

**ODOT Transportation Enhancement Grant  
Project Description: Glenwood Sidewalk Project**

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The proposal would use Transportation Enhancement funds to construct sidewalks along portions of the south side of Franklin Blvd. (State Highway 126 Business) through Glenwood, from Glenwood Boulevard east to the Springfield Bridge.

**Justification**

Franklin Blvd. through Glenwood is currently developed with a combination of land uses; light industrial, single family housing, mobile homes, and scattered commercial. Franklin Blvd., and Glenwood as a whole, lacks sidewalks, pedestrian amenities, and multiple access points onto Franklin create an undesirable situation for motorists, pedestrians, and bicyclists. Power poles disrupt pedestrian access in numerous locations, and power poles create an aesthetically unattractive and undesirable environment for pedestrian and motor vehicle travel. The area is poorly linked to surrounding neighborhoods, and nearby Downtown Springfield, which lies approximately ½ mile east across the Willamette River.

The Springfield City Council has identified redevelopment of the Glenwood Riverfront into a vibrant, mixed use center, as one of their top priorities. A portion of Glenwood, between Franklin Blvd. and the Willamette River, is identified as a Node in TransPlan, and has been selected as a priority Node by the City Council. Additionally, Franklin Blvd. is the first phase of LTD's Bus Rapid Transit System. There are 3 stations planned for Franklin Blvd. through Glenwood, in the median. However, Glenwood lacks many of the pedestrian amenities that help create an atmosphere suited to Nodal Development, and lacks necessary sidewalks to ensure safe travel to and from the stations from the surrounding neighborhoods to the south.

To assist in establishing a vision for the Glenwood Riverfront Node, the City applied for and has been awarded nearly \$300,000 in planning grants for the 2000-04 planning period. There are also a number of infrastructure improvements planned for Franklin Blvd. between now and 2005, including City projects (sanitary sewer and storm drainage), ODOT projects (Bridge Preservation, Hwy. Preservation, Infill Sidewalks), SUB projects (water line), and BRT, which will open the area up to redevelopment.

In order to enhance safety and begin to establish a more pedestrian-oriented environment along Franklin Boulevard, sidewalks are imperative; however the current right of way stops near the existing curb. To construct sidewalks right of way or easements are needed. ODOT has committed \$300,000 for infill of existing sidewalks as a companion project to their Highway Preservation project for Franklin Blvd.; however additional right of way cannot be acquired with these funds. The City's hope is to obtain Transportation Enhancement funding in order to obtain the land needed to construct wider sidewalks along the south side of Franklin.

**Timing**

The project would fit into the mandatory 2006 deadline for the Transportation Enhancement projects.

**Cost**

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The project will cost \$550,000 with \$300,000 from ODOT funds. \$250,000 from the Transportation Enhancement program is requested to complete the project funding.

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