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TRANSPORTATION ENHANCEMENT
APPLICATION

1. Project Title John Wayne Pioneer Trail Reconnect Route
2. Lead Agency City of Ellensburg
3. Contact Person Ryan Lvyski City Engineer
(Name) (Title)
4. Phone: 509-962-7230
- Email: lvyskir@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?"
 Yes No
If No, which agency will serve as your CA sponsor and please fill-out CA confirmation form.
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 (*Segment of a reconnection route for a historic railway*)
 - 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.

The proposed project will construct a segment of the six-mile John Wayne Pioneer Trail (JWPT) Reconnect route, extending a section that has recently been constructed. The project will construct 400 lineal feet of the trail, including a bridge crossing over the Cascade Irrigation Canal, and 600 lineal feet of concrete sidewalk. This project will construct the trail through one of the project barriers of the entire reconnect project.

When completed, the JWPT Reconnection route will be a six-mile loop trail around northern Ellensburg, creating an urban greenway connecting to the farmlands, canyons, mountains and forests of Kittitas County. This loop will bridge the last gap in the JWPT between North Bend and Columbia River in Vantage, a stretch of over 113 miles.

The trail is envisioned as a safe walking, cross-country skiing, jogging, bicycling and horseback riding path that will link Ellensburg residents, and visitors, to some of the best feature of the City and Kittitas Valley.

The trail will also 'reconnect' the Cross-State John Wayne Pioneer Trail which currently ends on the east and west edges of the City of Ellensburg. This has been a missing link for trail users since the trail was created in the 1980's. Surfacing will include paved and unpaved surfaces to accommodate the diversity of users. Landscaping and buffering will be used to enhance the experience of the trail user and neighbors and to buffer them from the surrounding land uses.

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 Cross-State John Wayne Pioneer Trail has over 250,000 people each year use segments of the trail. Users of the trail in Eastern Washington frequently by-pass the trail through Ellensburg due to the fact the trail terminates on both the east and west side of the City. By connecting the trail we encourage people to continue to stay on the trail thru Ellensburg.

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

As the Ellensburg population continues to grow, the residential development will continue to be focused in the northern part of the City. Because of this, there will be a demand for non-motorized transportation systems to create corridors for bicyclists and pedestrians to get from their residences to schools, grocery stores, parks, churches and their neighbors. Many of the neighborhoods are inhabited by families or Central Washington University students, both of these populations are very mobile and will without a doubt utilize the trail to visit friends, travel to and from school, or to simply take a walk, run or bike ride. The trail will also promote horseback and/or horse and carriage modes of travel as the JWPT connects to the Washington State Horse Park in Roslyn. In addition the JWPT Reconnection system provides a suitable surface (asphalt and gravel) for any type of non-motorized transportation.

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

The JWPT Reconnect trail link is one of the more anticipated trails regionally and potentially statewide as this 6-mile trail loop will bridge the last gap of the JWPT which extends from North Bend and the Columbia River in Vantage, a stretch of 113 miles. This proposed segment of the JWPT Reconnect will connect the Alder Street Park site, a growing residential neighborhood, and CWU property and encourage non-motorized transportation.

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 John Wayne 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.

This trail segment, the sidewalk extension, and the overall 6-mile JWPT Reconnect Route will provide a multi-use pathway for use by pedestrians, bicyclists, strollers, horseback, and other non-motorized modes of travel, thus drastically improving safety by separating the motorized and non-motorized modes of travel. The proposed improvements will help remove or reduce the non-motorized public from Alder Street (Minor Arterial) and Sanders Road (Major Collector).

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 of Ellensburg, Central Washington University, State Parks & Recreation Commission and Kittitas County have all identified in their respective comprehensive plans the importance and need for the reconnection of the JWPT through the City of Ellensburg.

The proposed reconnection has been a part of numerous public meetings, including city comprehensive plan meetings, City of Ellensburg Parks & Recreation Commission Meetings, Kittitas County comprehensive plan meetings, State Parks & Recreation Committee meetings and at least 20 meetings of the JWPT Steering Committee. Completing the cross-state trail is a priority of Washington State Parks and is one of the 100 projects listed as a priority in its Centennial 2013 Plan. Therefore, re-connecting the trail at Ellensburg is vital to the agency's vision of completing the cross-state trail by its centennial in 2013.

This project is unique in the fact that the proposed reconnection trail falls on University, City, County, and private land; as well as being a part of the bigger picture state wide trail managed by State Parks. In light of this, the committee members felt it would be necessary to adopt a Charter agreement that binds the above mentioned agencies together to help promote and assist in the completion of the trail. The Charter agreement is signed by the President of CWU, Mayor of Ellensburg, Kittitas County Commissioner, and Deputy Director of the Washington State Parks & Recreation Commission, and was formally adopted in October 2003.

The tremendous support for this much needed project has led the production of the John Wayne Pioneer Trail Reconnection Study which was completed in September of 2001. Included in the 73 page report are the

plans for trail corridor acquisition, an operation and maintenance plan, costs breakdown for acquisition and development, and trail description and portrayal. In addition to the Study, a Committee was formed in 2000 comprised of representatives from the City, County, State, University, as well as private land owners along the corridor, liaisons from special interest groups and the general public. The committee's function is to look for opportunities for acquisitions along the corridor, develop the details and operational discussions and agreements for all parties, provide support to any agency or organization participating in the application of grants, provide public or private cooperation to aid in the development, maintenance, or operation of the trail, and to stay informed and advocate support of the trail with City, University, County, and Commission capital projects.

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

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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 JWPT Reconnection Route will serve as a link for Central Washington University students who live off campus and walk to campus, a safe walkway for kids to access their local elementary schools, a conduit from neighborhood to neighborhood (absence of a grid system), an easy way for north end residents to access no less than 7 neighborhood parks, a connection to the Kittitas Valley Memorial Pool & Fitness Center and the Kittitas County Fairgrounds, provide access to Bowers Airport and the neighboring industrial park, as well as provide a safe place for people to recreate, CWU athletic teams and citizens presently have to run/bike/walk on heavily used streets which pose a serious safety risk to both pedestrians and vehicles.

15. *Describe how the project will enhance existing resources.*

The proposed trail and sidewalk segment will provide immediate safe connectivity to an existing segment of the JWPT Reconnect route, direct pathway connection to the Alder Street Park site, which is set for construction in 2010, CWU property, and an expanding residential neighborhood. When the entire JWPT Reconnect route is complete the JWPT will connect North Bend to Vantage with a separated trail for multiple non-motorized uses.

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 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. Even more miles of equestrian trails, 16.5 miles, are needed to meet those same standards. Ellensburg currently offers less than 1 mile of off-road bicycle trails and less than half a mile of equestrian trails.

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

The proposed trail segment is a significant part of the JWPT Reconnect Route, which will complete the only missing segment of the 113 mile long trail connecting North Bend to Vantage. The John Wayne Pioneer Trail preserves the pioneer route that has existed since the late 1800's. The trail cross section includes a paved trail width (hard surfacing) for pedestrians and bicyclists and gravel trail width (soft surfacing) for horses and wagons. The JWPT will also provide a horseback connection between the Washington State Horse Park in Roslyn to the Kittitas County Fair and Rodeo grounds.

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

The importance of this project is twofold, first and foremost it provides a valuable link in our community between much of the City's residential development and core services. The six mile long reconnect trail also completes the last missing link in the 113 mile stretch of trail between North Bend and Vantage.

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.*

The JWPT Reconnect Route was identified in the 2002 Park, Recreation & Open Space Plan for the City of Ellensburg, which was adopted by reference into the City of Ellensburg's Comprehensive Plan. The project is also highlighted in the current City of Ellensburg Non-Motorized Transportation Plan and included in the Quad County Regional Transportation Plan.

The JWPT Reconnect Route is unique in the fact that the proposed reconnection trails falls on Central Washington University, City of Ellensburg, and Kittitas County land and is part of the bigger picture state wide trail managed by State Parks. As previously stated, a Charter Agreement has been executed between the above mentioned agencies to promote and assist in the completion of the trail.

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 proposed trail segment will be constructed on a permanent trail easement that the property owner will donate to the project, see enclosed Letter of Support/Right of Way Donation letter from Steve Willard, Trademark Corporation.

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 JWPT Reconnect Route has significant statewide importance as it re-completes the established pioneer route across Washington State. Currently the 113 mile trail breaks between the East and West borders of

Ellensburg. The proposed reconnect route will close this gap of the widely used trail. By connecting the trail, this will encourage those 250,000 annual users to pass through and/or visit the City of Ellensburg.

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: [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: 7/6/2010
BY: [Signature]
(Mayor / Chairman)



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Public Works Department
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July 6, 2010

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

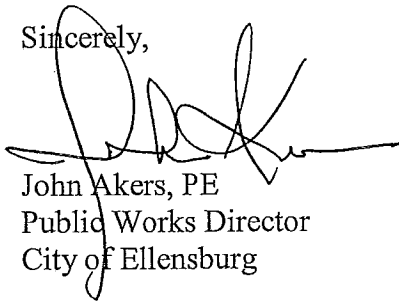
RE: Transportation Enhancement Grant Application for the 'John Wayne Trail Reconnect Route Project'

Dear Mr. Heilman,

Please find enclosed a completed application and supporting documentation for the 2010 Transportation Enhancement Program, for the City of Ellensburg's 'John Wayne Trail Reconnect Route Project'. The City of Ellensburg is requesting \$292,750 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 #10-083

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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
24	ALDER STREET	CAMP GROUNDS NORTH ENTRANCE	AIRPORT
27	BIRCHLANDERS RD	WHEELBOY PARK	ALDER ST
57	WELSH AVE	W/ NEAR CORA ST	W/ NEAR ALDER
59	REVERA RD	AIRPORT RD	REVERA GREEN RD

MULTI-USE OFF STREET TRAILS

MAP #	PROJECT	FROM	TO
1	JOHN WAYNE TRAIL-FROM HORSE STATE PARK	ALDER CITY LIGHTS	12TH AVE
2	JOHN WAYNE TRAIL-TO COMBUSTION	W/ NEAR CORA STREET	W/ @ FARMHOUSE

PUBLIC WORKS DIVISION
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JWPT RECONNECT TRAIL GRANT APPLICATION

DRAWN: O. MAYO DATE: 6-25-10



Existing Portion of JWPT Reconnect - Proposed To Be Extended



John Wayne Trall - Cross State Ride being escorted through Ellensburg due to the missing link of the JWPT.

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June 23, 2010

Derek Mayo
City of Ellensburg Public Works Dept.
501 No. Anderson St.
Ellensburg WA 98926

*re: Right of Way Dedication
John Wayne Trail
Grant Application*

Dear Derek:

I served on the John Wayne Trail Reconnection Route Committee. I also currently serve on the City of Ellensburg Non-Motorized Transportation Committee. I support the work of both projects and am pleased to have an opportunity to comment on this grant application.

A missing link to the John Wayne Trail exists in Ellensburg. I served on the committee to restore the missing link. The reconnection route was established over ten years ago and construction of trail segments on the reconnection route have commenced. This effort is truly a public-private partnership. The reconnection right-of-way extends through Central Washington University, Kittitas County Airport (Bowers Field) and private lands. The State of Washington Parks Department, City of Ellensburg Parks Department, Kittitas County Parks Department are all to be involved in interlocal efforts for the establishment and maintenance of this reconnection. On completion, the John Wayne Trail will exist uninterrupted across the entire state. It is currently used by thousands of state, county, and city residents.

The John Wayne Trail not only preserves the east/west pioneer route that has existed before statehood for all state residents, but also serves many location functions. The trail provides important non-motorized functions, including hard surface for pedestrians and bicycles; soft surface for horses and wagon trains which travel the trail each year. In part, the trail provides a horseback connection locally between the Washington State Horse Park at Roslyn to the Kittitas County Fair and Rodeo grounds. Given its path through the University, it contributes to Central Washington University's objective of "Gown to Town" connections to provide a connection from the University to the central business district of the City of Ellensburg. The trail segment included in this grant helps to complete an off-road trail that can be used by CWU athletic teams who currently have few off-road opportunities to do athletic road work training safely.

Since walking for pleasure is one of the highest incident modes of outdoor recreation, this trail segment provides a scenic, landscaped, and safe route for city residents and students given its proximity to the central City and University. This segment is less than ½ mile to Central Washington University and central business district. The Non-Motorized Committee of the City of Ellensburg has successfully obtained funding from the city for many bicycle programs including sharrow painting on bicycle route streets to which this trail connects at many points.

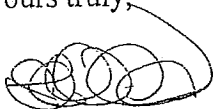
The trail route passes through the Sanders Mill neighborhood which was originally part of the pioneer ranch land ownership of Karl Sanders. Sanders Road, which this trail segment borders, was part of the pioneer Sanders' estate.

The John Wayne Trail, in providing a separation of automobiles and the non-motorized transport modes of cycling and walking, goes a long way to improve safety for the community, the University students and athletes, and all statewide trail users. The John Wayne Trail is adjacent and connected to the new Alder Street City Park and Central Washington University athletic fields.

Of greatest importance is the timely completion of portions of the reconnection route of the John Wayne Trail before right-of-ways become unavailable. Kittitas County and Central Washington University have committed as public participants of this partnership to dedicate strategically located right-of-ways. I personally own the property over which this segment of trail is proposed. As a part of this private-public partnership, I commit to dedicate a permanent easement for this trail right-of-way.

I respectfully request your favorable consideration and priority for this 2010 Transportation Enhancement Grant application.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Steve Willard", with a large, loopy flourish extending from the end of the signature.

Steve Willard

cc: John Akers
Brad Case
Mike Smith

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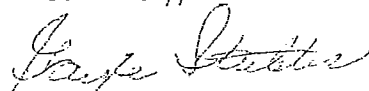
re: City of Ellensburg Transportation Grant
John Wayne Trail

Dear Mr. Mayo:

The Sanders Mill community is currently populated with 600 people and ultimately will be over 2000 residents. Sanders Mill is bordered on two sides by Central Washington University. Sanders Mill includes housing for three hundred students in Timothy Park and will probably contain additional housing for students due to its adjacency to Central Washington University. The John Wayne Trail reconnection route passes through the Sanders Mill community and is adjacent to the new Alder Street Park. The Sanders Mill Homeowners' Association supports the construction of the John Wayne Trail to give residents and the walking and cycling public a safe off-street route through our community. We are especially excited about the fact that the John Wayne Trail also is a horse and wagon train route.

We support your favorable consideration of the City of Ellensburg Transportation Enhancement Grant for work on the John Wayne Trail.

Yours truly,



Gayle Stubbs

Secretary to Agent

Sanders Mill Homeowners' Association



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July 7, 2010

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RE: Transportation Enhancement Grant Application for the 'John Wayne Pioneer Trail Reconnect Route 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 John Wayne Pioneer Trail Reconnection Route Project and strongly encourage allocating funds for this much needed project.

Ellensburg has the somewhat dubious distinction of being home to last remaining missing link in the John Wayne Pioneer Trail between North Bend and the Columbia River. Not only will the completion of the 'Reconnection Route' complete the cross-state trail, but it will also connect residents living in new residential developments north of town, as well as Central Washington University, to the historic downtown district, the Kittitas County Fairgrounds, medical services, schools, as well as many of our park facilities.

Much of the planning work associated with the Reconnection Route was finished in 2001 through the development of the John Wayne Pioneer Trail Reconnection Study, completed Barker Landscape Architects. The study identified the preferred trail route, established trail width, provides a landscaping plan along with site amenities, and most importantly brought together both public and private landowners whose properties border the trail route and developed consensus among those owners regarding trail development. Because this planning work has already been completed, the City is in the position to develop the trail upon funding becoming available.

Due to the scope and cost of the 6-mile Reconnection Route, the City recognizes the importance of being able to build the trail in segments. Our grant application through the 'Transportation Enhancement Fund' program is an important step in completing this much anticipated project.

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Brad Case".

Brad Case
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Parks & Recreation Director
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