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LEWIS COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PUBLIC FACILITIES PROJECT PROPOSAL

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Date: August 29, 2014	Lewis County #
Applicant: Twin Transit	Address: 212 E. Locust St.
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Project Title: National Ave. Transit Bus Pullout	
Project Type: (specify your current need)	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Engineering. <input type="checkbox"/> Infrastructure development. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building construction.	
Total project cost \$100,000	Is your request a funding gap? Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
Amount raised to date \$50,000	What are you requesting now? \$50,000
Is this a phased in Project? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	If yes, how many phases and how many years? phases years
Is this a Loan <input type="checkbox"/> or a Grant <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> request?	

1. Briefly describe your project. When did you start work on it? Who is involved? What is the scope of the project? (Use provided space only.)

This is a request to grant Twin Transit \$50,000 to assist with the design and construction costs of a new bus pullout along National Avenue in Chehalis adjacent to the Vintage apartment complex. The purpose of the project is to establish an aesthetically pleasing bus stop along National Ave. which will allow Twin Transit the ability to discontinue the routine practice of entering and exiting the Vintage parking lot for hourly bus service. This project was started in 2014 and project stakeholders include: Twin Transit, The Vintage, and the City of Chehalis (see Exhibit 2).

2. How does the project satisfy, in whole or in part, your economic diversification strategy?

It has been said that people get on a bus for one of two reasons, to make money, or to spend money. Establishing a modern bus stop along National Ave. near the Vintage apartments will allow residents, employees and guests of the Vintage, as well as nearby properties, the ability to better engage in the community. For some residents, the bus is the only reliable mechanism for daily shopping, medical and recreational needs. The bus therefore assists the community by working to circulate people--and people in return circulate money. Our community's investment in safe and modern transit infrastructure is a direct investment in the circulation of money.

3. Is this project a documented county wide priority? *No.*

Yes it ranks (1st, 2nd, etc.) in our county wide prioritization process.

4. Summarize efforts taken to date regarding the project in terms of specific steps/studies and dates of action, where appropriate. (Use provided space only.)

A. Is this project part of a plan (capital facilities, growth management, business, etc.)?

This project is contained in the 2014-2019 Transit Development Plan adopted by the Twin Transit Board of Directors.

B. What engineering reports and feasibility studies have been prepared, and when?

In 2014 Twin Transit engaged SCJ Alliance, a regional civil engineering firm, to conduct a feasibility study of the project area. Their report suggests two of the seven studied locations are favorable for a transit bus pullout.

5. Summarize efforts you've taken to date regarding the project in terms of: (Give specific titles and dates of adoption where appropriate. (Use provided space only.)

A. Have you secured funds for this project from local, state or federal programs or foundations? Specify sources, including local match and dollar amounts. If there are conditions attached to any of these secured funding sources, please specify.

Twin Transit has available \$50,000 to be used for matching funds. Furthermore, the City of Chehalis may be willing to offer in-kind contributions in the form of survey or utility locate services. Lastly, the Vintage will be asked to donate any necessary property that may need to be acquired beyond the available public rights-of-way.

B. Are there other efforts you have made that are unique to this project?

Several years ago Twin Transit agreed to provide regular bus service to the Vintage property by establishing an informal bus stop at the main entrance to the facility. For a number of years the bus has negotiated parked cars, delivery trucks, ambulances, children, etc. while navigating the busy and dangerous parking lot. Until 2013 Twin Transit maintained a route (#42) that specifically served the Vintage but also duplicated much of two other routes (#30 and #12). In November of 2013 Twin Transit redesigned the route system to reduce the duplication. Today, Route #30 is the only fixed-route bus that travels on National Ave. And due to the heavy use of the route, Twin Transit must use a low-floor, heavy-duty bus that cannot easily negotiate the main entrance to the Vintage (see Exhibit 1). In early 2014 Twin Transit began discussions on how to improve Route #30 yet still preserve regular bus service to the Vintage. The favored alternative is to construct a bus pullout located along National Ave. (see Exhibit 2).

What are the anticipated outcomes of this project in terms of the criteria identified below? **Quantify information where possible.** (If a section does not apply, mark it "NA".)

<p>How many full-time, permanent jobs will this project create or retain? Retain? Create in 1-3 years? Create in 3-5 years? <i>This project will create a small number of construction jobs.</i></p>
<p>What is the size of the population that will benefit by these infrastructure improvements? <i>All residents and staff traveling to The Vintage and nearby properties.</i></p>
<p>How will this project improve local infrastructure capacity? <i>The construction of a bus pullout along National Ave. will minimize the impact to motoring public that would otherwise have to negotiate a stopped bus along a major arterial roadway.</i></p>
<p>How many businesses do you plan on serving with this project? <i>One (1).</i></p>
<p>How many months will the work on this project take to complete? <i>Six (6).</i></p>

6. Are there other factors significant to this project that we should be aware of, such as emergency declaration, bird in hand industry, volunteer efforts, etc.? (Use provided space only.)

No.

7. What **quantifiable outcomes** are you going to track to measure the success of this project? (Use provided space only.)

None.

Exhibit 1

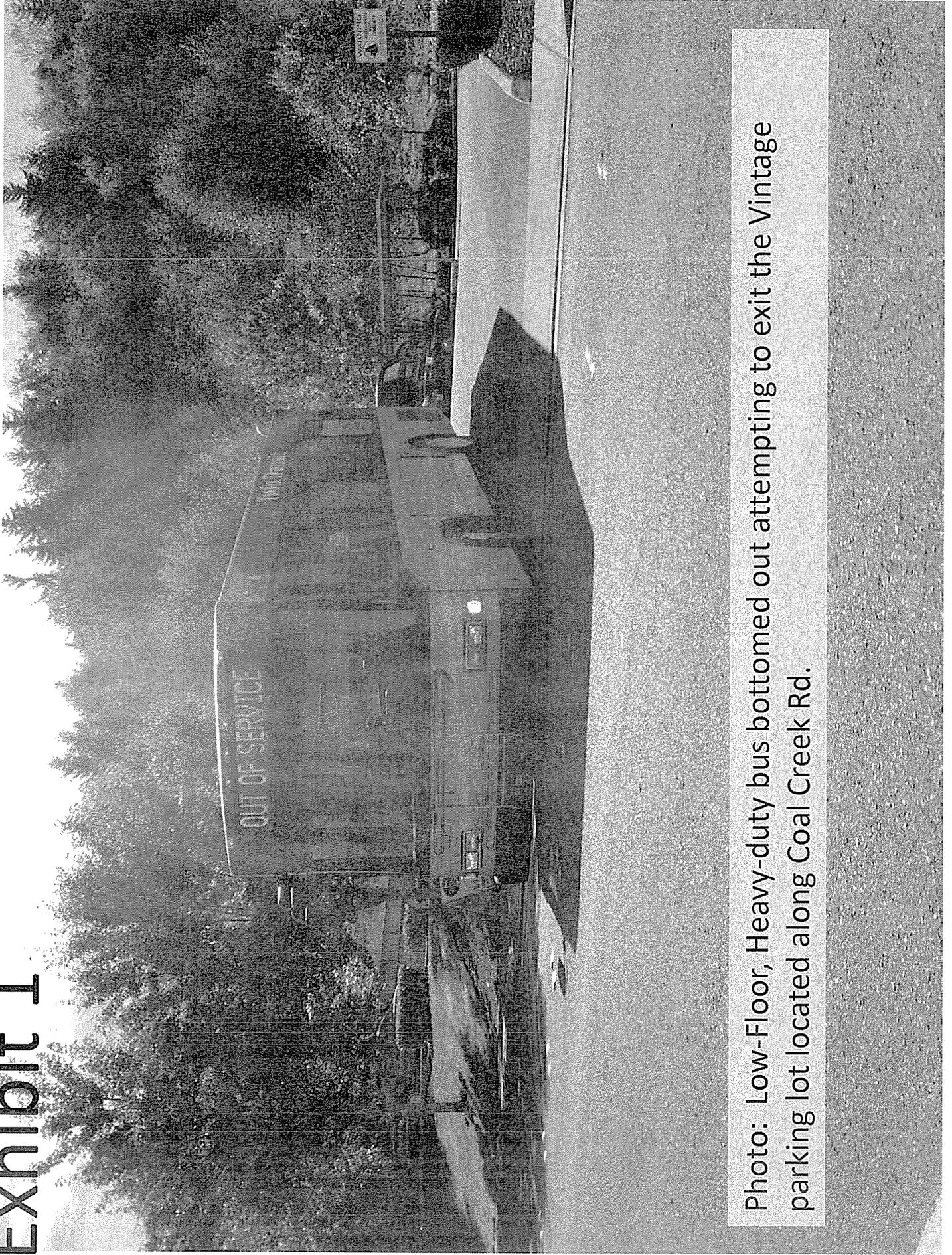


Photo: Low-Floor, Heavy-duty bus bottomed out attempting to exit the Vintage parking lot located along Coal Creek Rd.

Exhibit 2

