

Transportation Alternatives Program 2017 Application

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. 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: Klickitat Multi-Use Trail Connection Project

Project Location and Limits: see Attached Vicinity Map

Project Length (miles): 0.29 miles

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 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 | 01/15/2018 | | \$15,000 | \$15,000 |
| Right of Way | 03/15/2018 | | \$5,000 | \$5,000 |
| Construction | 01/14/2019 | \$55,000 | \$23,000 | \$78,000 |
| Totals | n/a | \$55,000 | \$43,000 | \$98,000 |
| Overall Match Ratio: | | | | 43.88% |

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 checked="" 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 Klickitat Multi-Use Trail Connection Project will improve the walking and biking modes of transportation from the north side of the Town of Klickitat to the south side of Klickitat. The project will construct a new multi module connection which will consist of 1200 LF of 8' asphalt concrete trail, 21 LF of new 5' sidewalk, Lighting upgrade, ADA accommodations, curb extensions, and new benches.

The asphalt trail will be constructed by paving over the existing gravel trail to provide a hard surface. The existing trail was constructed on the old railroad grade. The trail will be connected on both ends by sidewalk and curb ramps.

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

The Klickitat Community Center remodel was finished last year. The Community along with Maupin Filed receives numerous users from both the Community and the School. The Community Center center houses the food bank and the historical museum. The preferred method of travel from the north end of town to Community Center is to walk. Presently the existing sidewalks along SR 142 are in very bad condition some areas have regressed to a state where they can not be used. There are also areas where no sidewalk exist currently. Most of the pedestrians walking to and from the Community Center either walk along SR 142 or walk through parking lots and front yards.

The new connection will provide new grade separated sidewalks and a Multi-Use Trail that will be horizontally separated from SR 142 by an average of 20 feet. The new connection will provide a separated travel experience for non-motorized travel. Many of the users will be students using the Community Center, ballfields and playground for school activities and after school uses.

In addition to the trail and sidewalks accommodating pedestrian travel, the trail will be shared with bicyclists. While the sidewalks will not be large enough to accompany bicycles, bicyclist will still benefit by the improved shoulder areas between the sidewalk and the travel lanes. Bike racks will be added at the community center so the bicycle riders have a secure place to leave their bikes when using the Center or Ballfields.

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 provide a pedestrian and bicycle connection from the north side of the Town of Klickitat which includes the Klickitat School K-12 and the surrounding Residential core to the Community Center, the Commercial core, the Klickitat County Park. By incorporating a section of the Klickitiat Trail System in the project, a non-motorized connection is made to the trail system from most of the areas within the Town of Klickitat.

In addition the project will provide access to a caboosse museum that the Klickitat Historical Society is planning on renovating.

The new connection will provide a non-motorized connection between the north and south portion of the residential areas of the town of Klickitat. This connection is important to the residents on the north side of town because it provides a connection to the transit stop located in the commercial core.

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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 is working with the Klickitat School District to revitalize the town of Klickitat. The first phase in the revitalization of the town was to remodel the community center. The next phase is to work with the school district and the town council to implement a neighborhood plan to provide a non-motorize link which connects north side of the town with the recreation opportunities and the commercial core on the south side of town.

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, low income, minorities and anyone else who walks to the Community Center for events or the food bank.

Since a complete non-motorized corridor does not currently exist, people with disabilities must use SR 142 or find another mode of transportation to reach the Community Center from the north side of town.

While the project will provide a safe route for pedestrians and bicyclists from the north side of town to the south side, it will provide a route for the 65 % of the Town's low income population, to get to the food bank and the transit stop.

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

The Town of Klickitat has approximately 20 single family Hud Homes. The majority of those homes are Martell homes.

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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):

The Town of Klickitat is separated north and side by SR 142. While there are marked crosswalks, pedestrians are not funneled to the crossings due to the lack of a complete and maintained non-motorized corridor; therefore, pedestrians cross SR 142 anywhere. Also without a complete separated non-motorized facility pedestrians and bicyclist use a portion of SR 142. This can lead to pedestrian/vehicle conflicts. Vehicle drivers do not expect to see pedestrians walking on a state route or crossing anywhere.

A fatal accident occurred in 2012 when a pedestrian was hit by a motor vehicle walking along SR 142 in the dark. The driver did not see the pedestrian.

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

The project will construct grade separated sidewalks and an 8' trail. These facilities will provide vehicle and pedestrian separation. Having an established connection for non-motorized travel that links the north side of the Town of Klickitat to the south side of the Town of Klickitat will reduce the potential for pedestrian/vehicle conflicts. The new non-motorized will funnel pedestrians and bicyclists to the locations where they can cross SR 142 instead of anywhere as is being done presently.

9. Readiness:

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

Please explain:

Because the conceptual plan has been in place for some time, the planning phase will be shorter than normal for this project. Since the County plans on using matching dollars for design and environmental engineering, these elements can be started once the agreement has been executed thus saving time. Once environmental review has been completed ROW acquisition can begin. The additional R/W needed is held by two owners. Both of the owners are public agencies who have been contacted and have supplied letters of support for the project. The County should be able to complete design and secure R/W within one year of funding. Environmental permitting will be a simple NEPA due to the limited amount of disturbance required to construct the project.

The County was able to bring the prior TAP project awarded in 2013 to construction within a year. This is the same schedule the County is expecting for this grant.

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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:

Washington State Parks Department has been very supportive of the project. The trail portion of the project will be constructed on the Park's Klickitat Trail System.

Klickitat School District is also very supportive of the project. They have also sent a letter of support. The School District is the only form of local government that represents only the Town of Klickitat. The School and the County have established a long and cooperative working relationship that was used to construct the Community Center which has been greatly accepted by the residents of Klickitat.

At present, there has been no opposition to the project.

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

The project will provide a much needed connection from the north side of town to the south side of town. This will provide an opportunity for children to walk from school and the surrounding neighborhoods to the Community Center to use the ballfields and playground. It will also provide an opportunity for residents living on the north side of town to walk to Community Center events and services, which includes the food bank. It provides a safe non-motorized route for residents living on the south side of town to attend public events held at the school. By using a section of the 31 mile trail in the project, pedestrians and bicyclists get introduced to the trail and may decide to explore the other 30.5 miles of the trail.

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

The project will add a street light at the Community Center end of the connection. Also benches will be placed where the trail intersects with the park so the benches can be used by park patrons as well as pedestrian commuters. In addition, state parks is considering a trail head with benches and other landscaping and recreation items to supplement the project if the project is constructed.

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13. List all funding partners contributing to the project:

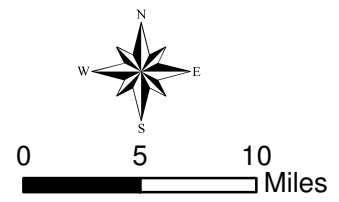
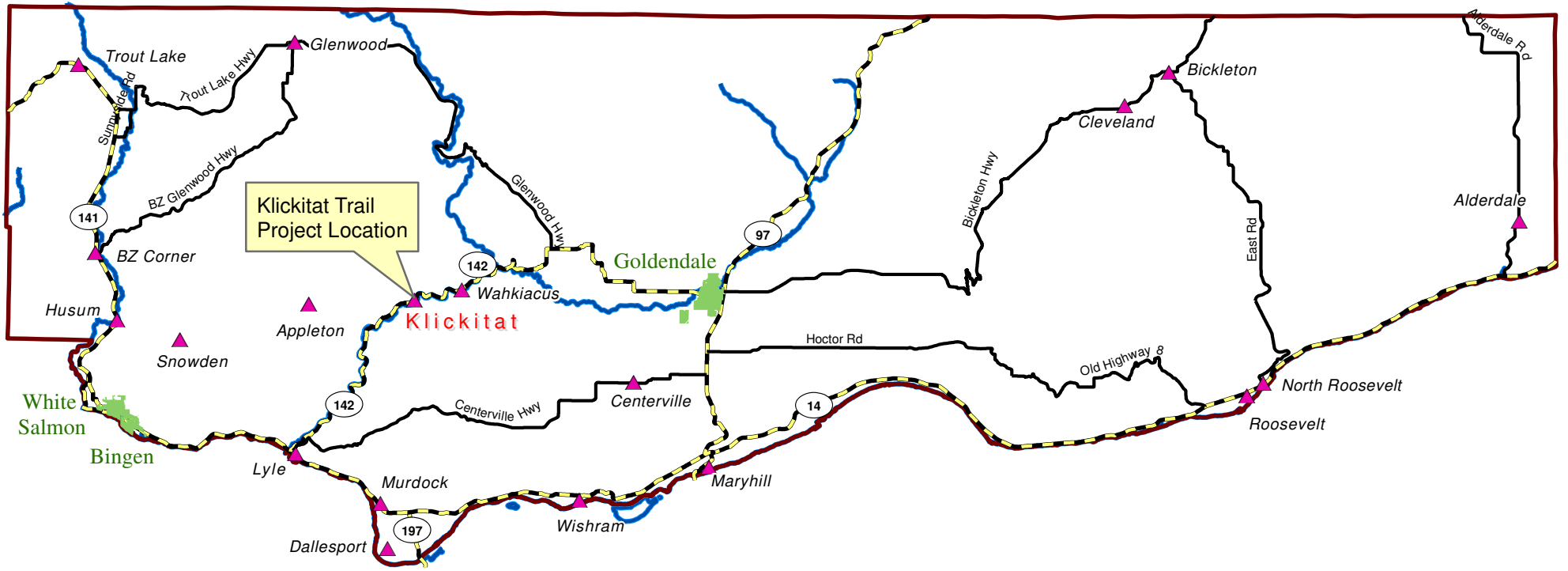
| Funding Source | Amount |
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| Klickitat County | \$43,000 |
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Other Information

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

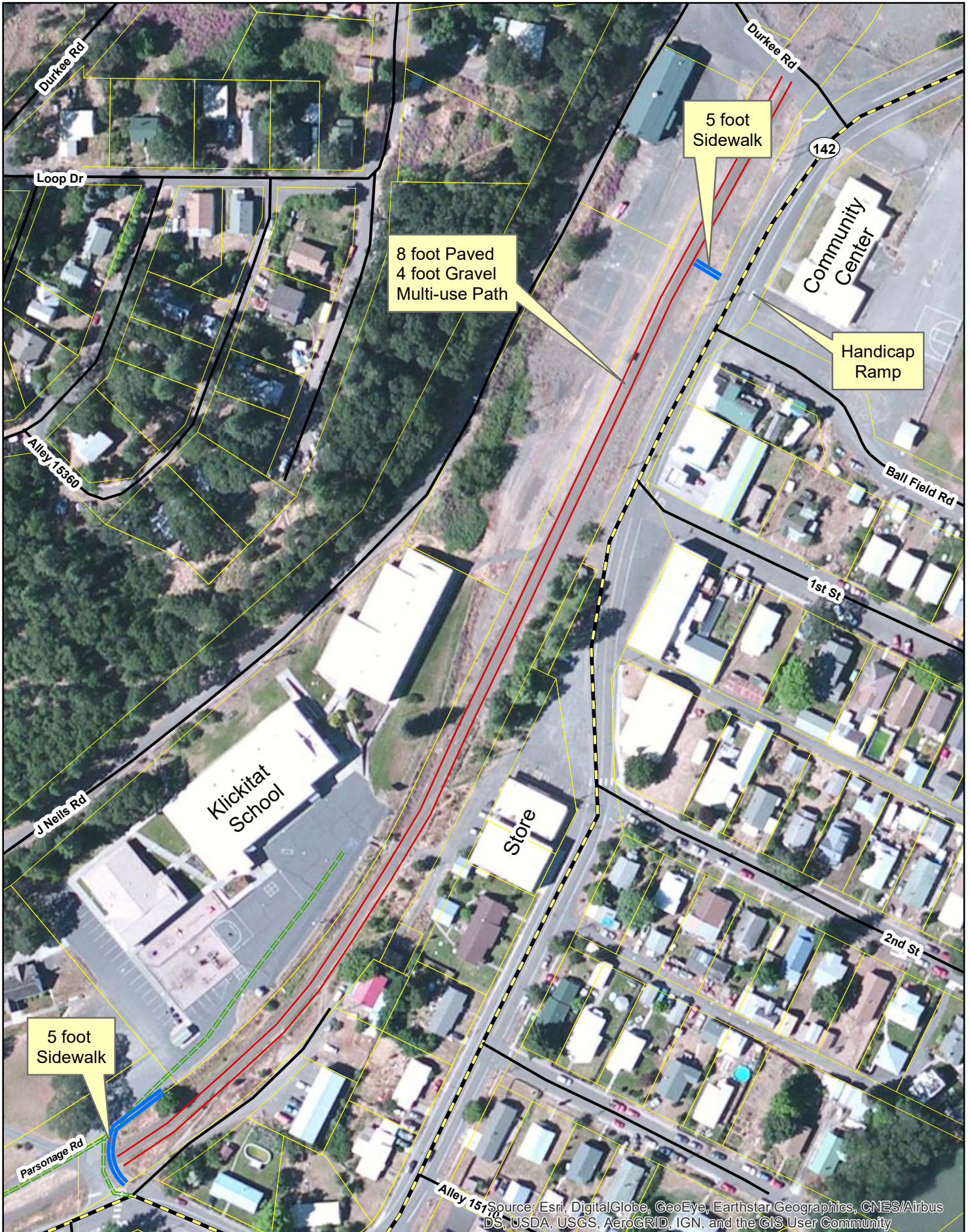
Klickitat County has formed a partnership with Washington State Parks and Klickitat School District to provide community enhancement by providing a non-motorized connection. This connection will provide a safe means of travel from one side of the Town of Klickitat to the other. By partnering with the other agencies referenced above, Klickitat County has been able to keep project costs down by upgrading the trail portion of the project as opposed to constructing a new facility.

Klickitat County





Proposed Project to Pave Klickitat Trail From Klickitat School to Durkee Rd



Klickitat School District #402

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Phone (509) 369-4145, Fax (509) 369-3422
For TDD dial 711 for services, for braille contact the Main Office
Website: <http://www.klickitat.wednet.edu/>

To whom it may concern,

April 25, 2017

Please consider this a letter of full support from the Klickitat School District for Klickitat County's request in funding the Transportation Alternatives Program or TAP grant to provide connectivity from the Klickitat School to the Lynch Community Center located in Klickitat, WA.

If awarded the TAP grant, the counties completion of the TAP project will provide a walking route from the Klickitat School building to the newly remodeled Lynch Community Center and Maupin Field, which is owned by the school district. Klickitat County was instrumental in the completion of the aforementioned remodel project. The TAP grant allows the logical next step in the overall project concept, which is to provide a safe walking pathway for our patrons and community members between the two district properties. The Klickitat School Board of Directors will, at their next regularly scheduled meeting pass a motion of full support for the Klickitat County's TAP project.

If Klickitat County is awarded the grant, I can assure you that the completion of the pathway will be greatly appreciated and supported by the entire Klickitat community. If you have any questions, or concerns please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,



Kevin S. Davis
Superintendent
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Director

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April 25, 2017

Mr. Dale Robins, Transportation Planner
Klickitat County Public Works
115 S. Golden Street
Goldendale, WA 98620

Dear Mr. Robins,

The Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission (State Parks) is pleased to write this letter of support for Klickitat County's grant application in the Transportation Alternatives Program. This project will establish continuity and a safe route between the Klickitat School and the Klickitat Community Center. Providing an easily accessible route so children can safely travel between the school and community center will do much to improve the walkability of this community.

Please note that this work will occur within the Klickitat Trail right-of-way on property owned and managed by State Parks. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me at (360) 902-8632 or via email at randy.kline@parks.wa.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Randy Kline".

Randy Kline
Washington State Parks Trail Coordinator

Cc: Lem Pratt, State Parks Area Manager
Andy Kallinen, State Parks
Nikki Fields, State Parks
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