Washington State Transportation Commission

City of Federal Way
Building a Transportation System for All

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Federal Way - Overview

[Map showing locations marked with Federal Way, Jobs, and Affordable Housing]
Federal Way – Mind the Gap - Center of the Gateway Program
Federal Way - Overview
Challenges / Opportunities

Challenges

• North to jobs – I-5 is failing.
• Transportation in and through the City Center is failing.
  – S 320th has no more capacity.
  – Pedestrian / Bicycle network is “unfriendly” / “incomplete”
• No east-west high capacity transit
Planning for the Future of Federal Way

With Federal Way’s population and traffic congestion forecast to grow, residents will need to access City Center with a range of transportation options. This solution offers benefits to all modes:

**Cars and trucks:** Improved traffic flow on S 320th Street and ease of access to City Center from I-5.

**Buses and light rail:** Local street connections to future Link light rail station and expanded transit network, including extended HOV lanes on S 320th Street to support Bus Rapid Transit.

**Bicycles, skateboards and scooters:** A protected shared-use path on S 324th Street that crosses I-5 creates connections to existing and planned transit hubs and trail networks, including the BPA trail.

**Pedestrians and people with wheelchairs:** A safer pedestrian crossing over I-5 at S 324th and S 320th streets creates access to the future Link light rail station and transit throughout the area.
Opportunities
City Center Access Project

(Alt 2B) - Grade Separated Ramps
- Meets traffic operations goals
- Flexible for future LU changes
- Cumulative impacts to Belmor likely
- Sound Transit impacts
City Center – Pedestrian Connections

Town Center Steps
Pedestrian Connections Around Transit – S 314th Improvements / TOD parcels
South Federal Way

Light Rail Alignment and Station Location Alternatives
East-West Corridors

SW 336\textsuperscript{th} / 340\textsuperscript{th} – Hoyt Ave SW to 25\textsuperscript{th} Pl SW

- Complete corridor for vehicles and bicycles.
- Improve intersection safety and mobility.
East – West Corridors

S 356th Street – 1st Ave S to Pacific Hwy

• Complete gap in roadway, sidewalk, and bicycle network.
• Remove fish barrier.
Summary

- I-5 is congested and will only get worse.
- Regional urban center growth.
- We are working on supporting all modes
- City Center Access Project
- City Center Ped connection projects
- South Federal Way corridors
- We need east-west mass transit
Questions?