



**YAKIMA VALLEY
TRANSPORTATION POLICY BOARD
AGENDA**

Monday, May 20, 2019
1:30 p.m.

The 300 Building
311 N. 4th St, Ste 204, Yakima, WA

TRANSPORTATION POLICY BOARD:

James Restucci, Council Member, City of Sunnyside, Chair
John Hodkinson, Council Member, City of Union Gap, Vice Chair
Janice Gonzales, Council Member, City of Zillah
Brad Hill, Council Member, City of Yakima
Bill Moore, Council Member, City of Grandview
Mike Leita, Commissioner, Yakima County
Sherry Raymond, Mayor, City of Selah (Member at Large)
Todd Trepanier, Region Administrator, WSDOT SCR
Jon Smith, President/CEO, YCDA
Madelyn Carlson, CEO, People for People

13th District:

Sen. Judy Wamick
Rep. Tom Dent
Rep. Alex Ybarra

15th District:

Senator Jim Honeyford
Representative Bruce Chandler
Representative Jeremie Dufault

14th District:

Senator Curtis King
Representative Chris Corry
Representative Gina Mosbrucker

CALL TO ORDER

The May 20, 2019 meeting of the Transportation Policy Board will come to order at ____ p.m.

- I. INTRODUCTIONS
- II. ROLL CALL
- III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – April 15, 2019 *pp 3-4*

PUBLIC COMMENT POLICY – *It is the policy of the Transportation Policy Board to accept public comment on agenda items at the time the item is being discussed. Public comments regarding items not on the agenda will be heard at the end of the meeting.*

IV. OLD BUSINESS

- 1. Correspondence
Larry Mattson, Executive Director
 - Tribal Participation in RTPOs
 - Relations with WSDOT Local Programs Office*Action: Information*
- 2. 2019 – 2021 Consolidated Grant Program Awards *pp. 5-7*
Alan Adolf, Transportation Program Manager
 - Region’s results of 2018 grant award process.*Action: Information*
- 3. 2019 YVCOG Public Participation Plan Update *Table*
Alan Adolf, Transportation Program Manager
 - Public Comment Meetings and Document Review Opportunities*Action: Information*
- 4. 2020 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) Update *Table*
Alan Adolf, Transportation Program Manager.
 - Development update for State Fiscal Year (SFY) 2020 planning document*Action: Information*

V. NEW BUSINESS

1. House Bill 1160 pp. 8-13

Larry Mattson, Executive Director

- Engrossed Substitute HB 1160 - Central Washington Passenger Rail Feasibility Study
- Stampede Pass Option - return service to Ellensburg, Yakima, Toppenish

Action: Information

2. National Park Service Program pp. 14-23

Alan Adolf, Transportation Program Manager.

- Rivers, Trails and Conservation Program
- Potential Support of multi-jurisdictional "Trail" Link Planning Effort

Action: Information

3. May 2019 Wheel Options p. 24

Alan Adolf, Transportation Program Manager

- "Craft Your Commute" Participation Event

Action: Information

VI. WSDOT STATE & REGIONAL UPDATE

Todd Trepanier, WSDOT South Central Regional Administrator

- **Update on Transportation Demand Management**

Action: Information

OTHER BUSINESS

PUBLIC COMMENT

ADJOURN at _____ p.m.

YVCOG ensures full compliance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 by prohibiting discrimination against any person on the basis of race, color, national origin, or sex in the provision of benefits and services resulting from its federally assisted programs and activities. For questions regarding YVCOG's Title VI Program, you may contact the Title VI Coordinator at 509.574.1550.

If you need special accommodations to participate in this meeting, please call us at 509.574.1550 by 10:00 a.m. three days prior to the meeting. For TDD users, please use the state's toll-free relay service, 800.833.6388 and ask the operator to dial 509.574.1550.

YVCOG TRANSPORTATION POLICY BOARD
MEETING MINUTES
April 15, 2019

CALL TO ORDER

Jim Restucci called the April 15, 2019 meeting of the Transportation Policy Board to order at 1:30 p.m. A quorum was present.

PUBLIC COMMENT
POLICY

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ROLL CALL &
INTRODUCTIONS

Members present: John Hodkinson, Bill Moore, Jonathan Smith, Sherry Raymond, Madelyn Carlson, Todd Trepanier, Mike Leita
Members present via teleconference: Brad Hill
Members Absent: Janice Gonzales*
YVCOG staff present Larry Mattson, Alan Adolf, Jodi Smith
Others present: None
**Indicates notice of absence received prior to meeting.*

APPROVAL OF MINUTES*

Mike Leita moved to approve the minutes from March 18, 2019. John Hodkinson seconded. The motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS
*Correspondence**

Larry Mattson, Executive Director, presented information on the following:

- HB 1584 / SB 5778 – Tribal Participation in RTPOs. The Senate and House both passed the bills. If the Governor signs, it will be effective August 1, 2019.
- SB 5970, 5971, & 5972 – New Senate Transportation Package of proposed projects. Still in negotiations. More information at the May meeting.

Action: Information.

*2019 YVCOG Public
Participation Plan Update*

Alan Adolf, Transportation Program Manager, presented information. The public comment period opened today and will close on May 31st. How will we engage with the public? Added visual aids, Tribal participation and bilingual meetings and documents. Public comment meetings will be held in Union Gap, Naches and Sunnyside, the Yakama Nation, and YVCOG offices.

Action: Information

2020 Unified Planning Work
Program (UPWP)

Alan Adolf gave an update on the State Fiscal Year (SFY) 2020 planning document. First draft has been sent to WSDOT and the Federal government.

Action: Information

NEW BUSINESS

*Metropolitan / Regional
Transportation Planning
Organization Agreement
Amendment (GCB 2566) **

Alan Adolf presented information on the extension of 2017-19 Biennium Agreement, to June of 2021 with no other changes.

Action: Motion to authorize the Chair to sign the M/RTPO Agreement Amendment (GCB 2566) made by Mike Leita and seconded by Madelyn Carlson. The motion passed.

**April 2019 Metropolitan/Regional
Transportation Improvement
Program (M/RTIP) Amendment***

Alan Adolf presented information on the April TIP Amendment following approval from the Technical Advisory Committee. Morrier Lane Extension Project in Moxee will see Right-of-Way obligation year changed from 2021 to 2019. Also, a US HWY 12 interchange mitigation project. Construction obligation year changed to 2019.

Action: Motion to authorize the Chair to sign Resolutions 2019- 08, 2019-09 and the April 2019 TIP Amendment Checklist made by Jonathan Smith. Seconded by John Hodkinson. Motion passed.

**WSDOT STATE & REGIONAL
UPDATE**

Todd Trepanier provided a regional transportation update on construction projects for 2019. Many projects on the I-90 corridor.

- Driver distraction keeps growing.

Action: Information

OTHER BUSINESS

None.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

ADJOURN

With no other business, Jim Restucci adjourned the meeting at 1:51 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

James A. Restucci
YVCOG Transportation Policy Board Chair

Date signed

ATTEST:

Jodi Smith, Office Specialist

Date signed

Tentative WSDOT Public Transportation Consolidated Grant 2019-2021 Biennium Awardees

Legal Name of Organization	Project Title	19-21 Funded/Requested Amount	Amount Requested 2021-23
People For People	Yakima County Preservation of Rural Special Needs Transportation	\$ 2,684,385	\$ 2,814,223
People For People	Yakima County Preservation of Mobility Management	\$ 131,104	\$ 137,081
City of Yakima	Yakima-Ellensburg Commuter Operations Assistance	\$ 472,373	\$ 496,660
People For People	Yakima County Replacement Vehicles to Sustain Special Needs Transportation	\$ 375,566	\$ -
Entrust Community Services	Sustain Special Needs Transportation	\$ 97,882	\$ -
Yakima Valley Conference of Governments (YVCOG)	Yakima County Regional Transit Feasibility Study	\$ 50,000	\$ -



April 25, 2019

Larry Mattson
Yakima Valley Conference of Governments (YVCOG)
311 North 4th Street, Suite 204
Yakima, WA 98901-2467

Subject: 2019-2021 Consolidated Grant Program Award

Dear Larry Mattson:

WSDOT is pleased to provide your organization's Consolidated Grant Program award for the 2019-2021 biennium. Listed in the table below are your funded project(s), contingent upon approval of the state's budget and federal appropriations:

Project	Award 2019-21	Projected 2021-23
Yakima County Regional Transit Feasibility Study	\$50,000	

Please note that funds are reimbursable for grant-supported activities beginning July 1, 2019. Project expenditures accrued prior to this date may not be charged to your award.

Primary point of contact

Linda Howell, Community Liaison, is your primary WSDOT contact. She will assist you in developing your project scope, schedule of deliverables, budget, and contract execution. Linda's contact information is 509-543-3316 or howell@wsdot.wa.gov.

Scoring methodology

Part of your project's score was determined by an independent review panel using a forced-pairs ranking system. Regional Transportation Planning Organizations also scored your projects. WSDOT Public Transportation Division data analysts combined, then calculated the results to develop a ranked list of projects. Final award determinations were based on ranking, funding availability, budgets, revenues, and actual expenditures.

Larry Mattson
Yakima Valley Conference of Governments (YVCOG)
April 25, 2019
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Additional information

If you are unable to successfully implement your project, your matching-funds sources are no longer available, or you will be unable to meet your application's pledged match, please contact Stacy Wyman, Grants Analyst, at 360-705-7248 or wymanst@wsdot.wa.gov by May 15, 2019. Be sure to include your Community Liaison on any correspondence.

Please note that this letter applies only to the Consolidated Grants Program and does not include state formula funds. Notifications for other WSDOT public transportation grant programs will be sent separately to applicants.

We appreciate the valuable services your agency provides. We look forward to finalizing your grant agreement and funding your project. Congratulations!

Sincerely,



Don Chartock, Grants and Community Partnerships Manager
Public Transportation Division

cc: Linda Howell, WSDOT
Stacy Wyman, WSDOT
Brian Galloway, Yakima Valley Conference of Governments (YVCOG)

CERTIFICATION OF ENROLLMENT
ENGROSSED SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 1160

66th Legislature
2019 Regular Session

Passed by the House April 28, 2019
Yeas 96 Nays 2

Speaker of the House of Representatives

Passed by the Senate April 28, 2019
Yeas 49 Nays 0

President of the Senate
Approved

Governor of the State of Washington

CERTIFICATE

I, Bernard Dean, Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives of the State of Washington, do hereby certify that the attached is **ENGROSSED SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 1160** as passed by the House of Representatives and the Senate on the dates hereon set forth.

Chief Clerk

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**Secretary of State
State of Washington**

1 any final judgments arising out of such activities, for the period
2 ending June 30, 2021.

3 (2) Unless the context clearly requires otherwise, the
4 definitions in this subsection apply throughout this act.

5 (a) "Fiscal year 2020" or "FY 2020" means the fiscal year ending
6 June 30, 2020.

7 (b) "Fiscal year 2021" or "FY 2021" means the fiscal year ending
8 June 30, 2021.

9 (c) "FTE" means full-time equivalent.

10 (d) "Lapse" or "revert" means the amount shall return to an
11 unappropriated status.

12 (e) "Provided solely" means the specified amount may be spent
13 only for the specified purpose. Unless otherwise specifically
14 authorized in this act, any portion of an amount provided solely for
15 a specified purpose that is not expended subject to the specified
16 conditions and limitations to fulfill the specified purpose shall
17 lapse.

18 (f) "Reappropriation" means appropriation and, unless the context
19 clearly provides otherwise, is subject to the relevant conditions and
20 limitations applicable to appropriations.

21 (g) "LEAP" means the legislative evaluation and accountability
22 program committee.

23 **GENERAL GOVERNMENT AGENCIES—OPERATING**

24 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 101. FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF ARCHAEOLOGY AND**
25 **HISTORIC PRESERVATION**

26 Motor Vehicle Account—State Appropriation \$545,000

27 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 102. FOR THE UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION**
28 **COMMISSION**

29 Grade Crossing Protective Account—State Appropriation . . . \$504,000

30 Pilotage Account—State Appropriation. \$150,000

31 TOTAL APPROPRIATION. \$654,000

32 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 103. FOR THE OFFICE OF FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT**

33 Motor Vehicle Account—State Appropriation \$1,403,000

34 Multimodal Transportation Account—State Appropriation. . . \$300,000

35 Puget Sound Ferry Operations Account—State Appropriation . . \$116,000

1 (ii) A review of currently available battery and fuel cell
2 electric vehicle alternatives to the vehicle types most commonly used
3 by the state, counties, cities, and public transit agencies. The
4 review must include:

5 (A) The average vehicle cost differential among the commercially
6 available fuel options;

7 (B) A cost benefit analysis of the conversion of different
8 vehicle classes; and

9 (C) Recommendations for the types of vehicles that should be
10 excluded from consideration due to insufficient alternatives,
11 unreliable technology, or excessive cost;

12 (iii) The projected costs of achieving substantial conversion to
13 battery and/or fuel cell electric fleets by 2025, 2030, and 2035 for
14 the state, counties, cities, and public transit agencies. This cost
15 estimate must include:

16 (A) Vehicle acquisition costs, charging and refueling
17 infrastructure costs, and other associated costs;

18 (B) Financial constraints of each type of entity to transition to
19 an electric vehicle fleet; and

20 (C) Any other identified barriers to transitioning to a battery
21 and/or fuel cell electric vehicle fleet;

22 (iv) Identification and analysis of financing mechanisms that
23 could be used to finance the transition of publicly owned vehicles to
24 battery and fuel cell electric vehicles. These mechanisms include,
25 but are not limited to: Energy or carbon savings performance
26 contracting, utility grants and rebates, revolving loan funds, state
27 grant programs, private third-party financing, fleet management
28 services, leasing, vehicle use optimization, and vehicle to grid
29 technology; and

30 (v) The predicted number and location profile of electric vehicle
31 fueling stations needed statewide to provide fueling for the fleets
32 of the state, counties, cities, and public transit agencies.

33 (b) In developing and implementing the study, the joint
34 transportation committee must solicit input from representatives of
35 the department of enterprise services, the department of
36 transportation, the department of licensing, the department of
37 commerce, the Washington state association of counties, the
38 association of Washington cities, the Washington state transit
39 association, transit agencies, and others as deemed appropriate.

1 (c) The joint transportation committee must issue a report of its
2 findings and recommendations to the transportation committees of the
3 legislature by September 30, 2020.

4 (3) (a) \$250,000 of the multimodal transportation account—state
5 appropriation is for the joint transportation committee to conduct a
6 study of the feasibility of an east-west intercity passenger rail
7 system. The study must include the following elements:

8 (i) Projections of potential ridership;

9 (ii) Review of relevant planning studies;

10 (iii) Establishment of an advisory group and associated meetings;

11 (iv) Development of a Stampede Pass corridor alignment to
12 maximize ridership, revenue, and rationale, considering service to
13 population centers: Auburn, Cle Elum, Yakima, Tri-Cities, Ellensburg,
14 Toppenish, and Spokane;

15 (v) Assessment of current infrastructure conditions, including
16 station stop locations;

17 (vi) Identification of equipment needs; and

18 (vii) Identification of operator options.

19 (b) A report of the study findings and recommendations is due to
20 the transportation committees of the legislature by June 30, 2020.

21 (4) (a) \$275,000 of the highway safety fund—state appropriation is
22 for a study of vehicle subagents in Washington state. The study must
23 consider and include recommendations, as necessary, on the following:

24 (i) The relevant statutes, rules, and/or regulations authorizing
25 vehicle subagents and any changes made to the relevant statutes,
26 rules, and/or regulations;

27 (ii) The current process of selecting and authorizing a vehicle
28 subagent, including the change of ownership process and the
29 identification of any barriers to entry into the vehicle subagent
30 market;

31 (iii) The annual business expenditures borne by each of the
32 vehicle subagent businesses since fiscal year 2010 and identification
33 of any materials, including office equipment and supplies, provided
34 by the department of licensing to each vehicle subagent since fiscal
35 year 2010. To accomplish this task, each vehicle subagent must
36 provide expenditure data to the joint transportation committee for
37 the purposes of this study;

38 (iv) The oversight provided by the county auditors and/or the
39 department of licensing over the vehicle subagent businesses;



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APRIL 28

Cross-state rail service study funding approved

The AAWA proviso to fund a study of cross-state passenger rail service was included in the state transportation budget which passed overwhelmingly today. The study will be the responsibility of the Joint Transportation Committee. We will post more information as it becomes available.

Thanks to everyone who contacted your state representatives on our behalf.

From page 10 of http://lawfile.senate.gov/public/documents/2019/04/Pdf/Bills/House/620/Passed/2019/legislat/1160-S_P1.pdf

- (3)(a) \$250,000 of the multimodal transportation account—state appropriation is for the joint transportation committee to conduct a study of the feasibility of an east-west intercity passenger rail system. The study must include the following elements:
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Community Assistance

National Park Service
U.S. Department of the Interior
Rivers, Trails, and Conservation
Assistance Program



HELPING COMMUNITIES
REALIZE
THEIR **VISION**

The National Park Service Rivers, Trails, and Conservation Assistance program moves your community's ideas to action.

The National Park Service helps with community-led conservation and outdoor recreation projects by providing free planning support.

Supporting a diverse range of partners & projects.

The National Park Service Rivers, Trails, and Conservation Assistance (RTCA) program supports nonprofit organizations, community groups, tribes, and local, state, and federal government agencies. We help partners work together to create parks, develop trails and greenways, protect rivers and natural areas, and increase access to recreation opportunities. We help you engage a wide range of community partners and also work to connect you to National Park Service (NPS) managed areas.

The NPS helps you with projects that:

- Build healthy communities through parks, trails, and outdoor recreation
- Conserve natural lands, rivers, and watersheds
- Engage youth in outdoor recreation & stewardship
- Strengthen organizational capacity
- Develop partnerships & networks

Providing assistance tailored to your needs.

The NPS adapts best practices and draws upon our staff's project experience to support your needs. When a partner asks for assistance with a project, NPS staff provide free, on-site facilitation and technical expertise to guide your project from conception to completion.

The NPS does not provide project funding. Instead, we help you and your community locate and leverage public and private financial and technical support. The NPS also helps your community build strategic partnerships with diverse groups.



Visit www.nps.gov/RTCA for application information, program details, and your local contacts.

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“The National Park Service preserves unimpaired the natural and cultural resources and values of the National Park System for the enjoyment, education, and inspiration of this and future generations. *The Park Service cooperates with partners to extend the benefits of natural and cultural resource conservation and outdoor recreation throughout this country and the world.*”

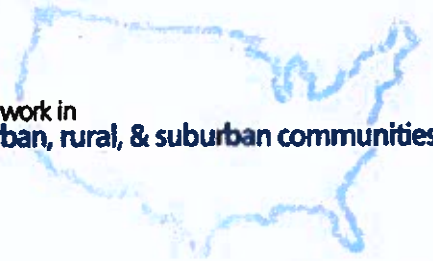
— The National Park Service Mission

Implementing the National Park Service mission across the United States.

The RTCA program helps carry out the National Park Service mission by supporting community-led outdoor recreation and conservation projects for the benefit of all Americans.



NPS staff work in urban, rural, & suburban communities



Hands-on, long-term support for you and your community.

NPS staff engage directly and frequently with partners like you to organize and carry out collaborative projects. On average, the NPS assists communities like yours with projects for one to three years. This hands-on, long-term approach is key to helping you build sustainable conservation and recreation strategies.



How the RTCA program turns ideas into action:

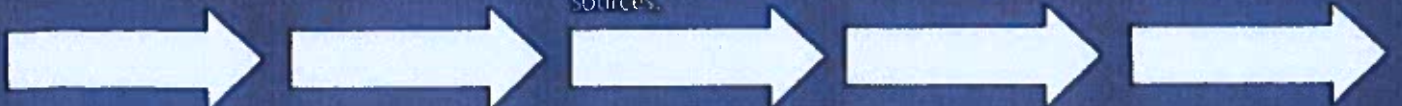
A community or organization has an idea and applies for project assistance.

NPS staff members consult with partners to clarify goals and community needs.

NPS staff help develop project strategies, identify additional partners, and locate funding sources.

NPS staff assist the community with ongoing planning and partnership development.

With defined priorities and commitments secured, implementation begins!

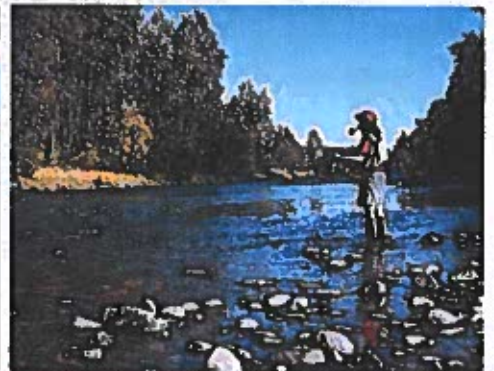


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Application Guidelines & Form



About Us

The National Park Service – Rivers, Trails and Conservation Assistance program (RTCA) supports community-led natural resource conservation and outdoor recreation projects across the nation. Our conservation and recreation planning professionals partner with community groups, nonprofit organizations, tribes, and government agencies. This partnership assists local communities in realizing their conservation and outdoor recreation vision and goals by providing a broad range of services and skills. National Park Service (NPS) staff share their expertise to help your team turn an idea into reality. We offer this assistance on an annual basis with extensions based on mutual agreement. *No monetary grants are made.*

National Park Service Mission

The National Park Service preserves unimpaired the natural and cultural resources and values of the National Park System for the enjoyment, education, and inspiration of this and future generations. The Park Service cooperates with partners to extend the benefits of natural and cultural resource conservation and outdoor recreation throughout this country and the world.

Our Focus Areas

Our projects typically fall within five focus areas, although we consider other projects that fall outside of these categories:

- **Build healthy communities through parks, trails, and outdoor opportunities:**
Improve access to outdoor recreation and park amenities on land and water that support healthy lifestyles for all users
- **Conserve natural lands, rivers, and watersheds:**
Strengthen the conservation and stewardship of public lands, waterways, and wildlife habitat
- **Engage youth in outdoor recreation and stewardship:**
Connect young people to the outdoors to develop a lifelong appreciation of recreation and nature
- **Strengthen the organizational capacity of project partners:**
Develop and strengthen effective and sustainable community organizations and partner groups
- **Support National Park Service and community networks:**
Facilitate strategic planning and collaboration between national parks and communities to achieve shared goals



Our Services

Our assistance is tailored to your needs. Examples of the types of assistance we provide are listed below. Visit our website to learn about current projects: <https://www.nps.gov/orgs/rtca/community-projects.htm>

- Define project vision and goals
- Inventory and map community resources
- Identify and analyze key issues and opportunities
- Engage collaborative partners and stakeholders
- Design community outreach and participation strategies
- Develop concept plans for trails, parks, and natural areas
- Set priorities and build consensus
- Identify funding strategies
- Develop a sustainable organizational framework to support the project
- Create project management and strategic action plans
- Coach teams, groups, and partnership networks

Application Process and Timeline

Consulting a program manager prior to the application deadline is a *requirement* to help identify how our expertise can complement your project and to answer questions regarding the application. Please see the contact list at the end of this application to identify the program manager who serves your state.

- Application deadline: June 30
- Email completed applications to the program manager who serves your state or contact them for guidance on mailing a printed version (*see list at the end of the application*)
- Please include the following in your Application Package:
 1. Completed application form
 2. Site location map
 3. A minimum of three commitment letters that describe each partner's role, responsibility, and contribution to the project
 4. Optional supplemental information that can help us learn more about your project (for example, background documents, media coverage, additional maps, list of links to resources, project photos, etc.)
- Applicants will be notified of decisions by November 1.
- Project start times will be coordinated with applicants who have been selected for assistance.

Project Selection Criteria

Applications for support from the Rivers, Trails and Conservation Assistance program are competitively evaluated based on the following criteria:

- The project has specific goals and results for conservation and outdoor recreation expected in the near future.
- Roles and contributions of project partners are significant and well-defined.
- There is evidence of broad community support for the project.
- The project fits with our focus areas (although proposals falling outside these areas are considered).



Application Form

Date:

Project Name: Newgrange Community Park

City and State: Kinsale, MA

Congressional District(s) Number(s): Massachusetts's 2nd Congressional District

Primary Applicant Organization(s):

Primary Contact: John Smith

Title: Executive Director

Street Address: 75 Pearse Dr.

City: Kinsale

State/Territory: MA

Zip Code: XXXX

Email: brian@Newgrangemeadows.org

Daytime Phone: XXXXXXXXXX

Website (if applicable):

Please review focus area descriptions (on page 1) and project selection criteria (on page 2) for guidance on addressing the following questions. Contact an RTCA staff member with questions or for additional information.

1. Project Summary

Address the following points concisely:

- a. **Summary of project - Tell us about your project idea and the specific outcomes you would like to achieve:**

The project goals of this application include receiving technical assistance from NPS personnel to engage community partners and stakeholders in the process of developing a conceptual plan for repurposing underutilized natural and recreation lands into the Newgrange Community Park. This will include mapping community resources, developing and strengthening partnerships, and identifying appropriate funding sources to match state and local grants. The overarching goal of this project is to create a publicly accessible, community park conserving valuable habitat for local wildlife with opportunities for nature education and outdoor recreation.

1. Project Summary (continued)

- b. Describe any specific results anticipated within 5 years of project start-up (for example, greenway plan development or implementation, community events, land acquisition, sustainable organization formed, miles of trails developed, acres of land preserved/conserved, etc.).

The final outcome of this project would be a community-supported master plan for the Newgrange Community Park that details the site configuration including amenities that would be added over several phases. It would plan for the restoration and redevelopment of the site that incorporates recreational activities and document the steps and a reasonable timeline that Newgrange Parks Association and its partners could follow to highlight the site's natural and outdoor recreation features. This road map would help assure this conceptual plan becomes a reality.

The plan will identify neighborhood connections, opportunities for new recreational amenities consistent with goals for native habitat for wildlife. The plan will also identify local trail connections and broader regional connections to multi-use paths and nearby local parks.

The inclusive process would engage stakeholders, build enthusiasm and leverage resources to ensure that the end result serves local residents and visitors to Wicklow County.

- c. Describe any major project accomplishments to date:

In June 2108, Newgrange Parks Association secured a stewardship grant from the Massachusetts' Volunteer Resource Group to begin reestablishing native plants in the underutilized park area. This will jump start habitat restoration in advance of planning for outdoor recreation and park amenities.

- d. Describe anticipated benefits to the community (for example, recreational, social, environmental, economic, health, etc.):

The proposed Newgrange Community park will benefit the health and well-being of the citizens and visitors to the Kinsale-Howe community. It will also benefit the health of the wildlife native to the region. As a restored natural area, it will provide much needed habitat for native birds and other wildlife species. As an accessible park land, it will create an essential location for the community to connect with nature as part of Newgrange "Healthy Parks Healthy People. The health and wellness of our population is integrally related to the health of our parks.

The Parks Association plans on launching a community nature education program encouraging other organizations and agencies to access the re imagined Newgrange Community Park as a venue to expand knowledge about nature and our physical, social, and emotional connections to it.

2. Roles

a. Describe your organization, its role in the project, and the time and resources that will be contributed:

The mission of Newgrange Parks Association is to improve the quality of life in northern Massachusetts by supporting and improving parks and open spaces. The Parks Association does this primarily by providing outdoor and nature education programs with a special emphasis on youth. NPA is an independent, 501 (c) (3) nonprofit organization.

The Parks Association is the principal organization driving the Newgrange Community Park concept. Thanks to the planning grant secured early in 2019 we will be able to hire a project manager who will work full-time beginning in August of this year.

In addition to the Newgrange Community Park Project Manager, the Park Association Executive Director will spend approximately 20% of his time on this project, and the Outdoor Education Coordinator will spend around 50% of her time developing the project. Following the \$100,000 in planning funds that will be invested in 2019, we anticipate spending over \$200,000 annually operating and maintaining the newly established community park.

b. In the chart below, list the key partners committed to the project and their anticipated role(s) and contribution:

Organization Name	Project Role(s) and Contribution
City of Kinsale, Parks and Recreation Department	The Parks Department will assist as a principal planner and be the primary point of contact working side by side with Public Works who will ultimately be responsible for infrastructure improvements. Outreach to the public will be facilitated by City staff. The final design will require approval by Kinsale's City Council.
Nonprofit Sector Organizations including, but not limited to the Glenn Creek Audubon Society, Wildlife for Massachusetts, Walkable Kinsale and The Nature Conservancy.	Our nonprofit partners will play an integral role in community outreach and engagement planning and attending workshops, and providing technical expertise. This assistance will include park design, trail construction, habitat restoration, and community stewardship.
Massachusetts Department of Wildlife	Massachusetts Department of Wildlife will assist in the planning process lending expertise in interpretive and watchable wildlife amenity planning. They may also assist developing a wildlife in your backyard program.
City of Kinsale Neighborhood Forum	The proposed community park serves many diverse neighborhoods. The Neighborhood Forum facilitates information sharing amongst residents ensuring all community members are involved in park planning.

3. Community Support & Engagement

- a. Describe project support to date, including support from the general public, organizations, coalitions, government agencies, and elected officials. Share any relevant news media articles, sections of plans that propose the project, and/or government resolutions that illustrate this support:

The Parks Association has received enthusiastic support across the community, as well as the support of the City of Kinsale. The Board of Directors of the Parks Association is in full support of partnering with the City to further this community park vision.

- b. Describe plans for future public outreach and engagement:

We look to the assistance from the National Park Service to help us determine future public outreach and engagement. We expect to engage a broad and diverse array of all park users, of all groups and ages.

4. NPS Support Requested

- a. What are the major project challenges your organization faces?

The former underutilized recreation lands is owned by the City of Kinsale. The property is also significant as wildlife habitat. The parcel contains approximately 25 acres of wetland as well as Raffeen Stream, the largest tributary to the Bandon watershed. Flooding has created access issues and part of the park has been closed due to related damage and is in a state of disrepair. Currently, invasive weed species are proliferating, which is further deteriorating native wildlife habitat and impacting accessibility. The property is surrounded by residential neighborhoods that include multifamily and single family housing, as well as some nearby rural properties.

4. NPS Support Requested (continued)

- b. Describe the types of assistance and specific deliverables you are seeking from the NPS staff that would complement your team. *For examples, see the description of "Our Services" on page 2.*

Newgrange Parks Association is seeking technical assistance from the National Park Service including, but not limited to, planning and facilitating a design charrette\ and related workshops and community forums with local residents and community stakeholders culminating in a vision and concept design plan for the site.

This may include several options for future improvements with detailed suggestions for park amenities coupled with a plan to restore and open a portion of the damaged park to build community momentum, while planning for the entire site.

Lastly we would like the National Park Service to help in shaping an implementation strategy with identified actions and funding and other partner commitments and resources to assure the park is a reality in the short term.

5. How Did You Hear About Us?

Have you worked with Rivers, Trails and Conservation Assistance in the past? If not, how did you hear about our program (for example, from a colleague, online search, NPS website, grants.gov, social media, email, or other)?

Have you worked with RTCA in the past? If not, how did you hear about our program (for example, from a colleague, online search, NPS website, www.grants.gov, social media, email, or other)? We are part of the Massachusetts Parks Coalition and were advised to apply by a past RTCA partner the Across Massachusetts Trails Association. This group received NPS RTCA assistance in 2016 and have completed over 200 miles of this growing trails network.

6. Attachments

Please include the following attachments with this completed application by June 30:

- Site location map
- Commitment letters from 3 or more project partners
- Optional supplemental information that can help us learn more about your project (background documents, examples of media coverage, additional maps, list of links to resources, project photos, etc.)

Reminder: Ensure you have initiated contact with your individual state program manager for guidance prior to submittal.

Submitting Your Application

After the application is completed, email your application materials to the program manager for your region and state, or contact them for guidance on mailing a printed version.

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