

# Linn County Road Department

## Title VI Annual Accomplishment Report

Year 2019/2020

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## Introduction

The Linn County Road Department Engineering Department administers federally funded projects as a Certified Local Public Agency (LPA) through the Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) Local Agency Certification Program.

In August 2014, Master Certification Agreement (MCA) Number 29107, between Linn County and ODOT, was executed to allow Linn County Road Department full certification to deliver federally funded projects in roadway design; bridge design; advertising, bid and award; and construction contract administration. In April 2016, Certification Agreement Number 30919 was executed to allow Linn County full certification to deliver federally funded projects in consultant selection procurement and contract administration.

The County has \$20,522,790 programmed in the current (2018-2021) Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) and through ODOT, FHWA, and Western Federal Lands. The following table identifies the federal aid projects and the phases they are currently in:

Project No.	Project Name	Project Cost	Phase
KN19125/7	Linn County TSP Update	\$100,000	Complete
ORLINN035(1)	North River Drive Roadway Improvements	\$3,135,312	Design
KN20306	Folsom Road: Mill Creek Bridge	\$1,256,800	Design
KN20311	Powerline Road: Muddy Creek Bridge	\$2,514,200	Design
KN20314	Richardson Gap Road: Thomas Cr/Shimanek Br	\$4,034,453	Design
KN20318	Berlin Rd: Hamilton Creek Bridge	\$3,105,100	Construction
KN21457	Mill City Downtown Revitalization	\$9,382,574	Design
KN21175	Salem Ave Street Improvements	\$650,000	Construction
KN21448	One Horse Slough (Brewster Road) Bridge	\$1,328,095	Construction
KN21472	Seven Mile Lane	\$477,252	Design

This Annual Accomplishment Report covers Linn County's fiscal year from July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020.

The Linn County Title VI Program has ten components which include:

- Title VI and Nondiscrimination Program Coordinator
- Nondiscrimination Policy Statement
- Nondiscrimination Complaint Process
- Training for Title VI and Other Nondiscrimination Programs
- Correction of Deficiencies
- Civil Rights Monitoring
- Data Collection and Documentation
- Sub-Recipient Title VI Assurances, Plans and Reporting

No changes have been made to the current Linn County Title VI Program.

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### **Organization and Staffing Changes**

The Linn County Engineering Department develops and administers federally funded projects. The County Engineer oversees the County's engineering and capital improvement projects. The Engineering Department is comprised of the County Engineer, two Civil Engineers, one Engineering Technician and two Senior Engineering Technicians.

The County Engineer has been designated as the Title VI Program Coordinator by the Linn County Roadmaster. No changes have been made to this arrangement.

There have been no staffing changes within this reporting period.

### **Planning**

Linn County Road Department Engineering Staff have been continuing to work with the City of Tangent to develop a Safe Routes to School project from Highway 99 to the city limits along Tangent Drive. An application was prepared and submitted for Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG) funding for improvement of Tangent Drive on July 26, 2019. The project was awarded funding for a total project cost of \$986,000 with STBG funding in the amount of \$884,750. This project is planned for completion in 2022. An application was also prepared and submitted to obtain funding for a Safe Routes to School Project on Oak Grove Drive in front of the Tangent Elementary School in August 2020. The funding request is presently in review by ODOT.

Linn County Road Department Engineering Staff have been working with the City of Mill City to develop a Safe Routes to School project along 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue. The City of Mill City prepared and submitted to obtain funding for a Safe Routes to School Project in August 2020 as part of this cooperative effort.

Linn County Road Department Engineering Staff have been working with the City of Albany and the Albany Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (AAMPO) to develop improved roadway to accommodate pedestrian, bicycles and ADA. An application was prepared and submitted for Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG) funding for improvement of Goldfish Farm Road on July 26, 2019. The project was awarded funding for a total project cost of \$1,358,000 with STBG funding in the amount of \$1,218,600. This project is planned for completion in 2023

Linn County Road Department Engineering Staff have been continuing to work with the City of Mill City and the Save Our Bridge Committee regarding the design and development of street and road, bicycle, pedestrian and ADA improvement as part of the project development and preliminary engineering design for the TIGER Mill City Downtown Revitalization Project. Linn County Engineer meets with the Cascade West Area Commission on Transportation (CWACTION) and Technical Advisory Committee and also the Albany Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (AAMPO) and Technical Advisory Committee in regards to development of projects.

Linn County has been in contact with the City of Scio, City of Lebanon, City of Brownsville, City of Harrisburg, City of Albany, City of Millersburg, and City of Sweet Home in regards to development and implementation of projects that directly or indirectly pertain to a Safe Routes to School implementation plan and ADA transition improvements as it pertains to Linn County Roads within the Urban Growth Boundaries.

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The Linn County ADA Transition Plan was completed this past year and submitted to the ODOT Title VI/EJ/ADA Program Manager on July 1, 2020.

### **Public Outreach/Involvement**

Linn County held a community meeting in July 2019 at the Mill City High School to share the proposed designs and development of the TIGER Mill City Downtown Revitalization Project. TIGER project. Numerous other meetings were held with citizens' involvement groups and the staff of Mill City.

A public outreach component is part of the meetings held by the Cascade West Area Commission on Transportation (CWACT) and CWACT Technical Advisory Committee and also the Albany Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (AAMPO) and AAMPO Technical Advisory Committee.

Public Outreach is included for the delivery and design of all projects. This includes notification of local residents and businesses within or near the project limits. This also includes a public meeting with the Linn County Commissioners for steps taken for delivery of all projects. Notification to the public and a public comment component is provided for these meetings.

The Linn County Road Department also has a website that provides information regarding projects, the Linn County ADA Transition Plan, and the Linn County Transportation Plan.

### **Education and Training**

Linn County staff attended and participated in the following training opportunities that included Civil Rights information:

- October 2019 – (NACTO) Bikeway Design Training
- January 2020 –ADA Inspector Certifications
- March 2020 – Civil Rights Training for Certified Local Public Agencies

### **Complaints**

The Linn County Road Department received no formal or informal Title VI complaints during this reporting period. The Linn County Title VI complaint procedures are identified in the Title VI Program Management Guidance Document.

### **Goals for Upcoming Year**

The website will be updated to include current versions of the Linn County Title VI Program Guidance and the Linn County Road Department Certified Agency Manual.

Continue outreach with the City of Scio, City of Lebanon, City of Brownsville, City of Harrisburg, City of Albany, City of Millersburg, and City of Sweet Home and other small communities in regards to development and implementation of projects that directly or indirectly pertain to a Safe Routes to School implementation plan and ADA transition improvements as it pertains to Linn County Roads within the Urban Growth Boundaries.