

Linn County Road Department

Title VI Annual Accomplishment Report

Year 2021/2022

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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 \$25,233,786 programmed in the current (2018-2021) Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) and \$10,063,262 in the (2021-2024) STIP through ODOT, FHWA, and Western Federal Lands. The following table identifies programmed projects and the phases they are currently in:

Project No.	Project Name	Project Cost	Phase
2018-2021 STIP			
ORLINN035(1)	North River Drive Roadway Improvements	\$3,135,312	Design
KN20306	Folsom Road: Mill Creek Bridge	\$1,256,800	Construction
KN20311	Powerline Road: Muddy Creek Bridge	\$2,514,200	Complete
KN20314	Richardson Gap Road: Thomas Cr/Shimanek Br	\$4,034,453	Construction
KN20318	Berlin Rd: Hamilton Creek Bridge	\$3,105,100	Complete
KN21457	Mill City Downtown Revitalization	\$9,382,574	Construction
KN21448	One Horse Slough (Brewster Road) Bridge	\$1,328,095	Complete
KN21472	Seven Mile Lane	\$477,252	Design
2021-2024 STIP			
KN21900	North River Drive Public Access Improvements	\$3,143,555	Preliminary
KN22000	Goldfish Farm Rd: Cox Creek Bridge	\$3,256,900	Design
KN21999	Peoria Road: Slough Bridge	\$3,206,400	Design
KN22006	Sand Ridge Road: Butte Creek Bridge (PE phase)	\$456,407	Preliminary

This Annual Accomplishment Report covers Linn County's fiscal year from July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022.

The Linn County Title VI Implementation Plan has eight components which include:

- Agency Information
- Policy statement
- Notice to the public
- Organization, staffing and structure
- Education and Training
- Complaint procedure
- Review and remedial action procedures
- Implementation activities (includes assurances)

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The Linn County Road Department Title VI Plan, the Linn County Title VI Public Notice and the Linn County Road Department Complain Form are available on the Linn County Road Department website.

Organization and Staffing Changes

The Linn County Engineering Department develops and administers federally funded projects and county capital 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, two Senior Engineering Technicians, and one Engineering Technician.

The County Engineer has been designated as the Title VI Program Coordinator by the Linn County Roadmaster.

On September 1, 2021, a new County Engineer was hired, but no other staffing changes within this reporting period have occurred.

Planning

Linn County develops and considers projects based on cooperative working relationships with cities, planning organizations (AAMPO and CWACT), road safety concerns, working with the public, and demographic data.

Projects and project need are primarily identified through the development of the current Linn County Transportation System Plan that was completed and adopted in 2018. County demographic data was applied to the development of that plan. Similarly, other Linn County Projects were also selected by identification of projects through the AAMPO Transportation System Plan and other Cities TSPs which also considered demographic data.

The selection of projects was based on the plans and subsequent meetings with each City which included open public meetings as appropriate.

Linn County Road Department Engineering Staff collaborated with the City of Tangent to prepare and submit an application for a Safe Routes to School (SRTS) Project on Oak Grove Drive, in front of the Tangent Elementary School in August 2021. This project was chosen to be perused due to the demographics of the school it serves. Tangent Elementary has 50-59% of students identified as low income, 40% or more students are eligible for free and reduced lunch, and is 15% above the State average of students with disabilities. This project was not selected for the SRTS funding. However, this project was selected for a SRTS Quick Build Pilot Project and the City of Tangent, an ODOT consultant and the County are coordinating efforts to implement a portion of this project. This project is planned for completion in 2022.

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 roadways to accommodate pedestrian, bicycles and ADA. An application was prepared and submitted for Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG) funding for improvements 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 2024. A small portion of funding was authorized in September, 2021, to begin preliminary design of this project.

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The table below shows the historical funding, by jurisdiction, since 2013, when the Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG) process began. As shown, the City of Tangent has not received any funding. This directly contributed to the decisions of award selections.

Jurisdiction	Historical Funding Amount	Percent of Total, Since 2013
Millersburg	\$ 99,000	1%
Albany	\$ 6,001,422	64%
Benton County	\$ 640,000	7%
Linn County	\$ 2,516,350	27%
Tangent	\$ -	0%
Jefferson	\$ 62,000	1%
Total STBG Allocation	\$ 9,318,772	100%

The Tangent Drive Improvement 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 2025. A small portion of funding is planned for authorization in September 2022, to begin preliminary design of this project.

A community meeting was held in 2018 at the Tangent Fire Station to obtain input from the citizens regarding the preliminary design on the roadway. This meeting was held prior to funding authorization. Once funds are authorized and design commences, another community meeting will be held to update the community and obtain any further input.

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 TIGER Mill City Downtown Revitalization Project.

Linn County Engineer meets with the Cascade West Area Commission on Transportation (CWACT) Technical Advisory Committee and also the Albany Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (AAMPO) Technical Advisory Committee in regards to development of projects.

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

Public Outreach/Involvement

During the preliminary phase of a project, Linn County will hold public meetings to provide public involvement and input in order to encompass these outcomes in the design.

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 written notification to 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

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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, the Linn County Transportation System Plan and the Linn County Road Department Title VI Program.

Education and Training

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

- February 2022 – ADA Inspector Certifications
- April 2022 – 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 Linn County Title VI Program Management Guidance Document.

Goals for Upcoming Year

Make updates to the Linn County Title VI Program and the Linn County Road Department Certified Agency Manual as necessary.

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 the Linn County Transportation System Plan, Safe Routes to School implementation plan and ADA transition improvements as it pertains to Linn County Roads within Urban Growth Boundaries.