

FROM (DEPT/ DIVISION): County Counsel

SUBJECT: Umatilla River Bridge MOU

<p>Background:</p> <p>In August, 2021, the county agreed, along with the Cities of Hermiston and Umatilla, to jointly fund the cost for a preliminary engineering report for a potential bridge that would span the Umatilla River as an extension of W. Elm Avenue or W. Punkin Center Road. Anderson-Perry has completed the study report. The report concluded that the better option is W. Punkin Center Road. The three entities want to document a consensus of the option. A Memorandum of Understanding for that purpose is before the Board for consideration.</p>	<p>Requested Action:</p> <p>Approve Memorandum of Understanding and authorize the Chair to sign</p>
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ATTACHMENTS: Proposed MOU

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Checkoffs:

- () Dept. Heard (copy)
- () Human Resources (copy)
- () Fiscal
- (X) Legal (copy)
- () (Other - List:)

To be notified of Meeting:

Needed at Meeting:

Scheduled for meeting on: September 7, 2022

Action taken:

Follow-up:

Memorandum of Understanding
City of Hermiston, City of Umatilla, and Umatilla County
Umatilla River Bridge Preliminary Engineering Report
August 10, 2022

The purpose of this Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) is to provide a general consensus among the City of Hermiston, the City of Umatilla, and Umatilla County, on which of the two bridge options presented in the draft Umatilla River Bridge Preliminary Engineering Report (PER) by Anderson Perry & Associates, Inc., dated August 2022, is preferred, and to agree on the next steps to begin construction of a new bridge over the Umatilla River. It is understood that this is not a final decision on bridge location, but a general consensus on which option appears to be preferred based on information provided in the PER and other currently available information.

All parties generally agree that both the Punkin Center Road and Elm Avenue options are viable and that the Punkin Center Road option, as presented in the PER, is the preferred option. Regardless of which option is ultimately constructed, all parties agree to incorporate and reference the PER in each of their respective Transportation System Plans at their next scheduled revision. This will allow all parties to be united and enable educated planning decisions to be made going forward.

These general terms as outlined herein are agreed to by each party. This MOU provides each party with assurance that all parties agree to and intend to proceed as outlined herein.

City of Hermiston, Oregon

City of Umatilla, Oregon

By _____

By _____

Print Name _____

Print Name _____

Title _____

Title _____

Umatilla County, Oregon

By _____

Print Name John M. Shafer

Title Chair, Board of Commissioners