



Staff Report – Public Hearing

June 16, 2025 Council Regular Meeting

Public Hearing – Proposed Vacation of a Portion of SE Bybee Road

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Time Estimate: 5 minutes

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BACKGROUND: In October 2024 the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints (LDS) submitted a complete vacation request packet for the existing Bybee Road alignment. LDS owns all adjoining property to the requested vacation area. LDS has submitted construction drawings for the new alignment of Bybee Road as specified in the Camas Comprehensive Plan and current TIF Study Update. These drawings have been approved for construction by Camas staff. The new roadway will align with Fisher Creek Drive at the existing traffic signal on NW 38th Avenue. Construction of the new roadway is in process and completion is anticipated later this year. The existing roadway will be abandoned upon the construction completion of the new alignment.

SUMMARY: Staff finds that, once the new roadway alignment is dedicated and constructed and all utilities are relocated therein, there will be no need for the City to continue to possess the existing right-of-way. The process for a right-of-way vacation is as follows:

- Introduce the vacation request to Council in a Workshop (February 18, 2025).
- The following steps are required Per RCW 35.79:
 - Adopt a resolution to set a public hearing date between 20 and 60 days from the resolution date (May 5, 2025.)
 - **Hold a public hearing – June 16, 2025.**
- Adopt an ordinance to vacate the right-of-way
 - Staff recommends that this adoption occurs after the new roadway is open to traffic.
- Record the ordinance with the Clark County Assessor's Office.
- **BENEFITS TO THE COMMUNITY:** The construction of the new alignment provides for a safer and more versatile transportation corridor. There will be a left turn refuge, curbs, bike lanes and sidewalks added in the new alignment as well as stormwater collection and treatment.
- **POTENTIAL CHALLENGES:** Coordination of the timing on the vacation ordinance adoption with the opening of the new roadway is important.
- **BUDGET IMPACT:** The new roadway alignment is being dedicated and built by LDS.



Figure 1: New alignment is currently under construction.

RECOMMENDATION: Staff Recommends Council hold the public hearing, take public testimony, and direct the City Attorney to prepare an Ordinance to vacate SE Bybee Road.