Rogue-Umpqua Bicycle & Pedestrian Corridor Plan

Introduction. The partner agencies of Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT), US Forest Service (USFS), and FHWA Western Federal Lands (WFL) are coordinating a series of related transportation planning efforts along the Rogue-Umpqua National Scenic Byway between Roseburg and Gold Hill, Oregon. The corridor includes OR 138 from Roseburg to Diamond Lake, OR 230 to OR 62 from Diamond Lake to approximately Eagle Point, OR 234 from Eagle Point to Gold Hill. The 172-mile route connects the communities of Roseburg in the north and Medford and Grants Pass in the south to state and federal recreation sites in the Umpqua National Forest, Crater Lake National Park, and Rogue Siskiyou National Forest.

The related projects the three partners are examining include (1) a bicycle and pedestrian plan for the corridor, (2) a wildfire recovery viewshed plan for adjacent forest lands, (3) a possible Scenic Byway Corridor Management Plan update, and (4) an overall transportation master plan that consolidates and builds upon the three earlier plans.

Goals. This project will develop a single transportation corridor master plan that addresses all four related efforts in a single deliverable or set of deliverables. The specific project goals are to:

- 1. Address bicycle and pedestrian facility needs along entire corridor
- 2. Ensure forest viewsheds and preserved and enhanced
- 3. Integrate current and anticipated recreation needs into transportation infrastructure decisions
- 4. Address the needs of local, regional, state, tribal, and federal partners in the corridor together

Tasks. This project is guided by a project management team composed of the Oregon Department of Transportation, US Forest Service, and Western Federal Lands. Key tasks include:

- 1. Develop an engagement plan to gather stakeholder input on the transportation corridor that is focused on key project milestones
- 2. Document existing conditions as related to current and future potential use of the project area
- 3. Collect travel data for major recreation sites along the corridor to understand current and anticipated demand
- 4. Develop conceptual designs and construction cost estimates for transportation facility improvements
- 5. Summarize findings in a final report that includes any limitations, applicable future work, and future opportunities

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North Umpqua River at Swiftwater Park

How to Engage

The project's anticipated timeline is 24 months (March 2023 through March 2025). To stay up to date on the project, <u>click here to add your contact information to the project email list</u>. Also, visit the project webpage regularly and contact the Project Manager, Cole Grisham, for more information.