

Project Description

What activities would be funded by the requested Transit in Parks Program financial assistance? Please provide a project description that is no more than one page in length. You may attach up to two pages of maps or other illustrations that do not count towards the page limit.

Summary: Funding assistance for the development of this multi-agency project would result in reestablishing and enhancing a visitor access system that would link key features at the US Army Corps of Engineers, The Dalles Lock and Dam park and visitor facilities utilizing alternative energy vehicles. It will also reopen and enhance non-motorized recreational access to the green space provided at Patterson Park. Use of shuttles along with security improvements will allow for escorted tours of operational areas such as the powerhouse and fish ladder.

Shuttles: Shuttles vehicles up to 15 passengers allow for a transition from the existing train and track system that has fallen into disrepair and is no longer economically sustainable. The vehicles will provide a more energy efficient, economically sustainable, and multi agency operated recreation and visitor access opportunity while addressing security access concerns related to the facility.

Trail Realignment: Removing approximately ¼ mile of the existing railroad track and developing trail directly into Patterson Park will provide for safe shuttle access as well as regular and enhanced non motorized vehicle access into Patterson Park. Currently public access to that location is only allowed on very limited tours and special events. This would provide improved recreation opportunities and green space access. Eventually the entire section of track and ties that were once utilized by the train can be removed and final connection to last remaining segments to complete the Riverfront Trail connection can be completed.

Security improvements: Establish fencing to separate storage and operational areas from Patterson Park for safety and security. Evaluation of security requirements such as portable guard shack, camera improvements, powerhouse interior visitor gate, and access locks.

Visual improvements: Existing concrete jersey barriers that currently separate tour train railroad track from the trail. A significant number will be able to be removed enhancing appearance of the area from the trail and interstate 84 which parallels the site. Some will be used as a safety measure along the realignment and may be able to be softened with staining or treatment.

Bridge improvements: The current railroad/pedestrian/vehicle bridge deck and railing needs to be modified to ensure safe and accessible surfacing and improve aesthetics associated with elimination of the train use.

Enjoyment and protection of Historic, Natural, and Cultural features: Successful completion for this project also provides for improved public interpretation, formalizing access, native vegetation projects that will enhance the area which is still utilized by Native Americans for fishing as they have for thousands of years. Signs of cultural landscape including early fishwheels, salmon cannery and navigation lock canal can still be viewed and enhanced with landscaping and trail improvements

Supporting amenities: The initial project ~~could~~ will take advantage of some of the existing train locations however there are a number of ~~amenity~~ additional items that would enhance the experience such as signs, shuttle stop shelters, lockers, and other supporting equipment.

The Dalles Dam Tours Budget

July 15, 2010

Activity	Original Est	Current Est
Purchase of Vehicles	\$ 60,000	\$ 45,000
Track Removal	\$ 8,000	\$ -
Relocation of jersey barriers	\$ 5,000	\$ -
Trail/Turnout realignment/Paving	\$ 180,000	\$ 120,312
Security Improvements (fencing)	\$ 50,000	\$ 50,000
Bridge Design	\$ -	\$ 30,000
Bridge Improvements	\$ 20,000	\$ 128,000
Supporting amenities/natural areas	\$ 17,000	\$ -
TOTAL	\$ 340,000	\$ 373,312

REVENUE

DOT-Transit Parks Grant	\$ 340,000
OIB Grant	\$ 10,000
PUD Grant	\$ 3,312
City of The Dalles	\$ 20,000
	<u>\$ 373,312</u>

Current Unencumbered Balance

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