

# Washington State Transportation Commission

Pullman, Washington

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## CITY OF PULLMAN TRANSPORTATION ISSUES CHALLENGES AND SUCCESSES

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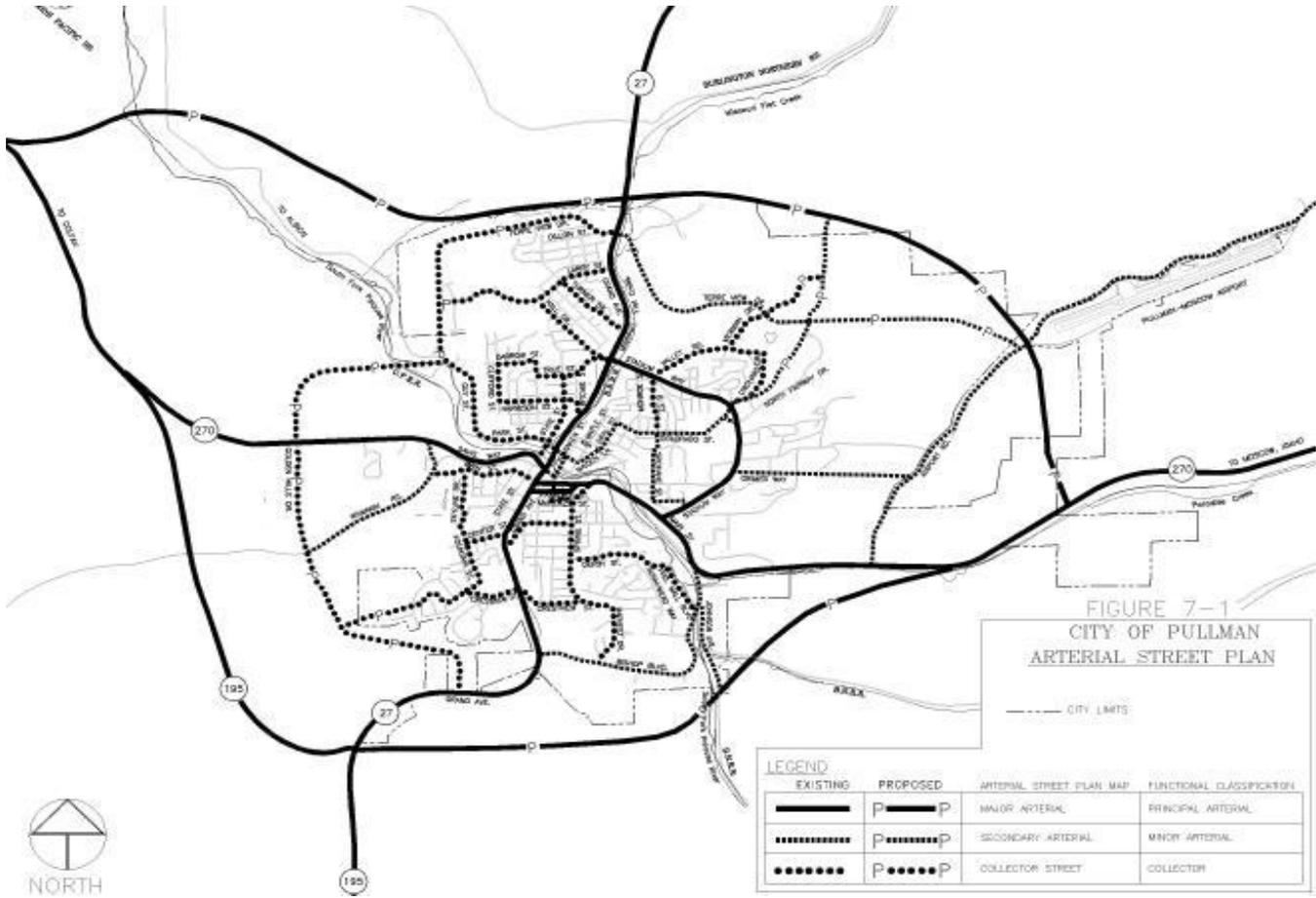
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KEVIN GARDES, PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR

ROD THORNTON, TRANSIT MANAGER

# Pullman Arterial Plan

Comprehensive Plan - 1999



# Challenges

## Downtown Traffic Congestion

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1. Downtown Area Transportation Circulation Study – Four Hills/Topography/Bottleneck
2. Major Arterial/Bypass Studies
  - SR 276 – North Bypass (WSDOT Right-of-Way)
  - South Bypass (SE Quarter – Pioneer Hill)
  - Golden Hills Drive Route Development (SW Quarter – Sunnyside Hill)
  - Northwest Ring Road Study (NW Quarter – Military Hill)
  - Northeast Ring Road (NE Quarter – College Hill) – Complete in 2002
3. Washington State University – Long Range Plan: close portion of Stadium Way

# Challenges

## ADA Transition Plan

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Topography – Huge challenge

# Challenges

Street Fund - Accelerated Streets - Funding

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# Successes

## Grind and Mix

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# Successes

## Pedestrian and Bike Trails

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1. Many miles of bike and pedestrian trails added to City in last twenty years.
2. City Council recurring goal
3. Recent example – 2007 Bond Fund
4. Use variety of funding: development, grants, Metropolitan Park District, utility maintenance access, bonds
5. Future Challenges:
  - Washington State University Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan (2014) - Cost estimate for City portion = \$5,366,000
  - Beginning discussions on possible Pullman to Colfax rails-to-trails project

# Successes

## Bishop Boulevard

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1. Key commercial arterial in Pullman
2. Walmart, Holiday Inn Express, Medical/Professional Offices, Safeway, Pullman Regional Hospital, etc.
3. Future challenges:
  - Widen from 3-lanes to 5-lanes – First step will happen at Bishop/Klemgard (Holiday Inn Express) with new signal and widening project (2015)

# Successes

## Funding Partners

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2014 – Transportation Improvement Board:

- Wawawai Road Improvements Project
- Bishop Klemgard Signal/Widening Project

2014 – WSDOT/STP: Stadium Way Resurfacing

2014 – Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP): North Grand at Ritchie Ped Crossing

2013 – WSDOT/Bridge Preservation: Kamiaken Bridge Deck Repair

Other major city projects that would not have been possible without funding partners:

Grand Avenue Widening, Nye to Ritchie

North Fairway

Northeast Ring Road