

An aerial photograph of Yakima, Washington, showing a dense urban landscape with various buildings, streets, and greenery. A semi-transparent blue rectangular overlay is positioned in the center of the image, containing the main title and subtitle in white, bold, sans-serif font. The background shows a mix of brick and concrete buildings, with a prominent tall brick building in the center. A sign for 'CAPITOL THEATRE' is visible on the left, and an 'ARCO' sign is in the bottom left corner. The overall scene is bright and clear, suggesting a sunny day.

Yakima City Transportation Partnerships

**WASHINGTON TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION-
UPPER VALLEY FOCUS**

All Transportation Projects Rely on Partnerships of some kind!

- At the simple end - The most basic street repairs require coordination, planning and budget.
- Recent support of complex transportation needs have required extensive cooperation between the local parties, the funding partners and private interests

Thank you for your **Funding Support!**

Cascade Mill Redevelopment Project

The project features the conversion of 225 acres from an active sawmill to a mixed use development that generates jobs, improves the environment and creates an attractive connection to the City.

Success of the project is largely dependent upon improved access to the site from I-82.

The I-82 & Yakima Ave Interchange is congested and will have LOS F movements in a few years.



Transportation networks often require a phased implementation

Funding partners bring together broad resources including Federal, State, Local and private interests.

The State Transportation Budget included approximately \$120 Million for I-82 ramps, widening, bridges and the East-West corridor.

The City of Yakima will use Local Infrastructure Financing Tool (LIFT)



Washington State LIFT Program Funds

The LIFT program requires the local community to designate a “Revenue Development Area” from which annual increases in revenues from local sales and use taxes are measured and used. Increases in revenues are used to pay for public improvements in the revenue development area and are also used to match the state contribution. Yakima was granted up to \$1 Million annually for 25 years from the LIFT program. With the LIFT designation, Yakima can capture and use incremental revenue increases to match the States \$25 Million investment and to repay infrastructure bonds of up to \$50 Million





Landfill Clean-up is a requirement for development and street network. Washington State Department of Ecology has been a very supportive partner

Community Engagement in a Meaningful Way

- Stakeholder process can be exhausting and frustrating. Find the right time and sound-bite
- Stay on track – messaging the project
- Don't underestimate the power of public comment – take it seriously
- Use all your resources



Deferred Maintenance

Declining grant opportunities for transportation projects increases reliance on local resources.

In the last two years, the City of Yakima has funded a pavement reconstruction program of over 122 lane miles with \$20 Million local bonding - Debt service is \$2 Million a year for 20 years.

Sidewalk construction and repairs are most often financed by adjoining property owners