Transportation Issues, Challenges, and Successes

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College Place 101

- Western neighbor of City of Walla Walla.
- Myra Rd separates the two cities.
- Population is around 9,500.
- Population grew 20% over the last 17 years.
- Home to Walla Walla University.
- Home to Home Depot and Wal-Mart.
- Full K-12 public and private (Seventh-Day Adventist) school system.
- Recently annexed 260 acres.
- 15% of city land mass is non-taxable uses.
College Place Transportation Overview

- Transportation Improvement Plan
  - Six-Year: 3.63 miles, $21.5 million need
  - Ten-Year: 4.40 miles, $27.9 million
- Very successful at getting State and Federal grants for Federally classified roads.
- Unfunded Transportation Benefit District
- Non-classified local roads are a challenge. Don’t have local funds to properly maintain (200 year replacement schedule).
- Local roads reconstruction need:
  - 17 miles
  - $74.4 million total cost
  - If kept to a 40 year replacement cycle we would need $1.9 million a year to keep pace
TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM
Blue Mountain Regional Trails Plan

Bicycle Routes

Legend
- BIKE ROUTES
- CITY LIMITS

Blue Mountain Region Trails Plan
Success: College Ave Rose Street (CARS) Project

- Two year construction project
- 2.04 miles of reconstructed roadway
- 157 ornamental streetlamps
- 3 new signalized intersections
- $14.8 million dollars
- 46% covered by taxpayer voted bond.

Quintessential Main Street
- Starting to attract additional private sector investment
- Front door of the community.
- Used for community events.
CARS Project
Current Project: Fourth & Academy Way
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- 0.48 miles of roadway
- Major Collector linking Walla Walla University to Walla Walla Valley Academy and Rogers School
- Grind & Overlay
- New sidewalks
- Cycle track
- Major grant funder is Transportation Improvement Board (TIB)
- Total Cost - $1,496,509
Challenges – C Street
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- Major Collector
- 0.52 miles of roadway that needs to be reconstructed
- Connects College Avenue Business Corridor with Walla Walla Town Center, Myra Rd, and City of Walla Walla
- Sharrows
- Sidewalk reconstruction
- Estimated cost of construction is $2.8 million
Challenges – 4 Bikes: 4th Street from Davis to College

- Continuation of 4th & Academy Way project
- Sidewalk replacement
- Cycle Track
- Pedestrian streetlighting
- 0.26 miles of street.
- $843,414 estimated project cost.
Challenges – Local Streets

NE Damson (Rose to C) - $643,897  NE Cedar (A to C St) - $689,569
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Broadway (12th to Sunny)  Birch (2nd to 3rd)
Challenges – Local Streets

Birch St (Whitman to C) - $1.5 mil  Elm St (4th to 5th)
In Summary....

- The City is doing well going after grants for Federally classified streets.
- The City has a major issue with the replacement schedule of local streets.
- Many local streets are very narrow and have no sidewalks, need to be fixed.
Thank You

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