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City Receives ODOT Grant for Sidewalk and Bike Lane Improvements Along Blankenship Road

Project Will Provide Safe Pedestrian and Bicycle Access

WEST LINN – The City of West Linn received a grant from the Oregon Department Of Transportation (ODOT) Pedestrian and Bicycle Program in the amount of \$293,525 for sidewalks and bike lane improvements along Blankenship Road between Virginia Lane and 13th Street.

The project will provide public safety for pedestrian and bicycle traffic along the arterial Blankenship Road. It also provides a safe and complete intersection at Blankenship Road and 13th Street, utilizing crosswalks with median islands and solar LED pedestrian activated blinker lights across Blankenship Road.

The City's required contribution is \$53,500 in City-provided design, bidding, and inspections services. There is not a cash contribution requirement.

Funding will be available on July 1, 2009; however, design will begin after the intergovernmental agreement is signed in early 2009. Construction will commence in spring of 2010.

One (1) Attachment: Map of Blankenship Road between Virginia Lane and 13th Street

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About the City of West Linn:

The City of West Linn is a community where citizens, civic organizations, businesses and city government work together to ensure that the community retains its hometown identity, quality of life, and natural beauty. The estimated population is 24,180. The City Council consists of the Mayor and four Councilors who act as the board of directors of the City of West Linn municipal corporation. The Council sets policies for the city government, enacts ordinances and hires, directs, and evaluates the city manager. Municipal services are provided by City employees and headed by the City Manager. The city operates its own police department, a municipal court, water, wastewater and storm water utilities, street operations, planning, building inspection, engineering, fleet management, library, and parks and recreation.