

Federal Grant Application Request  
**Oregon Parks and Recreation Department**  
Historic Columbia River Highway State Trail

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**Analyst:** Krista McDowell

**Request:** Approve the submission of a federal grant application to the United States Department of Transportation National Infrastructure Investment Grant Program in the amount of \$5,600,000; to complete a 5.7 mile segment of the Historic Columbia River Highway State Trail.

**Recommendation:** Approve the request

**Analysis:** The Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery, (TIGER) Discretionary Grant program provides an opportunity for the U.S. to invest in road, rail, transit and port projects that promise to achieve critical national objectives. The Oregon Parks & Recreation Department (OPRD) is requesting permission to apply for the grant in the amount of \$5,600,000. The department was notified of this grant in May 2013 and the application is due June 3, 2013.

If this competitive grant is awarded, the project will bring Oregon closer to reconnecting the segments of the Historic Columbia River Highway as a trail envisioned in ORS 366.551; which states *the Legislative Assembly declares that it is the public policy of the State of Oregon to preserve and restore the continuity and historic integrity of the remaining segments of the Historic Columbia River Highway for public use and enjoyment.*

Grant funds will be used in cooperation between OPRD and Oregon Department of Transportation to continue work to restore portions of this scenic highway that was significantly damaged by dam construction in the 1930's and freeway construction in the 1960's and 70's. (See attached map) When the entirety of the restoration is complete the State Trail is expected to be a world class destination for hikers and cyclists.

Grants under the program typically require a match with non-federal dollars; however this project qualifies for 100% federal funding due to the rural location of the proposed trail that will connect Wyeth Trailhead with Viento State Park. Construction of the specified trail section is scheduled to begin in 2015 and be completed in 2016.

The decision for fund award selection will be made in the Fall of 2013 and funds are scheduled to be awarded in September 2014. After this grant funding has been exhausted subsequent work related to the completion of the Historic Columbia River Highway will continue through other grant applications; total costs associated with the entirety of the restoration effort are estimated to be \$19 million. There is no known opposition to the proposed work. No additional positions will be created to complete this work.

If the grant is awarded and additional expenditure limitation is necessary, a budget adjustment can be made in the 2014 Legislative Session or during the Interim.

The Legislative Fiscal Office recommends approval of the request.

**Motion: I move the Oregon Parks and Recreation Department federal grant application request to the full Joint Committee on Ways and Means with a “Do Pass” recommendation.**

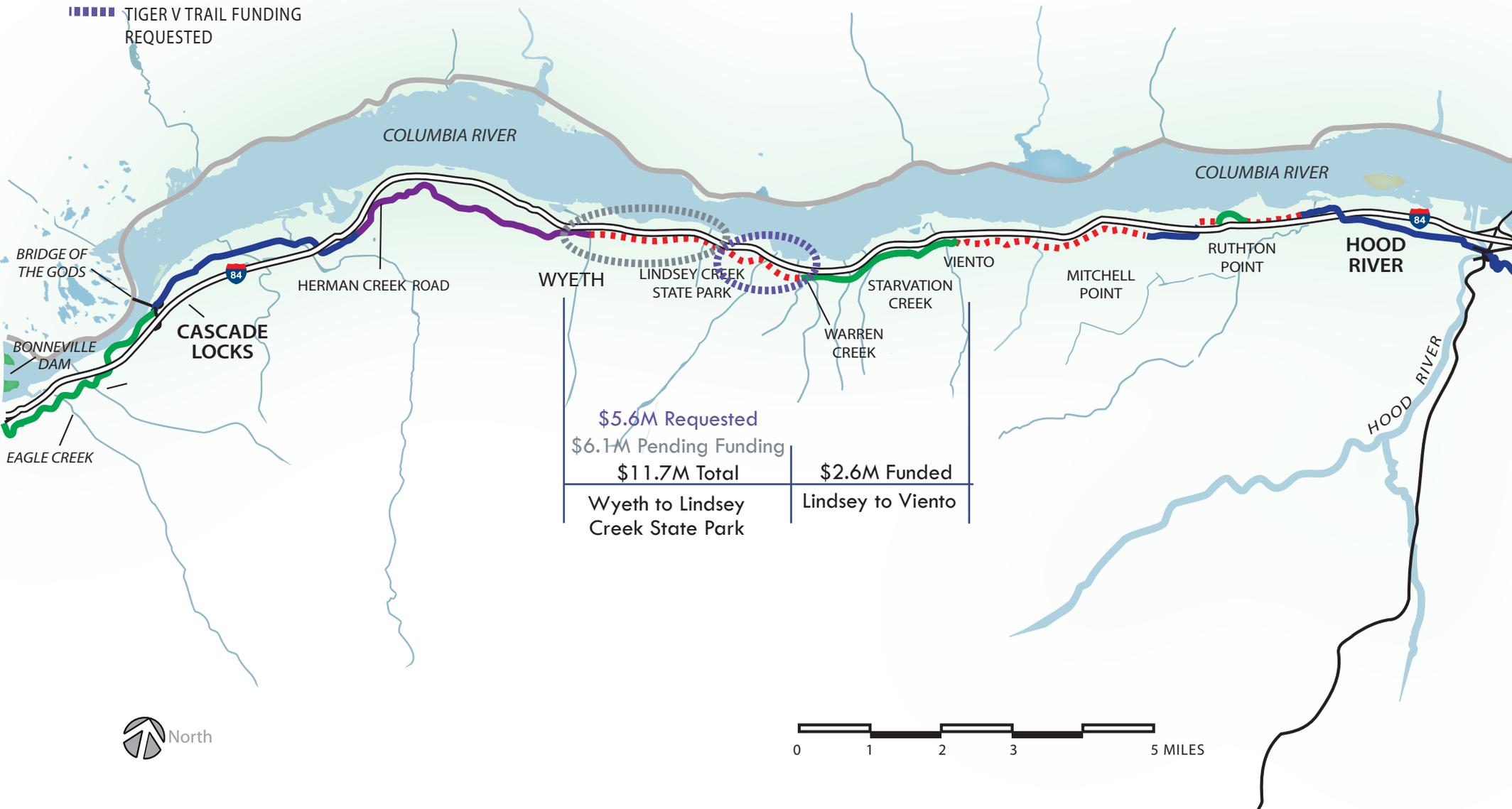
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## Historic Columbia River Highway - Summit Creek to Lindsey Creek

### Project Map

#### LEGEND

- █ HCRH STATE TRAIL  
(RESTORED FOR BIKING AND HIKING)
- ▬▬▬▬ FUTURE HCRH STATE TRAIL
- ▬▬▬▬ TRAIL PENDING FUNDING
- ▬▬▬▬ TIGER V TRAIL FUNDING REQUESTED
- █ HISTORIC COLUMBIA RIVER HIGHWAY  
(MOTOR VEHICLE TRAFFIC)
- █ CONNECTING COUNTY ROAD  
(HERMAN CREEK ROAD)





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May 21, 2013

The Honorable Richard Devlin  
The Honorable Peter Buckley  
Joint Committee on Ways and Means  
900 Court Street NE  
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Dear Co-Chairpersons:

### **Nature of the Emergency**

The Oregon Parks and Recreation Department (OPRD) requests approval to submit a \$5,600,000 grant application to the US Department of Transportation National Infrastructure Investment Grant Program (TIGER V).

### **Agency Action**

This grant will be used to complete a 5.7 mile segment of the Historic Columbia River Highway State Trail between Summit Creek and Lindsey Creek connecting Wyeth Trailhead with Viento State Park. Completion of the project will bring Oregon a significant step closer to reconnecting the segments of the Historic Columbia River Highway as a trail as envisioned in ORS 366.551.

The project includes an extremely scenic section of the old highway and diverges from the busy, noisy I-84 travel corridor along the original alignment through the forest. At Lindsey Creek the trail will merge with a section to be constructed in 2015.

TIGER V grants are available for surface transportation projects across all modes of transportation. Projects must have a significant impact on the nation, a metro area or a region. TIGER V grants are federal funds that require a 20% match with non-federal dollars or contributions; however, projects in rural areas may receive up to 100% funding. This project is considered to be in a rural area; any matching funds will be provided by the Oregon Department of Transportation. OPRD will provide additional match with existing staff.

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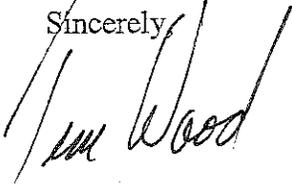
**Action Requested**

OPRD respectfully requests permission to submit a federal grant application to the US Department of Transportation National Infrastructure Investment Grant Program (TIGER V).

**Legislation Affected**

None.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Tim Wood". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping initial "T".

Tim Wood  
Director