

AGENDA ITEM FOR ADMINISTRATIVE MEETING () Discussion only
(X) Action

FROM (DEPT/ DIVISION): Community Development Department

SUBJECT: Community-Initiated Project letter of support – City of Umatilla

<p>Background: The City of Umatilla has requested the Board of County Commissioners to sign a letter of support for a Community-Initiated Project (CIP) request, to be submitted jointly to U.S. Senator Jeff Merkley and U.S. Senator Ron Wyden.</p> <p>The City of Umatilla’s CIP request is for a traffic circle at the intersection of Powerline Road and Highway 730. The City anticipates this project needs to be completed as soon as possible to handle traffic demands, and has already signed agreements with ODOT for planning and construction and has paid ODOT \$370,000 for planning and analysis work.</p> <p>County Planning Staff have prepared a letter for the Board’s consideration.</p>	<p>Requested Action: Authorize the Chair to sign the letter of support for the City of Umatilla’s Powerline Road / Highway 730 traffic circle project.</p>
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ATTACHMENTS: Draft City of Umatilla CIP letter of support

Date: (2/13/26) Submitted By: Megan Davchevski, Planning Division Manager

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Checkoffs:

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Needed at Meeting:

Scheduled for meeting on: February 18, 2026

Action taken:

Follow-up:



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February 18, 2026

U.S. Senator Jeff Merkley
U.S. Senator Ron Wyden

Senator Merkley, Senator Wyden and the Senate Appropriations Committee,

Please accept this letter of support for the City of Umatilla's FY27 CIP Request for a traffic circle at the intersection of Powerline Road and Highway 730 in Umatilla.

Umatilla County is supportive of the City of Umatilla's request for funding to plan and construct a traffic circle at the intersection of Powerline Road and Highway 730. The City of Umatilla is a rapidly growing community and therefore upgrades to the transportation system are necessary in the immediate future to foster future economic and community development.

The City of Umatilla has shown commitment to the traffic circle project with agreements with Oregon Department of Transportation and previous funding commitments. In recent years, the Powerline Road area has grown exponentially with data centers, residential neighborhoods, community services and a new middle school. Umatilla County recognizes the benefits this growth has provided to our communities and is supportive of the continued growth of the City of Umatilla which is reliant on transportation improvements, including the City's proposed traffic circle at Powerline Road and Highway 730.

Umatilla County supports this Community- Initiated Project and the construction of the traffic circle that will continue to bolster development in Umatilla County.

Sincerely,

Daniel N. Dorran
Chair, Umatilla County Board of Commissioners