

## Transportation plan considering additional walking, biking options

The Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde is updating its long range transportation plan with everything on the table for discussion – roads, highways, bicycle and pedestrian facilities, intersections, crossings, transit, safety and road repair.

Public Works and Tribal Transportation Manager John Mercier said a portion of the transportation planning effort includes identifying future transportation improvement projects to encourage people to walk, bike, take public transportation or use other non-motorized ways to get around Grand Ronde.

The Oregon Department of Land Conservation and Development is helping to fund the project with a Rural Transportation Equity grant that supports smaller, rural communities throughout Oregon in identifying transportation options for those who have limitations and experience barriers that make it challenging to access community resources, employment centers and critical services.

The community is being asked to provide feedback, insights and advice on where they would like better walking and biking connections in a survey available on the Tribal government’s website, [www.grandronde.org](http://www.grandronde.org).

“This is an opportunity for people to give us their thoughts and advice on how to best provide safe and efficient transportation facilities to serve our community’s future,” Mercier said.

Survey results will be used to create a plan that identifies transportation investments based on the community’s priorities. Potential projects may include new sidewalks, better bike lanes, and multiuse paths and trails to connect residential areas with the Health & Wellness Center, uyxat Powwow Grounds or Spirit Mountain Casino.

The survey is open for input through Wednesday, April 26, and can be found at [bit.ly/OurFutureGR](http://bit.ly/OurFutureGR). Both Tribal and community members are encouraged to complete the survey and people who do will be entered into a drawing for one of 10 \$25 Amazon gift cards.

In addition to transportation questions, the survey also includes several questions related to the feasibility of establishing a Tribally operated school in Grand Ronde. ■

## lakamas exhibit



Photos by Michelle Alaimo

Tribal member Kitana Connelly talks about her art during the opening reception for lakamas, an exhibition at Linfield University’s Art Gallery in McMinnville on Wednesday, April 5. lakamas, the Chinuk Wawa word for camas, is an exhibit that includes art by Connelly, Tribal Cultural Center Visitor Services Program Supervisor Crystal Starr and Tribal Native Plant Nursery Supervisor Jeremy Ojua. Lyle Cairdeas, the Tribe’s exhibit coordinator, and Thea Gahr, Linfield Art Gallery curator, collaborated on the exhibit that runs through May 6.



Tribal Cultural Center Visitor Services Program Supervisor Crystal Starr talks about her story “mulak man” during the opening reception for lakamas, an exhibition at Linfield University’s Art Gallery.

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