

# Transportation Alternatives Program 2013 Application

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## Instructions

Complete application in the space provided. Applicants are limited to application form and 5 pages of attachments. Submit completed application and attachments electronically to [dale.robins@rtc.wa.gov](mailto:dale.robins@rtc.wa.gov). You will receive an e-mail confirmation within one business day of submittal. If you do not receive confirmation or have questions about the application contact Dale Robins at 360-397-6067 x5212.

## General Information

Project Title: 6th Street Sidewalks

Project Location and Limits: See Attached Vicinity Map

Project Length (miles): 0.10

Agency: Klickitat County Public Works

Contact Person: [REDACTED]

Telephone: [REDACTED] Email: [REDACTED]

Certified Acceptance Agency: Klickitat County Public Works

## Project Screening Criteria

*Check all that apply.*

- Project is consistent with the MTP/RTP
- Project contains at least one eligible Transportation Alternatives Category
- Project is directly related to the surface transportation system (except trails)
- Project does not supplement the construction of an existing project
- Project is open to public access

## Cost Summary

Project Phase	Start Date	TAP Funds	Other Funds	Total Cost
Design	09/01/2013	\$0	\$20,000	\$20,000
Right of Way				\$0
Construction	05/15/2014	\$125,000	\$55,000	\$180,000
Totals	n/a	\$125,000	\$75,000	\$200,000
<b>Overall Match Ratio:</b>				37.50%

## Project Type

*Check all that apply.*

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Bike/Pedestrian facilities              | <input type="checkbox"/> Vegetation management practices   |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Safe routes for non-drivers             | <input type="checkbox"/> Archaeological activities         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Abandoned railroad corridors for trails            | <input type="checkbox"/> Environmental mitigation activity |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Turnouts, overlooks, and viewing areas             | <input type="checkbox"/> Recreational Trails Program       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Control of outdoor advertising                     | <input type="checkbox"/> Safe Routes to School Program     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Historic preservation of transportation facilities |  |

## Project Information

### 1. Project Description:

The 6th Street Sidewalk Project will improve the walking mode of transportation within the Town of Lyle. The project will replace the existing 800' of unusable sidewalks with new 6' sidewalks and construct 160' of new sidewalk. In addition, ADA accommodations, Curb Extensions, Streetscape, Traffic Calming and Frontage Improvements will be constructed as part of the project.

## Project Information

2. Describe how the project will improve the public travel experience, and travel options, including the benefit to the community:

The existing sidewalks are so broken up in places that pedestrians are forced to walk out in the street to avoid tripping and other hazards in these areas. Other areas of the existing sidewalk are on grade with the street so vehicles park on, or drive on the sidewalks forcing the pedestrians to walk in the street.

The project will provide new grade separated sidewalks that will enhance the pedestrian connection for the residential area on the south side of Town to the central area of Town where the commercial services are located. The new sidewalks will provide a safer route of travel due to the reduction of the vehicle and pedestrian conflict points.

In addition to new sidewalks, the project will provide curb bulbs or mid-block chokers that will function as traffic calming devices to reduce vehicle speeds through the area.

Another mode of travel that will be improved by the project is bicycling. While the project is not constructing bicycle lanes, bicyclist will still benefit by the improved shoulder areas between the sidewalk and travel lanes

3. Describe how the project provides a connection between modes, or improves transportation choices, or connects to land use services such as job locations, a civic center, library, grocery market, playground, retail center, medical office, school, and other. (Include modes and list of specific land uses connect within 1/2 mile of project):

The project will complete a sidewalk link that provides connectivity from the main commercial corridor and the residential corridor of Lyle to the school. The County has seen increased pedestrian use in the area after completion of the first phase of the Lyle Centerville Hwy sidewalk link which is located on the north side of SR 14. The residents of Lyle informed the County that they would walk more if a connection was made to the south side of SR 14.

The proposed project would provide a connection from the residential area to the fire station, retail outlets, and public schools. The project would ad a future connection from the south side of Lyle to the Town Market, Community Center with playground, Forest Service Trailhead, and Post Office. All future connections are within a 1/4 mile of the project

## Project Information

4. Describe how the project relates to an adopted plan such as the GMA plan, modal plan, neighborhood plan or other planning process. (Include name of Plan and attach a copy of page from plan that including project by name):

Klickitat County Public Works is working with the County Health Department on a Complete Streets program. One of the first areas of consideration is the Town of Lyle. The Town Council has expressed interest in alternative modes of transportation.

The residents of Lyle have been involved during the first two phases of the Community plan that connects the commercial corridor with the school and the residential area.

5. Describe to what extent the project will improve mobility for disadvantage populations, including elderly, disabled minority, and low income populations:

The project will provide a safer route for the elderly to walk from their residents to the commercial section of Town. The project will provide future connection to the Post Office for the elderly and low income population that live on the south side of Lyle. These groups of Lyle residents prefer walking to the post office to send out and receive their mail.

The existing sidewalks do not have current ADA ramps; therefore, people with disabilities must either use the street or find another mode of transportation.

6. List affordable house complex and number of housing units that are within 1/2 mile of project:

At the present time there are two Homes for Humanity that are occupied. Two more homes are currently being built at this time. All four units are within 1/8 of a mile from the project. The residents of the homes will use the new sidewalk once it has been constructed.

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7. Identify the safety issues addressed by project (collision data, lack of adequate safe crossing or access, lack of separated facility, high speed or volume, other):

There have been two prior collisions involving vehicles backing out of an approach and hitting parked cars. This is caused by undefined access locations. The existing project area has no marked crosswalks and the intersections do not have adequate sidewalk ramps. Pedestrians must step off the sidewalk. Some of the existing sidewalk is at grade which enables vehicle to park on it.

Due to the proximity to SR 14 vehicles have a tendency to speed through the proposed project area.

8. Describe how the project addresses the safety issues identified:

The project will construct new approaches with curb returns at each access location. This will prevent vehicles from blocking an access because the access will be defined. The project will be installing marked crosswalks which will serve to alert road users of pedestrian crossing points. The project will construct curb ramps that meet current ADA standards at all intersections with the project limits.

The project will construct grade separated sidewalks which will prevent vehicle from parking or drive on sidewalks.

The project will construct mid-block chokers which will reduce the width of the roadway in an area thus providing motorists with a reduced conform level which causes them to slow down.

9. Readiness:

- Design at 70% or higher  
 Right of way acquisition complete or not needed  
 Environmental permits approved

Please explain:

If the County receive the grant the design will begin September 1, 2013. Due to the scope of the project no right of way is required. the County is planning on submitting Environmental Classification Summary which should lead to a No-effect determination due to the scope of the project. The County is planning on having the project under construction by May 2014.

## Project Information

10. Describe how the local community and other agencies have been involved in the planning process for the project.

List any opposition to the project and how it was overcome:

The Lyle Community has been very supportive of alternate modes of transportation and is very supportive of prior projects and of this project.

This will be the third sidewalk project that the County has planned to construct in the Town of Lyle and there has been no opposition to any of the projects.

11. Describe how the project improves public health and increase physical activity:

The project will complete a sidewalk connection that provides connectivity from main commercial and residential corridors. In addition the project will provide a connection from the south side of town to the schools so the area children can walk to and from school. The County has seen increased pedestrian use of the area where a sidewalk link was constructed in 2011. The residents have informed the County that they would walk more if a facility existed that provided them security from the traveling public. The proposed project would connect to a sidewalk link that was constructed in 2006 and would connect to a sidewalk link that will be constructed this year.

12. Describe how the project includes design elements that contribute to quality of life:

The Project will include mid-block chokers that will be landscaped and will provide traffic calming. In addition the project will include benches so that pedestrians and shoppers have a place to sit and enjoy the outdoors. Lyle is a small and peaceful community. By creating a safe route for the residents of Lyle to travel around the community, the peaceful harmony of the community will be preserved because the number of vehicle trips will be kept to a minimum.



## Project Information

13. List all funding partners contributing to the project:

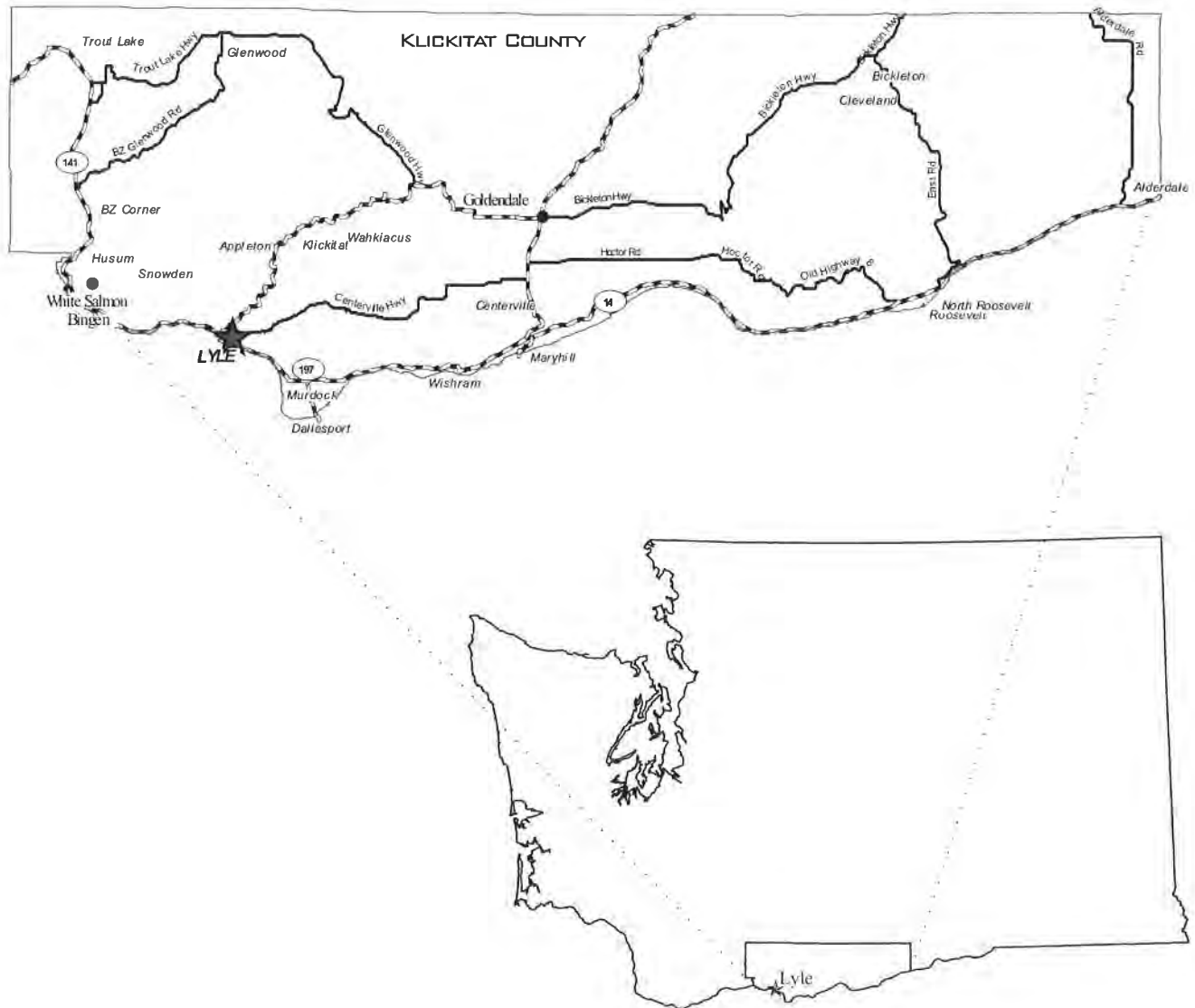
Funding Source	Amount
Klickitat County	\$75,000

## Other Information

You may use this space to provide any additional project information considered worth noting:

The County applied for a grant to construct sidewalk on SR 14 last year. The County's grant application fell short due to the number of quality projects. The County will continue to increase alternate modes of transportation in and around the Town of Lyle because the residents have voice their need for it.

# 6th Street Sidewalks Project Vicinity Map





6th Street Sidewalks Project  
Vicinity Map









