Street to the City's walking path throughout the community.

15. Describe how the project will enhance existing resources.

The City believes that its Central Business District and downtown corridor, together with the new sidewalks, decorative lighting system, and landscaping is a resource to draw new businesses and tourists to downtown Othello. By enhancing this resource it benefits the city and local business.

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 Main Street project has been included in the City's Six Year Transportation Improvement Program.

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

In the Cities ongoing efforts to reduce or eliminate greenhouse gas emissions, the new sidewalks, decorative lights, and trees will promote more walking and less driving. The new lights will be energy efficient in comparison to the existing luminaries at select street corners.

18. Describe the unique regional importance of the project

Improved sidewalks, decorative lights, and landscaping will enhance the appeal of the City's Central Business District and allow the City to continue to draw tourists from throughout the region as well as attract new businesses to Main Street, which will create new jobs and stimulate the economy.

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.

In 2009, the City received \$50,000 from the Adams County Development Council to initiate planning and design for the Main Street project. In 2010, the City completed design of Phase 1 of the Main Street project. The City has subsequently secured financing for Phase 1 (\$4,748,000) and began construction in July 2010. Phase 2 will continue the beautification of the Central Business District by providing decorative street lights and landscaping in and along Main 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 \$380,000 includes 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?

Main Street in Othello is strategically located so that tourists that frequent the area will utilize Main Street on a continual basis, whether they are in the community for the regional Sandhill Crane Festival, traveling the Coulee Corridor that has its southerly terminus in Othello, or passing through to enjoy the many recreational activities available to this region on a year-round basis.

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 Othello

DATE: 7.8.10

BY: Ken Johnson Mayor Pro Temp.
(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 Othello

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(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 Othello

Project Title: MAIN STREET BEAUTIFICATION IMPROVEMENTS

CA Agency: Adams County

CA Representative
Signature: W-A John

Printed Name: William Johns

Title: Adams County Engineer



EL 68 CANAL

EXISTING WALKING PATH

Othello Hospital

Lions Park

Hanatha Elementary School

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TREES
DECORATIVE LIGHTS



CITY OF OTHELLO
MAIN STREET BEAUTIFICATION IMPROVEMENTS
VICMAP



Gray & Osborne, Inc.
CONSULTING ENGINEERS

PROJECT LOCATION

City Fire Dept
Public Works Bldg

Kanary

Pioneer Park

Othello High School

Triangle Park

BURLINGTON NORTHERN RAILROAD