

AGENDA ITEM FOR ADMINISTRATIVE MEETING

( ) Discussion only

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FROM (DEPT/ DIVISION): Community Development Department

SUBJECT: BUILD Grant Application Resolution for Umatilla River Bridge

Background: Umatilla County, in coordination with the City of Hermiston and City of Umatilla, is pursuing a BUILD planning grant for a new bridge crossing and roadway connection across the Umatilla River near Hermiston.

The planning grant will design a comprehensive surface transportation plan including preliminary engineering up to 30% project readiness, environmental permitting, community outreach and a comprehensive benefit-cost analysis.

The total planning project cost is estimated at \$3,677,000. The grant requires a non-federal match of 20%. The total grant amount would be \$2,941,600 and the County's 20% local match would be estimated at \$735,400. Community Development Department Staff and liaison Commissioner anticipate that a significant portion of the match would be in-kind with the remainder coming from the Economic Development budget.

Requested Action: Adopt Order No. BCC2026-009, authorizing submission of a FY26 BUILD Planning Grant Application for the Umatilla River Bridge Planning Project, and authorize Community Development Department staff to submit the BUILD grant application.

ATTACHMENTS: Proposed Order

Date: (2/11/26) Submitted By: Megan Davchevski, Planning Division Manager

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Checkoffs:

(  ) Dept. Head (copy)  
(  ) Human Resources (copy)  
  
(  ) Fiscal  
(  ) Legal (copy)  
(  ) (Other - List:)

To be notified of Meeting:  
Megan Davchevski, Robert Waldher

Needed at Meeting:

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Scheduled for meeting on: February 18, 2026

Action taken:

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Follow-up:

THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF UMATILLA COUNTY

STATE OF OREGON

In the Matter of Authorizing )  
Submission of FY26 BUILD ) Order No. BCC2026-009  
Planning Grant Application )

WHEREAS the Department of Transportation (DOT) FY 2026 BUILD Grant Program makes approximately \$1.5 billion in funding available to American communities to fund projects that will have a significant local or regional impact and improve transportation infrastructure;

WHEREAS Umatilla County ("the County") has determined the need to advance project development of a new multimodal crossing of the Umatilla River to address surface infrastructure and regional growth;

WHEREAS the Umatilla River Bridge Planning project will aim to improve safety, environmental sustainability, quality of life, mobility and community connectivity, economic competitiveness and opportunity including tourism, state of good repair, partnership and collaboration, and innovation;

WHEREAS, by this order the County will be authorized to submit a grant application to apply for BUILD grant funding under the Planning Path - to design a comprehensive surface transportation plan including preliminary engineering up to 30% project readiness, environmental permitting, community outreach, and a comprehensive benefit-cost analysis;

WHEREAS, the County has the financial capability and commits to provide the necessary amount to satisfy a non-federal match requirement equal to 20% of the total project cost of the Umatilla River Bridge Planning project;

WHEREAS, the County acknowledges that the non-federal contribution of 20% will: (i) be committed to the project for the period of performance, (ii) be available as needed, and (iii) not be conditioned or encumbered in any way that may preclude its use consistent with the requirements of DOT investment.

NOW THEREFORE the Board of Commissioners resolves and orders that it authorizes the County to apply to the U.S. Department of Transportation for a BUILD Planning Grant in the amount of \$2,941,600 for the Umatilla River Bridge Planning Project, with the County providing the required 20% local match, estimated at \$735,400, for a total estimated project cost of \$3,677,000.

DATED this 18th day of February, 2026.

UMATILLA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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Daniel N. Dorran, Chair

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John M. Shafer, Commissioner

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Celinda A. Timmons, Commissioner

ATTEST:  
OFFICE OF COUNTY RECORDS

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