



ConnectOregon IV Program Application 2011-2012

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- Please read *ConnectOregon IV* Application Instructions prior to completing this application.
- The Application Instructions, the Draft Project Agreement, and Frequently Asked Questions are available on the *ConnectOregon IV* Web site: <http://www.oregon.gov/ODOT/COMM/CO>
- Submission Requirements are detailed in Section 9 of the Application Instructions

Project Summary and Certification

1. Applicant

ORGANIZATION NAME Oregon Eastern Railroad	CONTACT PERSON NAME Eddie Hale	
ADDRESS 164 Washington St. East	CONTACT PERSON TITLE Vice President Operations	
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2. Project name and location

PROJECT NAME Malheur Jct. Wye Project #2	PROJECT LOCATION Malheur Jct. Oregon	STAFF USE ONLY
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3. Cost summary (These fields will fill automatically as the application is completed.)

a. <i>ConnectOregon IV</i> grant amount	\$53,564.00
b. Match amount (20% of grant)	\$13,391.00
c. <i>ConnectOregon IV</i> loan amount	\$ 0.00
d. <i>ConnectOregon IV</i> project total	\$66,955.00

4. Certification

I certify that Oregon Eastern Railroad supports the proposed project, has the legal authority

APPLICANT ORGANIZATION

to pledge matching funds, and has the legal authority to apply for *ConnectOregon IV* funds. I further certify that matching funds are available or will be available for the proposed project. I understand that all State of Oregon rules for contracting, auditing, underwriting (where applicable), and payment will apply to this project. I certify that I have read the Sample Draft Agreement and will sign the Agreement if selected.

APPLICANT SIGNATURE X	PRINT NAME Eddie Hale	DATE
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Project Description

5. Project summary

BRIEF SUMMARY OF PROJECT (MAXIMUM 400 CHARACTERS; FIELD WILL EXPAND AS YOU TYPE)

Replace 300 ties on the west leg of Wye, haul in fill dirt and ballast to build up both the north and south sides of the west leg walkway so it is safe for Railroad employees and to meet ODOT Rail Division standards.(Rule 41-320-0060).

6. Project purpose and description

Project maps must be included with this application. Maximum map size: 11 by 17 inches.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION AND PURPOSE (MAXIMUM 4500 CHARACTERS; FIELD WILL EXPAND AS YOU TYPE)

The purpose of this project will be to meet ODOT walkway requirements (Rule 41-320-0060) and make it safe for railroad workers at this interchange point. We will replace 300 ties and spikes on the west leg of Malheur Jct. Wye, haul in fill dirt and ballast to build up both the north and south sides of walkway.

7. Project location

STREET ADDRESS OR NEAREST STREET INTERSECTION Alameda Drive/ Railroad Ave.		
CITY(IES) Ontario	COUNTY(IES) Malheur	
GPS COORDINATES Malheur Jct. Wye	LATITUDE (DEGREES AND DECIMAL) N43*59.730	LONGITUDE (DEGREES AND DECIMAL) 116*58.420

8. Project mode (check all that apply):..... Air Marine Rail Transit
9. *ConnectOregon* region CO Region 1 CO Region 2 CO Region 3 CO Region 4 CO Region 5
 For more information, refer to the Application Instructions. For processing purposes, when projects are located in more than one *ConnectOregon* region, applicant must identify which region will contain the majority of the planned project.

10. Is the applicant current on all state and local taxes, fees, and assessments? Yes No

11. What is the project's useful life?

YEARS
40

12. After project completion who will assume responsibility for the continued maintenance and operation of the project?

RESPONSIBLE PARTY Oregon Eastern Railroad
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13. What will be the source(s) of funds for the continued maintenance and operation of the project?

SOURCE(S) Oregon Eastern Railroad

14. Is the funding for the continued maintenance and operation of the project currently secured or budgeted for the initial budget cycle of project operation? Yes No

If no, describe how and when these steps will occur:

DESCRIBE

Project Budget and Schedule

19. Identify the source and amount of funds for the project budget, including grants, loans, and matching funds.

SOURCE		AMOUNT	DATE AVAILABLE		STAFF USE ONLY
			CALENDAR YEAR	MONTH	
a. Grant portion		\$66,955.00	2012	August	1.0000
1. Required match (For grants: 20% grant project subtotal)	\$13,391.00			Select	0.2000
2. <i>ConnectOregon IV</i> grant amount requested	\$53,564.00			August	0.8000
b. <i>ConnectOregon IV</i> loan portion requested (no match required)		\$0.00		Select	0.0000
c. <i>ConnectOregon IV</i> total (a+b)		\$66,955.00		August	1.0000
d. Additional applicant match (not required)		\$0.00		Select	0.0000
Project total		\$66,955.00			1.0000

20. For grant projects, detail the source and timing of the match shown above.

FUNDS	SOURCE OF FUNDS	AMOUNT	DATE AVAILABLE		STAFF USE ONLY
			CALENDAR YEAR	MONTH	
Labor (payroll)		\$0.00		Select	0.0000
Contracted services	Matching	\$10,871.00	2012	September	0.8118
Materials and supplies		\$0.00		Select	0.0000
Capital outlay – land (purchase price)		\$0.00		Select	0.0000
Capital outlay – buildings		\$0.00		Select	0.0000
Capital outlay -- equipment	Matching	\$2,520.00	2012	August	0.1882
Other (describe):		\$0.00		Select	0.0000
Other (describe):		\$0.00		Select	0.0000
Other (describe):		\$0.00		Select	0.0000
Other (describe):		\$0.00		Select	0.0000
Total <i>Total must equal \$13,391.00</i> <i>1.a.1–Required match + 1.d–Additional applicant match</i>		\$13,391.00			1.0000

21. If the *ConnectOregon* IV project is part of a larger project, describe the scope of the entire project. Include the total amounts of public and private investment in the proposed project. Please note which portions of the project are *ConnectOregon* IV eligible.

DESCRIBE (MAXIMUM 1200 CHARACTERS; FIELD WILL EXPAND AS YOU TYPE)

Commitment letters from businesses and organizations, stating their intentions regarding private investment over a specified period, are included in the Supplemental Information attached to this application and sited in question # 43.

22. Complete the following tables regarding current and projected milestones for the project. Check to indicate if the project is a construction or a non-construction project.

MILESTONE	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (NON-CONSTRUCTION) PROJECTS – DESCRIBE
a. Milestone 1	a. Scoping and planning	a.
b. Milestone 2	b. Right-of-way and land acquisition	b. N/A
c. Milestone 3	c. Final Plans/bidding engineering documents	c. N/A
d. Milestone 4	d. Permits	d. N/A
e. Milestone 5	e. Construction contract award	e. N/A
f. Milestone 6	f. Project completion	f.

23. For the milestones identified above, provide the following details:

MILESTONE	STATUS			
	HAS THE MILESTONE BEEN MET?	PROJECTED START DATE OF MILESTONE WORK	ESTIMATED LENGTH OF PROCESS	PROJECTED MILESTONE COMPLETION DATE
a. Milestone 1	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	8/1/2012	30 DAYS	8/31/2012
b. Milestone 2	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No			
c. Milestone 3	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No			
d. Milestone 4	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No			
e. Milestone 5	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No			
f. Milestone 6	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	9/1/2012	60 DAYS	10/30/2012

24. Based on the milestones identified on the previous page, provide details of the proposed uses and amount of funds needed to complete each milestone.

a. Milestone 1

This milestone is complete or does not apply.

FUNDS	AMOUNT	PART OF GRANT MATCH?	DATE AVAILABLE	
			CALENDAR YEAR	MONTH
Labor (payroll)	\$26,250.00	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	2012	August
Contracted services (if known)	\$0.00	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		Select
Materials and supplies	\$17,360.00	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	2012	August
Capital outlay – land	\$0.00	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		Select
Capital outlay – buildings	\$0.00	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		Select
Capital outlay – equipment	\$2,520.00	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	2012	August
Other (describe):	\$0.00	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		Select
Milestone 1 Total	\$46,130.00			

b. Milestone 2

This milestone is complete or does not apply.

FUNDS	AMOUNT	PART OF GRANT MATCH?	DATE AVAILABLE	
			CALENDAR YEAR	MONTH
Labor (payroll)	\$0.00	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		Select
Contracted services (if known)	\$0.00	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		Select
Materials and supplies	\$0.00	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		Select
Capital outlay – land	\$0.00	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		Select
Capital outlay – buildings	\$0.00	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		Select
Capital outlay – equipment	\$0.00	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		Select
Other (describe):	\$0.00	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		Select
Milestone 2 Total	\$ 0.00			

c. Milestone 3

This milestone is complete or does not apply.

FUNDS	AMOUNT	PART OF GRANT MATCH?	DATE AVAILABLE	
			CALENDAR YEAR	MONTH
Labor (payroll)	\$0.00	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		Select
Contracted services (if known)	\$0.00	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		Select
Materials and supplies	\$0.00	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		Select
Capital outlay – land	\$0.00	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		Select
Capital outlay – buildings	\$0.00	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		Select
Capital outlay – equipment	\$0.00	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		Select
Other (describe):	\$0.00	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		Select
Milestone 3 Total	\$ 0.00			

d. Milestone 4

 This milestone is complete or does not apply.

FUNDS	AMOUNT	PART OF GRANT MATCH?	DATE AVAILABLE	
			CALENDAR YEAR	MONTH
Labor (payroll)	\$0.00	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		Select
Contracted services (if known)	\$0.00	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		Select
Materials and supplies	\$0.00	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		Select
Capital outlay – land	\$0.00	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		Select
Capital outlay – buildings	\$0.00	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		Select
Capital outlay – equipment	\$0.00	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		Select
Other (describe):	\$0.00	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		Select
Milestone 4 Total	\$ 0.00			

e. Milestone 5

 This milestone is complete or does not apply.

FUNDS	AMOUNT	PART OF GRANT MATCH?	DATE AVAILABLE	
			CALENDAR YEAR	MONTH
Labor (payroll)	\$0.00	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		Select
Contracted services (if known)	\$0.00	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		Select
Materials and supplies	\$0.00	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		Select
Capital outlay – land	\$0.00	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		Select
Capital outlay – buildings	\$0.00	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		Select
Capital outlay – equipment	\$0.00	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		Select
Other (describe):	\$0.00	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		Select
Milestone 5 Total	\$ 0.00			

f. Milestone 6

 This milestone is complete or does not apply.

FUNDS	AMOUNT	PART OF GRANT MATCH?	DATE AVAILABLE	
			CALENDAR YEAR	MONTH
Labor (payroll)	\$0.00	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		Select
Contracted services (if known)	\$18,200.00	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	2012	October
Materials and supplies	\$2,625.00	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	2012	October
Capital outlay – land	\$0.00	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		Select
Capital outlay – buildings	\$0.00	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		Select
Capital outlay – equipment	\$0.00	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		Select
Other (describe):	\$0.00	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		Select
Milestone 6 Total	\$20,825.00			

Totals

	AMOUNT	STAFF USE ONLY
Labor (payroll)	\$26,250.00	0.3921
Contracted services (if known)	\$18,200.00	0.2718
Materials and supplies	\$19,985.00	0.2985
Capital outlay – land	\$ 0.00	0.0000
Capital outlay – buildings	\$ 0.00	0.0000
Capital outlay – equipment	\$2,520.00	0.0376
Other	\$ 0.00	0.0000
Total	\$66,955.00	1.0000

25. Complete the following table regarding pre-construction documentation and permits. (Potential projects are expected to be at varying stages of construction readiness; some of the steps below will not apply, or must be marked "Still required" or "Don't know." See the *ConnectOregon IV* Application Instructions for detailed explanations of the terms below.)

ENVIRONMENTAL AND PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT					
STEP	STATUS				
	ALREADY COMPLETED	INCOMPLETE/ UNDERWAY	STILL REQUIRED	NOT APPLICABLE	DON'T KNOW
a. NEPA Categorical Exclusion (CE)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b. NEPA Environmental Assessment (EA).....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
c. Environmental Impact Statement (EIS).....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
d. Air-quality conformity determination.....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
e. In-water work permit.....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
f. Coordination of project approval with any Native American tribe or another state.....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
g. Stakeholder involvement.....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
h. Permits	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
i. Other: <u>Describe</u>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
j. Other: <u>Describe</u>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

PLANNING AND LAND USE					
STEP	STATUS				
	ALREADY COMPLETED	INCOMPLETE/ UNDERWAY	STILL REQUIRED	NOT APPLICABLE	DON'T KNOW
k. Inclusion in adopted transportation system plan (TSP)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
l. Inclusion in adopted local comprehensive plan.....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
m. Inclusion in adopted regional transportation plan (RTP)....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
n. Zoning amendment	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
o. Goal exception (if required by state planning goals).....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
p. Other: <u>Describe</u>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
q. Other: <u>Describe</u>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

List other federal, state, modal, regional, or local plans where this project is listed.

DESIGN AND SPECIFICATION					
STEP	STATUS				
	ALREADY COMPLETED	INCOMPLETE/ UNDERWAY	STILL REQUIRED	NOT APPLICABLE	DON'T KNOW
r. Engineering and/or design services contracted	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
s. 25% design complete	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
t. 50% design complete	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
u. 75% design complete	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
v. Final design complete	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
w. Plans and specifications.....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
x. Other: <u>Describe</u>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
y. Other: <u>Describe</u>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

26. What permits or approvals (beyond those noted above) are required prior to project construction?

PERMITS OR APPROVALS (MAXIMUM 1600 CHARACTERS)

N/A

27. Is the construction of the project limited to specific construction timeframes due to environmental considerations (such as bird-nesting or fish-spawning seasons, or temperature)?

- Yes No No; however, additional information is included in addenda.

If yes, note the periods when construction is limited:

RESTRICTION DESCRIPTION	START DATE OF RESTRICTION	END DATE OF RESTRICTION
Frozen ground	11/15/2012	4/15/2012

28. Can the project demonstrate support from public agencies that must approve the project?

- Yes Yes, started but not completed No

LIST APPROVALS (MAXIMUM 1600 CHARACTERS)

ODOT Rail Division

Check if documentation of the approval coordination is attached in Supplemental Information.

29. Describe any unique construction-readiness issues or possible delays not identified above:

DESCRIBE (MAXIMUM 1600 CHARACTERS)

30. The project schedule presented above has the following level of risk involved.

High Medium Low

a. Describe the reason for your answer regarding level of risk.

(MAXIMUM 300 CHARACTERS; FIELD WILL EXPAND AS YOU TYPE)
 Weather would be the only thing to delay the project schedule.

b. Who was responsible for determining the project schedule and what is their level of expertise? (I.e. City or consultant engineer, construction project manager, city staff, etc.)

(MAXIMUM 300 CHARACTERS; FIELD WILL EXPAND AS YOU TYPE)
 Dave Larson Construction Superintendent, 29 years with Western Railroad Builders.

Project Details

31. Does the project improve existing or create new critical links for Oregon's transportation system?

Yes No

IF YES, CHECK ALL THAT APPLY:

The project...

- creates a new link
- improves an existing link

The project improves or creates new transportation links...

- between multiple modes of transportation (check all that apply)
 - air marine pipeline passenger rail freight rail transit truck
 - bus bicycle pedestrian personal automobile
- to transportation networks outside Oregon

EXPLAIN (MAXIMUM 400 CHARACTERS; FIELD WILL EXPAND AS YOU TYPE).

32. How is success measured for this type of project?

THIS ANSWER MUST INCLUDE THE METHODOLOGY FOR CALCULATION. ATTACH ADDITIONAL INFORMATION AND SITE IN QUESTION #43 AS NECESSARY.
 (MAXIMUM 300 CHARACTERS; FIELD WILL EXPAND AS YOU TYPE)

- a. What is the existing measurement today?
- b. What is anticipated measurement when the project is fully operational?

33. Does the project improve an existing transportation connection or add a new connection to an industrial or employment center?

Yes No

IF YES, CHECK ALL THAT APPLY:

The project...

Creates a new connection

Improves an existing connection

a. This project improves or creates access to:

<input type="checkbox"/> Industrial center	SPECIFY
<input type="checkbox"/> Employment center	SPECIFY
<input type="checkbox"/> This project provides access to	SITE NAME
which is a site certified as "Project Ready" by the Oregon Business Development Department (OBDD). For more information, refer to the Application Instructions.	

34. Does this project link workers to jobs?

Yes No

EXPLAIN (MAXIMUM 300 CHARACTERS; FIELD WILL EXPAND AS YOU TYPE)

a. Which passenger mode(s) are linked for workers

PASSENGER MODE LINKS (CHECK ALL THAT APPLY)

<input type="checkbox"/> Fixed-route bus	<input type="checkbox"/> Light rail	<input type="checkbox"/> Air services
<input type="checkbox"/> Demand-responsive bus	<input type="checkbox"/> Passenger rail	<input type="checkbox"/> Ferry
	<input type="checkbox"/> Commuter rail	<input type="checkbox"/> Water taxi
<input type="checkbox"/> Other	DESCRIBE (MAXIMUM 75 CHARACTERS)	

b. Estimated use by new workers

ESTIMATED NUMBER OF NEW WORKERS PER DAY EXPECTED TO USE THE PASSENGER SERVICE WHEN OPENED

N/A

EXPLAIN BASIS FOR ESTIMATE (MAXIMUM 300 CHARACTERS; FIELD WILL EXPAND AS YOU TYPE)

N/A

c. Geographic service level

IDENTIFY GEOGRAPHIC SERVICE AREA (CHECK ALL THAT APPLY)

<input type="checkbox"/> Rural	
<input type="checkbox"/> Intra-city (within a town or city)	<input type="checkbox"/> Intercity (between towns or cities)
<input type="checkbox"/> Interstate (between states)	<input type="checkbox"/> International

35. Does this project link populations to medical care, social services, or shopping?

- Yes No

EXPLAIN (MAXIMUM 300 CHARACTERS; FIELD WILL EXPAND AS YOU TYPE)

a. Passenger mode links for medical care, social services, shopping

PASSENGER MODE LINKS (CHECK ALL THAT APPLY)

<input type="checkbox"/> Fixed-route bus	<input type="checkbox"/> Light rail	<input type="checkbox"/> Air services
<input type="checkbox"/> Demand-responsive bus	<input type="checkbox"/> Passenger rail	<input type="checkbox"/> Ferry
	<input type="checkbox"/> Commuter rail	<input type="checkbox"/> Water taxi

Other Describe (MAXIMUM 75 CHARACTERS)
 Freight Railroad

b. Estimated use by new passengers

ESTIMATED NUMBER OF NEW PASSENGERS PER DAY EXPECTED TO USE THE PASSENGER SERVICE WHEN OPENED
 N/A

EXPLAIN BASIS FOR ESTIMATE (MAXIMUM 300 CHARACTERS; FIELD WILL EXPAND AS YOU TYPE)
 N/A

c. Geographic service level

IDENTIFY GEOGRAPHIC SERVICE AREA (CHECK ALL THAT APPLY)

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Rural	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Intercity (between towns or cities)
<input type="checkbox"/> Intra-city (within a town or city)	<input type="checkbox"/> International
<input type="checkbox"/> Interstate (between states)	

36. Does this project...

- increase system capacity?
- relieve a bottleneck or congestion point?
- complete one or more gaps in Oregon's transportation system?
- remove an existing barrier?
- reduce traffic or use conflicts?
- implement technology including Intelligent Transportation Systems?

EXPLAIN (MAXIMUM 1250 CHARACTERS; FIELD WILL EXPAND AS YOU TYPE) INCLUDE IN YOUR ANSWER AND ATTACH DOCUMENTATION SUPPORTING YOUR ANSWER. SITE IN QUESTION #43

37. Does the project serve one or more of Oregon's Statewide Business Clusters or the tourism industry? For more information, refer to the Application Instructions.

STATEWIDE BUSINESS CLUSTERS (CHECK ALL THAT APPLY)	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> Forestry and Wood Products
<input type="checkbox"/> Athletic & Outdoor Gear and Apparel	<input type="checkbox"/> Green Building and Development
<input type="checkbox"/> Aviation	<input type="checkbox"/> Manufacturing
<input type="checkbox"/> Bioscience	<input type="checkbox"/> Nursery Products
<input type="checkbox"/> Creative Industries	<input type="checkbox"/> Semiconductors and Electronics Components
<input type="checkbox"/> Defense	<input type="checkbox"/> Software
<input type="checkbox"/> Education Services and Technology	<input type="checkbox"/> Solar
<input type="checkbox"/> Electric Vehicles and Sustainable Trans.	<input type="checkbox"/> Tourism and Hospitality
<input type="checkbox"/> Energy Efficiency	<input type="checkbox"/> Wave Energy
<input type="checkbox"/> Environmental Technology and Services	<input type="checkbox"/> Wind Energy
<input type="checkbox"/> Food Processing	

PROVIDE DETAIL (MAXIMUM 500 CHARACTERS; FIELD WILL EXPAND AS YOU TYPE)
 Dentinger Feed & Seed ships around 250 cars annually.
 We serve Farmers Supply Co-op (Vale) with both liquid and granular fertilizer cars around 7 annually.
 We serve Farmers Supply Co-op (Ontario) with Propane gas (LPG) cars around 25 annually.
 We serve Eagle Pitcher Minerals that ships nearly 1000 cars of Diatomaceous Earth products that have many uses annually. Their rail car production accounts for 54% of their annual production.

38. Does this project benefit the Oregon economy by generating a net increase in or retention of long-term jobs (beyond short-term construction jobs) and/or increasing private investment in Oregon?

Yes* No

If yes, please complete the following:

a. Number of long-term (non-construction) jobs created or retained as a direct result of the project.....	0
b. Average annual wage of long-term (non-construction) jobs created or retained	\$0.00
c. List up to five businesses that will verify job creation/retention or new private investment	
BUSINESS NAME	NAME OF CONTACT PERSON
CONTACT PERSON PHONE	
1.	
2.	
3.	
4.	
5.	
d. What is the size of the increase or initial investment by these businesses in Oregon as a result of this project?	\$

* Required for a yes answer. Commitment letters must be included in Supplemental Information and sited in question # 43. These letters must be from businesses or organizations stating their intention to operate in Oregon and detailing: the number of jobs created or retained over a specific period of time as a result of this project, and/or the amount of additional private investment that the entity would make in Oregon over a specified period of time as a direct result of this project.

EXPLAIN (MAXIMUM 400 CHARACTERS; FIELD WILL EXPAND AS YOU TYPE)

39. To what extent does this project generate economic stimulus in the state by supporting short-term construction-related jobs in Oregon?

a. What year were the planning and engineering, land and construction cost estimates done for this project and by whom:

YEAR COST ESTIMATE WAS DONE	BUSINESS NAME	ESTIMATE ELEMENT (IF MORE THAN ONE)
1. 2011	Oregon Eastern Railr	1
2.		
3.		
4.		
5.		

b. For which year are the costs estimated? I.e., the cost estimate was done in 2009 for a project expected to occur in 2012 and so the estimator inflated the costs of the project to 2012 dollars; therefore, the answer would be 2012.

EXPLAIN (MAXIMUM 400 CHARACTERS; FIELD WILL EXPAND AS YOU TYPE)

c. The short-run jobs supported by this project are: 5
 (Calculate the jobs number using Fields 1-5 below. Take the result in Field 5 below and enter here.)

Field 1. Project costs (planning, engineering, land, construction)	Field 2. Inflation Adjustment factor based on year (see instructions)	Field 3. Project cost multiplied by Inflation Adjustment Factor (Field 1 x Field 2)	Field 4. Result divided by 1,000,000 (Field 3/1,000,000)	Field 5. Result multiplied by the job multiplier of 12.5 (Field 4 x 12.5)
\$66,955.00	0.96	64,276	0	0

40. What is the unemployment rate in the project area?

Average unemployment rate in the project area for the last 12 months (Refer to the Application Instructions).....	10%	COUNTY/JURISDICTION Malheur
PROVIDE ADDITIONAL DETAILS ON ANY OTHER SPECIAL ECONOMIC CONSIDERATIONS IN THE PROJECT LOCATION		

41. Does the project improve safety?

Yes* No

* *Required for a yes answer.* Documentation or explanation of the incident(s) or safety situation(s) that have occurred that this project is addressing or documentation of a high risk or of a safety issue or hazard potentially occurring. Examples include: reducing trips on a corridor designated by ODOT as a Safety Corridor; documented worker safety incidents; non-highway related, recurring accidents, recent crime/vandalism incidents, etc.

EXPLAIN (MAXIMUM 400 CHARACTERS; FIELD WILL EXPAND AS YOU TYPE) PLEASE NOTE THE NUMBER AND TYPE OF INCIDENTS (FATAL ACCIDENT, INJURY ACCIDENT, PROPERTY-DAMAGE ACCIDENT, CRIME, OR OTHER) WITHIN A SPECIFIED TIMEFRAME.

We currently do not meet ODOT Rail Safety standards of rule 41-320-0060 Which states that a walkway has to be no less than six feet out from outside of rail and have no more than a one inch drop in that six feet. This is our interchange point with Union Pacific Railroad and have to be able to inspect both sides of the car safely before we can move them. We have been written up by ODOT Rail Safety.

Other Considerations and Information

42. Describe any other considerations and information that support why the project should be selected:

<p>DESCRIBE</p> <p>This project will hopefully begin a rebuilding era for the railroad industry and for our local area. We will be able to better serve our customers and bring in new business and industry, creating jobs to help our local economy grow. The completion of this project will make it safe and more efficient for both the Oregon Easter Railroad and Union Pacific at the interchange point. Train crews will be able to walk, inspect and service car at the wye safely.</p>
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43. List the supporting materials to be submitted in your paper application packet.

Question #21: Commitment letters from...

1.
2.
3.
4.
5.

Question #28: Documentation of coordination and support of public agencies that must approve the project.

1. ODOT Rail Division
2.
3.
4.
5.

Question #32: Other supporting documents regarding measurement of success of the project.

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2.
3.

Question #36: Other supporting documents regarding improved reliability of Oregon's transportation system.

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Question #38: Commitment letters from businesses or organizations stating their intention to operate in Oregon and their intentions regarding job creation and private investment plans over a specified period.

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Other supporting documents

1. Malheur County Economic Development
2. Eagle Pitcher Minerals Inc.
3. Dentinger Feed & Seed Inc.
4. City of Vale
5.

Addenda

Attach additional text here as necessary, identifying the question number. Please note: Only additional text contained on this page will be considered as part of this application. Additional pages will not be considered.

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Additional property owners/lessors

OWNER NAME		PHONE
OWNER ADDRESS		FAX
OWNER CITY, STATE, ZIP		E-MAIL
AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE NAME		AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE PHONE
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See Application Instructions for submittal requirements.

ConnectOregon IV Application Checklist

Project Name: Malheur Jct. Wye Project #2
 Project Location: Malheur Jct. Wye

Applicant: Oregon Eastern Railroad
 Applicant Representative: Eddie Hale

Reviewer Name: _____
 Reviewer Phone: _____

All applicable answers must be completed by the applicant. Applications that do not contain answers for all applicable questions will be deemed incomplete and will not be forwarded to Modal or Regional Review Committees for consideration.

This Application Checklist has been incorporated into the application to assist applicants with completeness. Carefully review your application utilizing the following checklist for completeness prior to submission to ODOT. The completed checklist must be submitted as part of each application.

Completeness:

Project Summary and Certification

Staff	Applicant	N/A	Question #
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	1 – Contact Information
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	2 – Name and location
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	3 – Cost Summary (completed automatically)
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	4 – Signature and match to name from contact person listed in Item 1

Project Description

Staff	Applicant	N/A	Question #
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	5 – Project summary
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	6 – Project purpose and description completed (<input type="checkbox"/> Maps included)
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	7 – Detailed Location
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	8 – Mode
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	9 – Region
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	10 – Taxes – To be verified by ConnectOregon staff
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	11 – Life of project
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	12 – Responsible party
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	13 – Source of operational funds
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	14 – Funding for operation secured or budgeted (<input type="checkbox"/> description with No answer)
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	15 – Real estate (<input type="checkbox"/> Signature contact information for No answer)
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	16 – Property purchase (<input type="checkbox"/> Escrow answered for Yes answer)
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	17 – Property leased
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	18 – Property Details (optional)

Project Budget and Schedule

Staff	Applicant	N/A	Question #
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	19 – Source and amount of funds (<input type="checkbox"/> 19a complete, <input type="checkbox"/> 195b complete, <input type="checkbox"/> 19c complete)
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	20 – Source and timing of match (<input type="checkbox"/> Source, <input type="checkbox"/> Amount, <input type="checkbox"/> Year and month)
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	21 – Description of larger project context. (<input type="checkbox"/> Commitment letters checked)
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	22 – Milestones

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| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | 23 – Milestone details |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | 24 – Milestone budgets |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | 25 – Documentation and permits tables – ALL boxes must be checked |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | 26 – Other permit approvals (Optional) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | 27 – Construction window limits
(<input type="checkbox"/> Additional information provided for Yes answer) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | 28 – Support of public agencies (<input type="checkbox"/> Approvals listed with Yes answer) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | 29 – Other construction readiness text box (optional) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | 30 – Certainty of Schedule (<input type="checkbox"/> 30a complete, <input type="checkbox"/> 30b complete) |

Project Details

- | <u>Staff</u> | <u>Applicant</u> | <u>N/A</u> | <u>Question #</u> |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | 31 – Improves/creates critical link (<input type="checkbox"/> Additional checked for Yes answer) |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | 34 – Link workers to jobs (<input type="checkbox"/> 34a complete, <input type="checkbox"/> 34b complete, <input type="checkbox"/> 34c complete) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | 35 – Link to medical, social services, shopping(<input type="checkbox"/> 36a complete, <input type="checkbox"/> 36b complete, <input type="checkbox"/> 36c complete) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | 36 – All applicable checked (<input type="checkbox"/> Explanation provided) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | 37 – Business Clusters (<input type="checkbox"/> Details provided) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | 38 – Job increase/retention (<input type="checkbox"/> 38a complete, <input type="checkbox"/> 38b complete, <input type="checkbox"/> 38c complete, <input type="checkbox"/> 38d complete)(<input type="checkbox"/> Commitment letters box checked)
(<input type="checkbox"/> Explanation provided) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | 39 – Short-term construction related jobs (<input type="checkbox"/> 39a complete, <input type="checkbox"/> 39 complete, <input type="checkbox"/> 39c complete) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | 40 – Unemployment rate (<input type="checkbox"/> Details provided) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | 41 – Improve safety (<input type="checkbox"/> Documentation or explanation provided) |

Other Considerations and Information

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| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Question #21 – Commitment letters |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Question #28 – Public agency coordination |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Question #32 – Other success measurement support |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Question #36 – Other reliability support |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Question #38 – Commitment letters from businesses and organizations |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Other Supporting documentation |

Addenda

- | <u>Staff</u> | <u>Applicant</u> | <u>N/A</u> | <u>Question #</u> |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Additional text (optional) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Additional signature page – (<input type="checkbox"/> Signatures match names) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Modal Budget Attached and complete |

APPLICANT NOTES:

STAFF NOTES: _____



ConnectOregon IV Program Application 2011-2012

To ensure you have current program information, sign up for the *ConnectOregon* electronic mailing list at: <https://public.govdelivery.com/accounts/ORDOT/subscriber/new?>

- Please read *ConnectOregon IV* Application Instructions prior to completing this application.
- The Application Instructions, the Draft Project Agreement, and Frequently Asked Questions are available on the *ConnectOregon IV* Web site: <http://www.oregon.gov/ODOT/COMM/CO>
- Submission Requirements are detailed in Section 9 of the Application Instructions

Project Summary and Certification

1. Applicant

ORGANIZATION NAME Oregon Eastern Railroad		CONTACT PERSON NAME Eddie Hale	
ADDRESS 164 Washington St. East		CONTACT PERSON TITLE Vice President Operations	
CITY, STATE, ZIP Vale, Oregon 97918		PHONE 541-473-2570	FAX 541-473-3790
WEB SITE ADDRESS TheWesternGroup.net		E-MAIL (REQUIRED) wycooerr@fmtc.com	

2. Project name and location

PROJECT NAME Malheur Jct. Wye Project #2	PROJECT LOCATION Malheur Jct. Oregon	STAFF USE ONLY
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3. Cost summary (These fields will fill automatically as the application is completed.)

a. <i>ConnectOregon IV</i> grant amount.....	\$53,564.00
b. Match amount (20% of grant).....	\$13,391.00
c. <i>ConnectOregon IV</i> loan amount.....	\$ 0.00
d. <i>ConnectOregon IV</i> project total.....	\$66,955.00

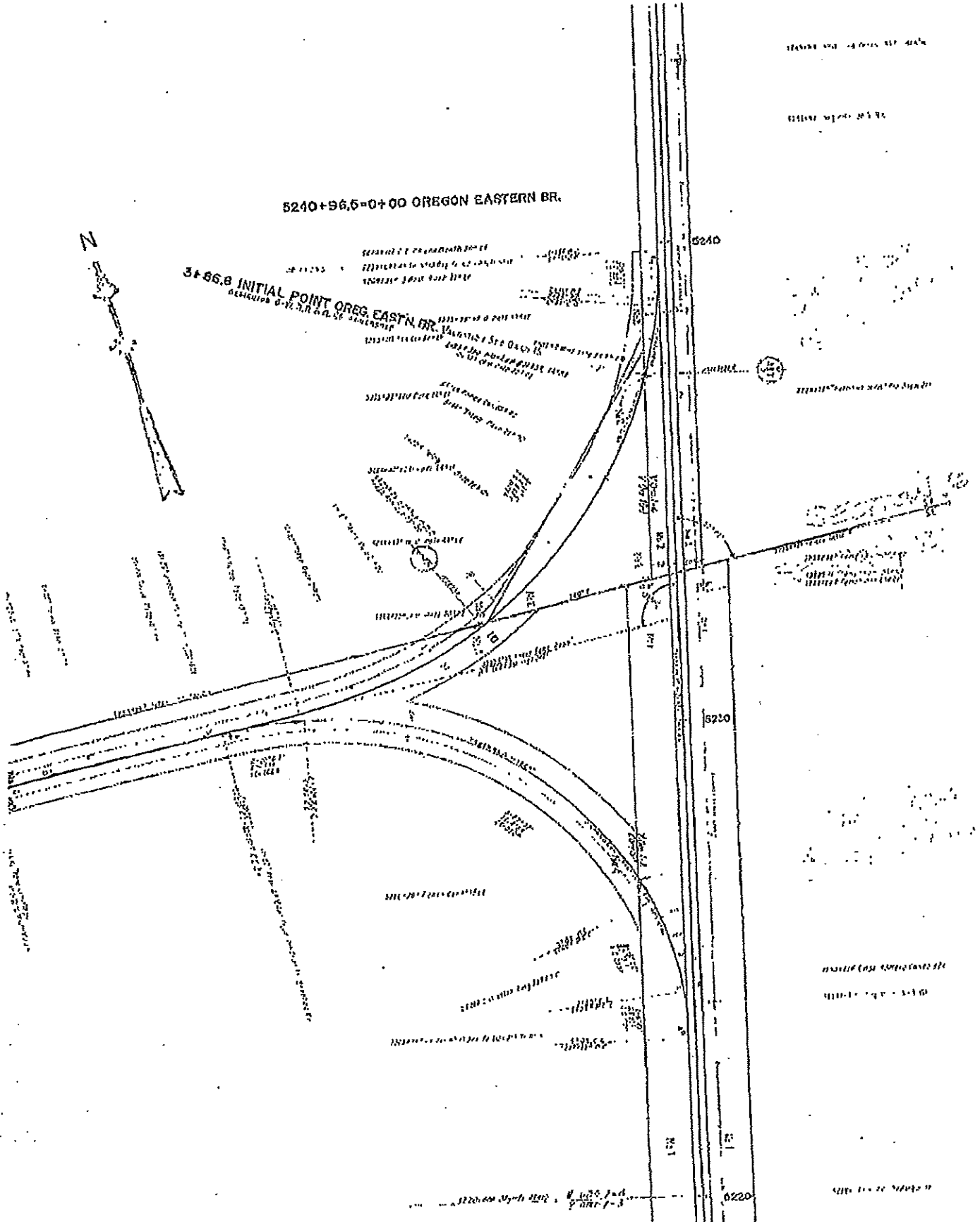
4. Certification

I certify that Oregon Eastern Railroad supports the proposed project, has the legal authority

APPLICANT ORGANIZATION

to pledge matching funds, and has the legal authority to apply for *ConnectOregon IV* funds. I further certify that matching funds are available or will be available for the proposed project. I understand that all State of Oregon rules for contracting, auditing, underwriting (where applicable), and payment will apply to this project. I certify that I have read the Sample Draft Agreement and will sign the Agreement if selected.

APPLICANT SIGNATURE X	PRINT NAME Eddie Hale	DATE 11/21/2011
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Dentinger Feed & Seed Inc.

165 Morton St East

541-473-3295

Vale, Or 97918

November 16, 2011

Connect Oregon IV,

The Oregon Eastern Railroad is Valuable in our export operation we move on average 250 cars in a two month time period exporting grain. This is important to our business and our operation. We ship the wheat on rail to grain brokers in the Portland area so our business mostly stays in Oregon.

Dentinger Feed & Seed supports the Connect Oregon IV grant application for Oregon Eastern Railroad and the funding of the Wye Project #2. Funding for the railroad is a great opportunity for the continued service to us and for this community.

Thank you for your consideration of this project.

Respectfully,



Rick Dentinger

Manager/ Owner Dentinger Feed & Seed Inc.



November 15, 2011

Dear Connect Oregon IV,

I am writing this letter of support for the Oregon Eastern Railroad. As you may know, they are the only Short Line Railroad in Malheur County. They are a critical transportation link and serve several businesses in Malheur County.

They are requesting funds that will help them meet an important safety objective as defined by the Oregon Department of Transportation Rail Division. Specifically they need to improve the walkway at the "Y" junction where they inspect rail cars. At that same location they also want to replace 300 railroad ties.

As many of you know, short line railroads have struggled in the recent past in Oregon. The ability to serve clients can be affected by many things that are not in our control but this particular project is something that can be addressed and make a difference for the Oregon Eastern Railroad.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jim Jensen". The signature is stylized with large loops and a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Jim Jensen – Director
Malheur County Economic Development Department

City of Vale, Oregon

252 B Street West, Vale, OR 97918
Phone: 541-473-3133, Fax: 541-473-3895



Malheur County Seat

November 9, 2011

Dear Connect Oregon,

The Oregon Eastern Railroad, a division of the Wyoming and Colorado Railroad is a vital component of our transportation system and our continued economic opportunities. The Oregon Eastern line is a key role in our agriculturally based community. The rail service provides us the opportunity of moving agriculturally based products in a cost effective manner and is a valuable alternative to highway transporting.

The City of Vale supports the Connect Oregon IV application of Oregon Eastern Railroad and the west leg of the Wye Project. Funding this railroad project provides a great opportunity to maintain and improve service as well as provide for the continued possibilities that rail service provides as a transportation option.

Thank you for your consideration of this project as we look to enhance the opportunities for alternative transportation needs and the farm to market needs of the area.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Brent Barton".

Brent Barton
City of Vale
City Manager

The City of Vale is a Equal Opportunity Employer/Provider



Friday, November 18, 2011

State of Oregon
Oregon Connect 4

Re: Oregon Eastern's Request For Rail Improvements

To Whom It May Concern:

EP Minerals, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company ("EP Minerals") is the owner of a diatomite processing facility near Vale, Oregon (Malheur County). The Vale operation was built in 1986 to service bulk filter aid customers located across the United States; however, subsequent growth in our business necessitated an expansion in 1986 that doubled our production capabilities. The Vale operation is the area's largest employer employing over 60 people and contributing over \$10MM to the local economy. However, the success of our business is tied directly to our ability to ship our products by Rail. We currently rely upon the Oregon Eastern Railroad to ship 54% of our plant's annual production; moreover, this important part of our business generates in excess of 55% of our annual sales revenue.

As you can see, the success of our business is dependant upon Oregon Eastern Railroad's ability to efficiently ship our products in a timely manner. Moreover, my understanding is that the project that they would like to undertake would improve the safety & efficiency of moving our cars onto the Union Pacific rail system. Obviously I would wholeheartedly support such a project as it would either improve or insure that they can continue to serve me as their largest customer.

We have received excellent service from the Oregon Eastern Railroad through the years, and rely heavily upon the support that their operations team gives us every week. We sincerely hope that you will consider supporting them on this very important project.

Sincerely,

Jim Taipale
Plant Manager
EP Minerals, LLC

