



Transportation Issues, Challenges and Successes

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- Poulsbo's population is approximately 11,000
- We cover only about 4 square miles
- Our current growth rate is 3%
- Like it or not, we are a transportation hub on the peninsula
- We are at the intersection of the Peninsula's main transportation corridors for commuting, commerce and recreation - SR305, SR307 and SR3
- We are a highly desirable place to live and recreate
- We are heavily impacted by the population and business growth in the Puget Sound region

CITY OF POULSBO

TRANSPORTATION SUCCESSES



- The City's Noll Road Corridor Improvements and SR305-Johnson Roundabout projects are moving forward – projects that began in 1992
- Project funding includes multiple State and Federal grant funding sources as well as local funds
- The SR305-Johnson Roundabout is included in the SR305 Corridor Improvements project and is funded in large part by *Connecting Washington* funding
- The 305 Corridor Improvements project is the result of a very successful partnership with the SR305 Coalition of agencies and municipalities

TRANSPORTATION SUCCESSES



- The City has a very successful partnership with WSDOT, Kitsap County, Kitsap Transit, The Suquamish Tribe and the other Kitsap municipalities for transportation improvement coordination and funding, including the SR305 Corridor Improvements
- The City has been successful so far at accommodating our GMA required growth while maintaining our small community character and feel
- The City has successfully implemented GMA Transportation Impact Fees to fund the improvements necessary to accommodate development growth in the City
- The City has been successful at leveraging those Transportation Impact Fees into State and Federal grants for the necessary improvement projects to accommodate our development growth



TRANSPORTATION CHALLENGES

- Accommodating GMA required growth within our City while maintaining our small town character and feel is a challenge
- Accommodating regional traffic growth is a big challenge – both growth within Kitsap County and within the greater Puget Sound area
- Maintaining an acceptable level of service on State highways through Poulsbo is rapidly becoming an issue
- Our Public Transit options are limited, both local and connection to the greater Puget Sound region
- Funding of local road maintenance is difficult

SR305/SR307/BOND ROAD INTERSECTION CHALLENGES



- This highway intersection is at capacity now
 - 40,000 ADT on SR305
 - 24,000 ADT on SR307
- Intersection has Level of Service issues now as a result
- Intersection has the highest accident rate in the SR305 corridor
- There are disproportionate impacts of regional pass-through traffic at this intersection
- There are no current projects planned for improvement to intersection



LOCAL ROAD MAINTENANCE CHALLENGES

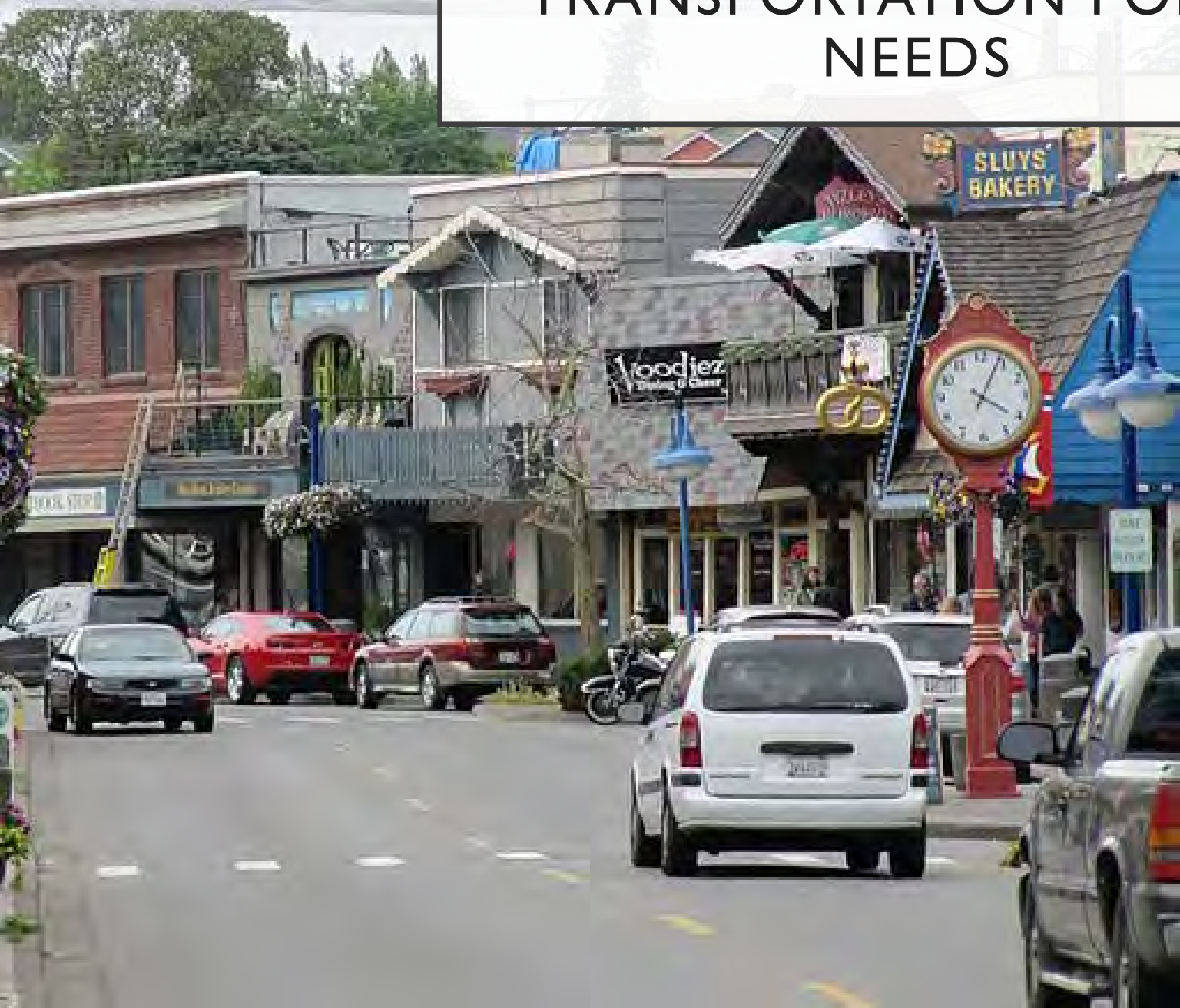
- Funding for local road maintenance is limited and difficult
- Approximately 55 miles of roads to maintain
- 75% of roads are local non-classified roads
- Grant funding is not an option for non-classified local roads
- Transportation Impact Fees cannot be used for maintenance activities

NONMOTORIZED TRANSPORTATION CHALLENGES AND SUCCESSES



- Funding and accomplishing transportation improvement projects that accommodate and encourage nonmotorized transportation alternatives can be difficult
- Funding and accomplishing ADA improvements that are not incorporated into other larger transportation improvement projects can also be difficult
- However, the City has been quite successful at achieving Safe Routes to School funding and accomplishing projects that have provided safe walking and bicycling routes to our schools

TRANSPORTATION POLICY NEEDS



- We need policy decisions that help us accommodate the rapidly growing traffic from the greater Puget Sound Region, especially on highways passing through Poulsbo and connecting to the Puget Sound Region
- We need policy decisions supporting current and future transit and other multimodal needs
- We need policy decisions supporting additional funding opportunities and assistance for local road maintenance



QUESTIONS?