

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

DATE: August 3, 2021

PARTIES: CITY OF HERMISTON
CITY OF UMATILLA
UMATILLA COUNTY

PURPOSE: To document an understanding between the parties as to how the entities intend to jointly fund a Preliminary Engineering Report examining viable options for a vehicle bridge over the Umatilla River.

RECITALS: Increased connectivity between Hermiston and Umatilla will generally be beneficial to continued economic growth of both communities.

Construction of a new vehicle bridge across the Umatilla River generally appears to increase inter-community connectivity.

The City of Hermiston's adopted Transportation System Plan has, since 2001, included future plans for bridges aligning with both Elm Avenue and Punkin Center Road.

Capital construction costs associated with a new bridge are anticipated to be at least \$20 million, and well beyond the ability of any of the partners individually, or jointly, to afford.

The parties wish to pursue outside funding to significantly assist with capital construction costs.

Due to the size and complexity of the project, a significant amount of preliminary engineering analysis is necessary in order to appropriately assure potential internal & external funding partners of the project's viability.

Anderson Perry & Associates Engineering, Inc. has provided the City of Hermiston with a Scope of Work to prepare a Preliminary Engineering Report, which is attached to this MOU. Work items in the PER include:

- Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities, & Threat (SWOT) analysis comparing both potential bridge locations.
- Preliminary Transportation Impact Analysis.
- Environmental, Cultural, and Permitting Review
- Right of Way & Land Acquisition Analysis

- Conceptual layout design for both potential bridge locations.
- Preliminary construction cost estimates.

Anderson Perry & Associates has agreed to provide the PER work for \$130,000.

UNDERSTANDING: Now, THEREFORE, the parties document their intentions as follows;

1. The parties agree to share the cost of the PER as:
 - a. City of Hermiston- \$50,000
 - b. Umatilla County- \$50,000
 - c. City of Umatilla- \$30,000
2. The City of Hermiston will act as the owner and point of contact for Anderson Perry, with other parties reimbursing the City of Hermiston.
3. All parties agree to collaborate on this project in good faith.
4. More detailed consideration of potential future partnerships, funding, ownership, etc. are all contingent upon the results of this Preliminary Engineering Report. Therefore, this MOU does not create any expectation of future commitments by any party.

CITY OF HERMISTON

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