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Board of County Commissioners
Clackamas County

Members of the Board:

Board Recognition of the County Programs to Receive a 2026 National Association of Counties (NACo) Award.

Purpose/Outcome	To recognize the Clackamas County departments of Transportation and Development (DTD) and Public and Government Affairs (PGA) for receiving 2026 Achievement Awards from the National Association of Counties (NACo) in the categories of Planning and Civic Education and Public Information, respectively.
Dollar Amount and Fiscal Impact	None
Funding Source	N/A
Duration	N/A
Previous Board Action/Review	N/A
Strategic Plan Alignment	This item aligns with the county's Performance Clackamas 2025-2030 strategic priorities of (1) safe, secure, and livable communities, and (2) public trust through good government.
Counsel Review	N/A
Procurement Review	No. This item was not processed through the procurement process.
Contact Person	Ed Nieto, Public and Government Affairs, 971-284-7094 or enieto@clackamas.us
Contract No.	N/A

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY: DTD's Sunrise Corridor Community Visioning project is a community-driven planning initiative to guide the future of a critical Oregon transportation and economic corridor. Started in 2023 and completed in 2025, the project engaged more than 1,500 residents, businesses, and stakeholders to co-create a shared vision addressing transportation safety, economic development, environmental stewardship, and neighborhood livability.



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Through an equitable engagement framework and multi-agency partnership, the County completed a comprehensive Vision Plan and implementation roadmap featuring over 100 actionable strategies. The project has successfully transitioned from planning to implementation, securing \$12.5 million in Regional Flexible Funding Allocation (RFFA) dollars to advance key infrastructure improvements.

This program demonstrates how counties can build community trust, align with regional partners, and deliver actionable, community-centered solutions to complex infrastructure and land-use challenges.

PGA launched the innovative, multifaceted Community Planning Organization Awareness Program to inform and educate the public about the valuable contributions of the county's Community Planning Organizations (CPOs) program, which struggled with declining membership and attendance in the years following the pandemic. CPOs are composed of volunteers who live in unincorporated areas, with boundaries established to meet community involvement requirements outlined in State Goal 1: Community Involvement laws, and play significant roles in self-governance in Clackamas County, the land use planning process, and other matters of community importance.

Based on research and insights gleaned from CPOs through listening sessions, online surveys, and direct feedback, PGA designed the program to increase public participation and empower CPOs with tools to educate their own communities. The program resulted in three dormant CPOs reactivating and nearly a 600% increase in CPO web page visits, among other significant gains.

Each year, NACo recognizes counties for innovations that modernize county government and improve vital services for residents. Programs are judged on such criteria as:

- Effectiveness
- Innovation
- Measurable results
- Enhanced resident participation and understanding of government services

NACo provides services and support to the nation's 3,069 counties, with a membership that represents more than 80 percent of the country's population. NACo's mission is to help strengthen and ensure the health, safety, and vibrancy of counties across America by advancing and promoting county priorities, as well as innovative programs and policies.

RECOMMENDATION: PGA recommends that the Board receive this presentation on the county's 2026 NACo awards.

Respectfully submitted,

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