QUADCO REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ORGANIZATION

Application for SFY12/13 UPWP Transportation Planning Project Funding

Due: 3:00 p.m. March 18, 2011 - To Be AT LEAD AGENCY (not postmarked)

Applications can be submitted by single signed hard copy by mail, OR signed copy (signature in colored ink) scanned in PDF format and submitted by email to: dpohle@co.grant.wa.us

Applications must be Signed by Appropriate Agency Representatives

(NO Faxed Copies shall be accepted)

Agency Name: Town of Odessa

Project Name: Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Evaluation and Mitigation Plan

Road/Street Name: N/A

Location Map Included ☑ Yes ☐ No

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The Town of Odessa intends to create an Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Evaluation and Mitigation Plan. The ADA states that a public entity must reasonably modify its policies, practices, or procedures to avoid discrimination against people with disabilities. The Town Council has identified this need and is seeking to act on their stated Council action.

The overall intent is to identify the barriers that are in town to ADA movement and then prepare a mitigation plan along with cost estimates for the mitigation. Barriers would include sidewalks (bad, narrow, too steep, none); barriers such as bridges without sidewalks; lack of ramps or detectable warning strips; and crosswalks improperly striped or not striped at allThis will assist the Town of Odessa, its Town Council, and staff in developing barrier removal solutions that will facilitate the opportunity of access to all individuals. The report will create a priority list of recommended improvements along with the cost estimates for the various projects and mapping of the routes and remediation options.

The analysis will involve a "Sounding Board" type focus group committee that will include both agency staff and citizen representation. The group will meet during analysis and again after the public meetings. It is anticipated that two public meetings will be held, in conjunction with regularly scheduled council meetings. This will allow quick council approvals as needed.

The final bound report can then be used as a basis for additional funding applications or budgeting needs.

Total Project Cost: $ 16,500.00

BENEFITS TO REGIONAL SYSTEM

Transportation System Operation and Safety

1. HOW DOES THE PROPOSED STUDY PROVE TO BENEFIT IN THE SOUND, EFFECTIVE, AND SAFE OPERATION OF THE TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM?

The removal/mitigation of pedestrian barriers has benefits beyond ADA compliance. By providing a planned network of sidewalks, pathways, WSDOT and ADA compliant curb ramps, and well marked crossings; overall safety of the Town's transportation systems will be increased. It is anticipated that the existing sidewalk system will have upgrades as part of the overall plan. This strategic replacement will benefit all ages of the community who currently have to negotiate segments of sidewalk that have tripping and falling hazards or ramps that do not allow for a smooth transition to the roadway crossings. In some cases there are no sidewalks along popular pedestrian routes forcing pedestrians, including the elderly and school children to walk in the street. The overall plan will identify the most used pedestrian routes, in coordination with the Town's overall 6 and 20-year transportation plans. This will allow for efficient and effective development of ADA compliant routes to provide safe walking and wheelchair access while not impeding vehicle traffic.

These routes will seek to link many facilities and points of interest within the Town. The routes will provide a viable alternative to driving within the Town to access the library, Town Hall, hospital, school, athletic fields, shopping and restaurants. Many of the routes currently have gaps in the pedestrian facilities that do not provide a safe or reliable path. This plan will identify these gaps and associated upgrades in order to provide this link.

Supporting Livable Communities

2. HOW DOES THE PROPOSED STUDY PROVE TO BENEFIT THE TRANSPORTATION INFRASTRUCTURE NEEDS OF THE REGION'S MAJOR SOURCES OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT?

Livable communities provide welcoming options to both residents and visitors alike. Accessible walking routes encourage vehicle traffic to stop and explore on foot. This will increase foot traffic through the downtown core and the businesses along the route. Increased business opportunities can have the added effect of reinforcing the downtown as a viable place work and do business within the Town of Odessa. The ability to move large amounts of foot traffic is no more important than the third weekend in September when Odessa plays host to Deutschesfest. This event significantly impacts the economical viability of the community by bringing thousands of people to Odessa. Having an ADA accessible walking route will add to the overall experience for visitors. A pleasant first experience tends to lead to repeat visits.

Residents will benefit from this type of planning by being provided a healthy and safe alternative to driving. An ADA accessibility plan can be tied in with other programs to provide this choice for residents. For example Safe Routes to Schools shares the vision of reliable, unimpeded routes for pedestrian traffic to school coupled with an educational program for fitness.

Enhanced Mobility

3. HOW DOES THE PROPOSED STUDY PROVE TO BENEFIT INCREASED TRAVEL OPTIONS, EASY CONNECTIONS, AND/OR REDUCE DELAYS FOR PEOPLE AND GOODS?

By their very nature dedicated pedestrian routes provide a safe and healthy alternative to driving. Many times, in smaller communities it is quicker to walk to school or the market. By providing an ADA complicate route with updated sidewalks, new curb ramps, and increased signing and striping the overall experience becomes more inviting to all the citizens including the elderly and disabled. Increased foot traffic by residents can have the added benefit of decreasing local traffic at peak times of the day which increases capacity for regional through traffic.

Investment Value, Local Support, Multi-jurisdictional Coordination, & Partnerships

4. HOW DOES THE PROPOSED STUDY DEMONSTRATE A COST-EFFECTIVE MANNER TO ACHIEVE A VIABLE SOLUTION TO A POTENTIAL OR RECOGNIZED PROBLEM? (ATTACH LETTERS OF LOCAL SUPPORT, COLLABORATIVE DECISION MAKING BETWEEN JURISDICTIONS AND PARTNERS, AND HOW THE STUDY COSTS WILL BE USED TOWARDS THE REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN. LIST SOURCES OF ALL FUNDS THAT WILL BE USED, INCLUDING THOSE FROM PARTNERSHIPS).

Projects coming out this study will show residents and visitors the economic viability of smaller communities such as Odessa. Drawing in visitors will help to develop and sustain all manner of business within the community. The plan will require the coordination of many facets of the community including Town staff, Chamber of Commerce, the School District, and community focus groups.

Having inviting communities within the region will foster economic growth in many communities. Odessa is striving to be a leader in this movement which will have a noted benefit throughout the region. This plan will create a prioritized list of projects within the Town. Having this list will allow Odessa to seek critical financing options for the most important items. Projects will be identified based on most pressing need with coordination on a regional level. This level of planning will ensure that any and all improvements benefit the Town and the region as a whole. This is an important step as regional funding may be sought in addition to sources such as TIB, Safe Routes to Schools, WSDOT Local Programs, Town, etc.

CERTIFICATION IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE INFORMATION PROVIDED IS ACCURATE AND ALL INFORMATION IS COMPLETE AND INCLUDED AS PART OF THE APPLICATION

Date: 3-17-11

SIGNATURE OF AUTHORIZED MEMBER AGENCY REPRESENTATIVE — TITLE: Mayor

SIGNATURE OF MEMBER AGENCY OFFICIAL RESPONSIBLE FOR ADMINISTRATION — TITLE: Clerk-Treas

MEMBER AGENCY: Town of Odessa

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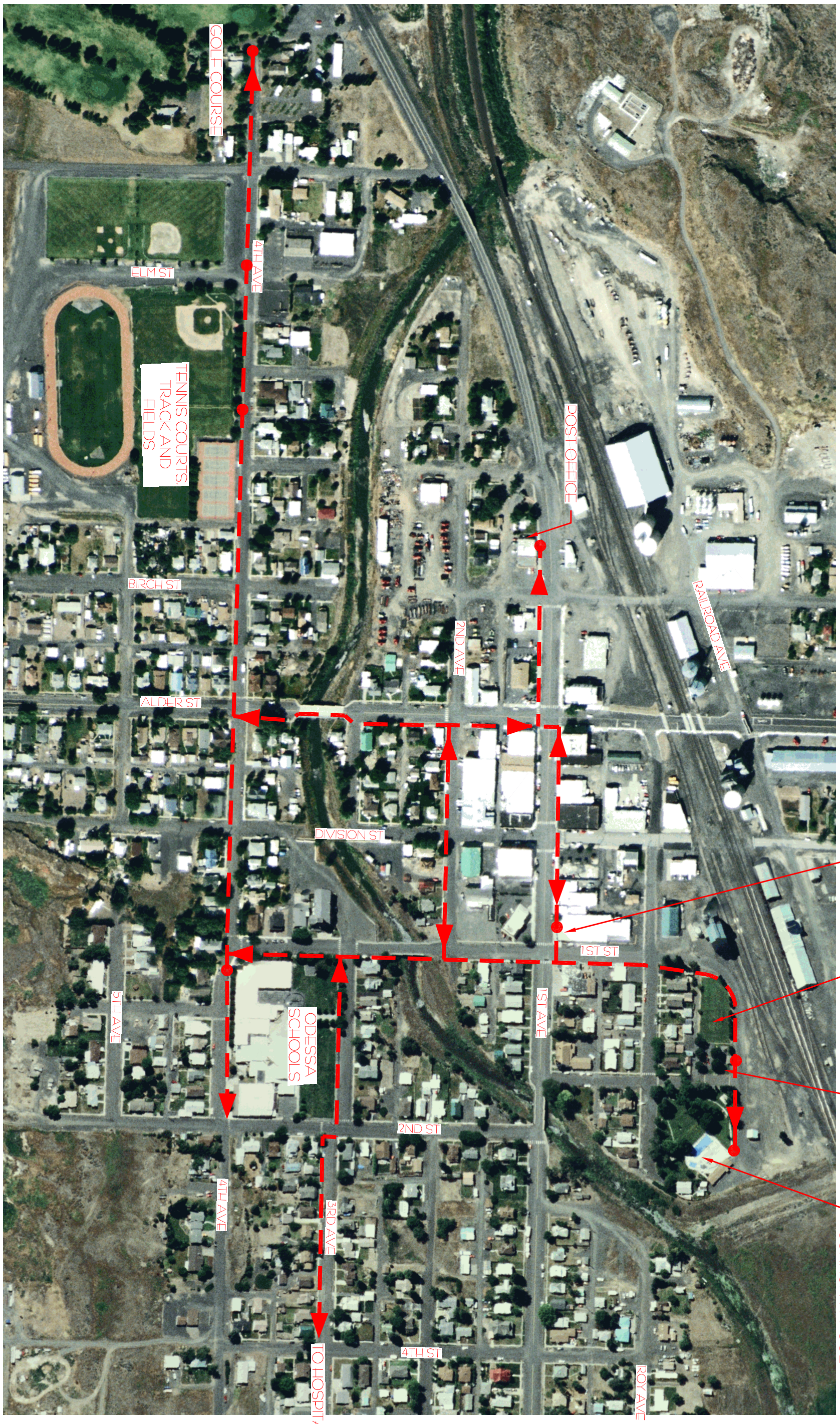

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POTENTIAL PEDESTRIAN ACCESS ROUTES

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EX1

TRIPPING HAZARD

FAILING CONCRETE DRIVE ENTRANCE

TRUNCATED DOMES

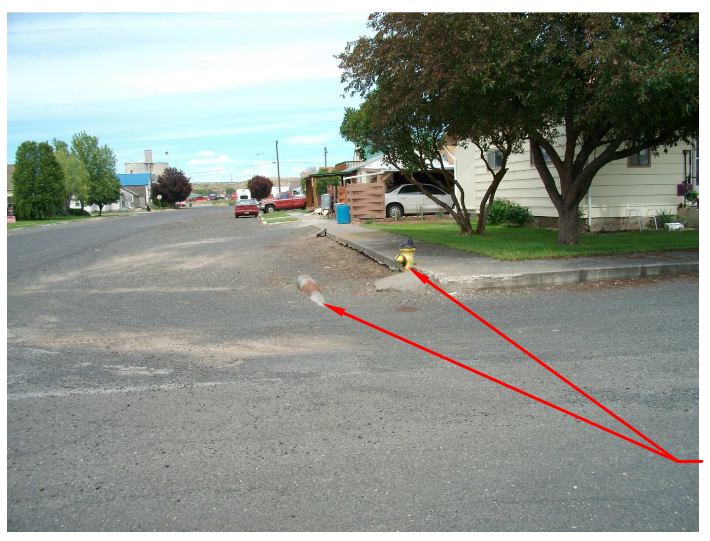
NEW ADA COMPLAINT PEDESTRIAN RAMP
WITH YELLOW TRUNCATED DOMES

UNPAVED PATH BECOMES MUDDY AND
UNUSABLE NEAR SCHOOL

STOP SIGN

CROSSWALK

VISIBLE PAVEMENT MARKINGS AND SIGNAGE
IMPLEMENTED WITH NEW PEDSTRIAN FACILITIES



OBSTRUCTIONS

NO ADA RAMPS,
OBSTRUCTIONS IN WALKWAY,
LACK OF PAVEMENT MARKING AND SIGNAGE

NEW DRIVEWAY ENTRANCE WITH DEPRESSED TRAFFIC CURB
AND ADA COMPLIANT SLOPES, GATE INSTALLED TO CONTROL
ACCESS AND PROTECT PEDESTRIANS NEAR SCHOOL

Sheet EX2

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