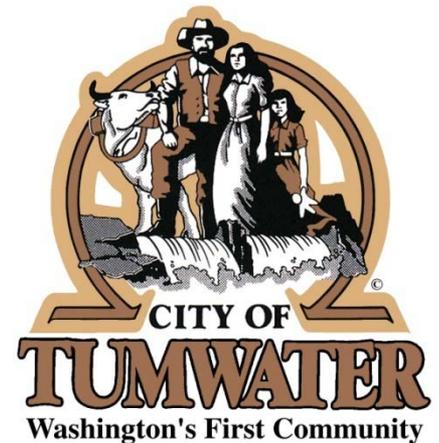

City of Tumwater ~ Key Transportation Issues

Washington State Transportation Commission

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Overview

- Funding Sources
- Success: Littlerock Road Improvement Project
- Challenges: 3 Key Transportation Policy Issues
 - Non-motorized transportation funding
 - Street maintenance and preservation
 - Transportation hindering economic development

Funding Sources

Dedicated funding to the Transportation Capital Facilities Program include:

- ❑ Utility Tax \$600,000/Year – 1/6th of the 6% City Utility Tax Dedicated funding set by Council Policy
- ❑ Arterial Street Gas Tax \$110,000/Year
- ❑ Real Estate Excise Tax \$350,000/Year
- ❑ Transportation Impact Fees \$500,000/Year (Average)
- ❑ Grants, as available.
- ❑ Expenditures for Street Maintenance = approximately \$1,300,000/Year; which is funded by General Fund dollars.

Littlerock Road Improvement Project

- Before



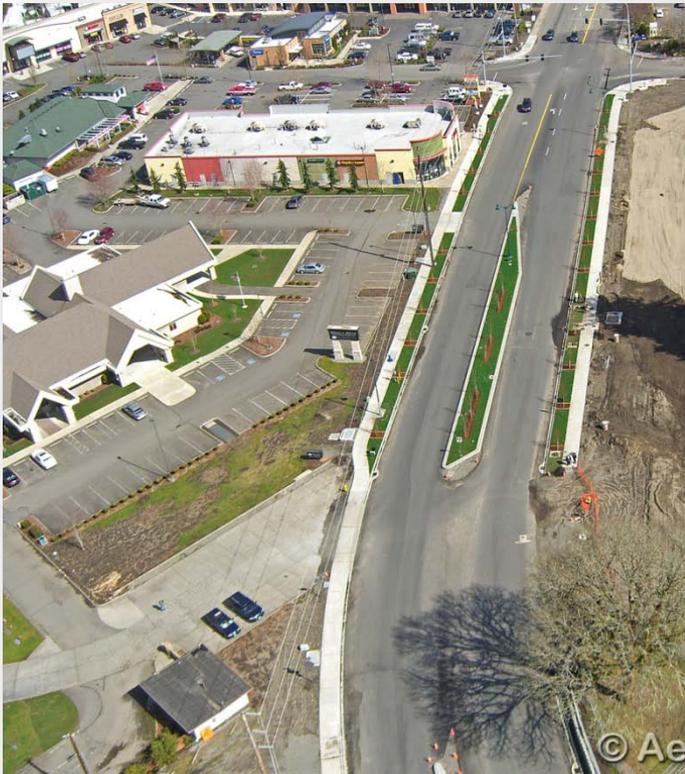
Littlerock Road Project - Goals

Preserve residential uses along the corridor while integrating mixed-use by:

- Neighborhood “scale” roadways (minimize number of lanes)
- System of connected roadways to distribute traffic within the area
- Non-motorized transportation opportunities

Littlerock Road Improvement Project

- After



Policy Issues

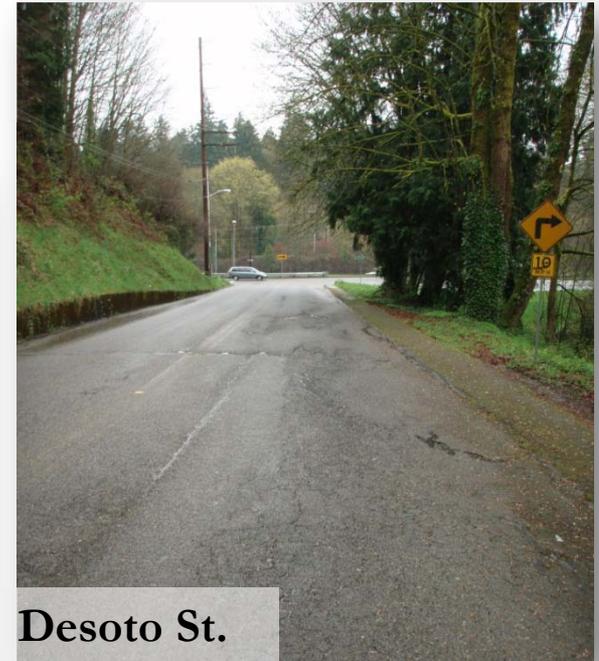
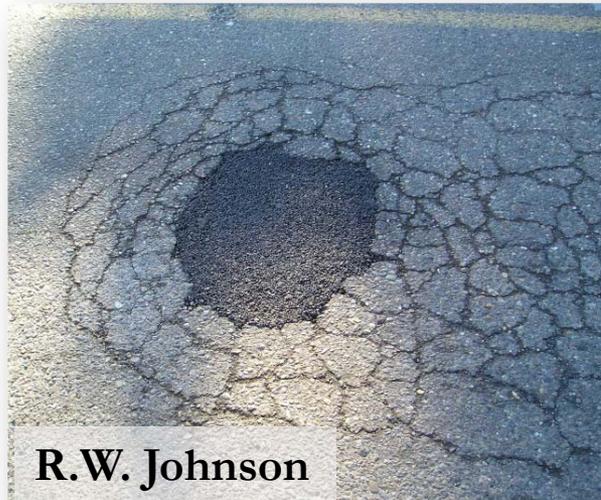
- Non-motorized transportation funding (sidewalks, bike lanes, trails, etc.)
 - As gas prices increase, so will see the demand for regional non-motorized systems for commuters and other travelers increase.
 - Overall transportation is important and needed. The City sees these regional transportation connections as particularly important at this time.



Policy Issues

■ Street Maintenance and Preservation

- The impacts of the loss of MVET are becoming apparent on the street surfaces. Sufficient funding not available to provide routine maintenance to preserve and extend pavement life.
- The City has focused its limited transportation dollars to use as matches to grants, and to partner with development. This primarily results in additional capacity, not preservation.



Policy Issues

- Issues hindering economic development
 - Inability to charge impact fees for State transportation facilities leaves the City with undersized interchanges (93rd Ave & Tumwater Blvd), which in turn impact the City's ability to attract new development.



Policy Issues

- Issues hindering economic development
 - Insufficient funding impacts redevelopment such as the Old Brewery.
 - Custer Way access is significantly congested with few options for improvement.
 - Ideal improvement: another road across the valley, primarily necessitated by regional traffic.
 - The new road would allow Custer Way to serve local traffic including the brewery. (Estimated cost of this improvement is between \$8 and \$12 million.)



Policy Issues

- Issues hindering economic development
 - The lack of funding to support street transformations also impacts economic redevelopment on Capitol Blvd. Poor circulation, antiquated interface between private property and the street, and insufficient ability to move through-traffic significantly impact the economic activity. As a consequence, new development is occurring “on the fringe” where new infrastructure is required.



Conclusion...

- Funding Sources
- Success: Littlerock Road Improvement Project
- Challenges: 3 Key Transportation Policy Issues
 - Non-motorized transportation funding
 - Street maintenance and preservation
 - Transportation hindering economic development
- Thank you

