

# NOTICE OF INTENT

## BENTON COUNTY

**DATE:** April 5, 2016  
**DEPARTMENT:** Public Works  
**CONTACT:** Laurel Byer  
**PHONE:** 541-766 6013  
**TYPE OF NOTICE**  New Grant  
 Supplement  
 Renewal

**STATEMENT OF POLICY:**

The County Board of Commissioners must approve, prior to submission, all new, or renewals of all loans or grants sought from any public or private source. For further statement of policy see the grant administration policies in the current edition of the Budget Manual.

Board of Commissioner review will ensure objectives of proposed grant funded programs are consistent with county policies and those financial obligations, if any, imposed by the grant, now or in the future are accounted for in county financial planning.

*\*If available, a complete copy of the grant application shall be attached to this form\**

**GRANT DUE DATE:** April 14, 2016  
**PROJECT TITLE:** FASTLANE Grant – SW 53<sup>rd</sup> Railroad Overcrossing  
**GRANT DURATION:** FY2018-2019

**GRANT SUMMARY/ABSTRACT:**

The Fixing America's Surface Transportation Act (FAST Act) established the Nationally Significant Freight and Highway Projects (NSFHP) program to provide Federal financial assistance to projects of national or regional significance and authorized the program at \$800 million for FY 2016 to be awarded. The NSFHP grants are also known as Fostering Advancements in Shipping and Transportation for the Long-term Achievement of National Efficiencies (FASTLANE) grants. It is federally mandated that 25% of these funds are spent in rural areas.

The SW 53<sup>rd</sup> Street Railroad Overcrossing is an important regional project that is identified in the Benton County TSP, the CAMPO Regional Transportation Plan, and the City of Corvallis TSP. SW 53<sup>rd</sup> Street currently goes under the railroad and the trestle supporting the railroad bridge is located between the two travel lanes causing a safety hazard. Also, the undercrossing frequently floods and ices over in the winter, causing additional hazards to the driving public and the railroad operators. The undercrossing has a vertical clearance limit of 13'6", so freight cannot travel through this route. The proposed project would realign SW 53<sup>rd</sup> to the east of the existing alignment and construct an overcrossing of the railroad. The projected cost of the project is out of the ordinary realm of County funding; therefore, it is imperative to creatively pursue grant opportunities as they arise.

**COUNTY COMMITMENTS**

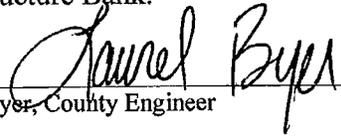
**STAFFING:** NO  YES

If yes, Permanent  Limited Duration

Using existing staff

**FINANCIAL:** NO  YES  If yes, amount: \$3,400,000

The match will consist of obligated funds allocated through CAMPO with the balance of funds through the Oregon Transportation Infrastructure Bank.

  
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 Laurel Byer, County Engineer

**FINANCIAL SUMMARY\***

**FEDERAL SOURCES** \$ 5,000,000

**STATE SOURCES** \$ 2,700,000

**COUNTY SOURCES** \$ 700,000

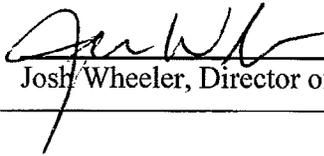
**TOTAL REVENUE** \$ 8,400,000

*\*PROJECT BUDGET ATTACHED*

3/28/16  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 DATE

**DEPARTMENT HEAD COMMENTS:**

The grant provides funding assistance to the County for a needed safety improvement to the railroad crossing on SW 53<sup>rd</sup> Street. I support this grant application.

 3/28/16  
Josh Wheeler, Director of Public Works      Date

**BUDGET OFFICE REVIEW & COMMENTS:**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Budget Officer Signature      Date

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS:**

Status:       Approved without additional review  
                  Approved with additional information required by: Date: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_  
                  Disapproved

**COMMENTS:**

 4/5/16  
Signature      Date  
Chair, Board of Commissioners

**A final copy of the grant application must be submitted to the Board of Commissioners Office.**