

City of McCleary  
**STAFF REPORT**



<b>To:</b>	Mayor Miller and City Councilmembers
<b>From:</b>	Chad Bedlington, Director of Public Works
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<b>Department:</b>	Public Works Administration

**Updates:**

Aquifer Study

The Study is complete with only some pending minor changes to the on-going study requirements for monitoring ground and surface water. The report (entitled: *Wildcat Creek Aquifer Sustainability Plan*) is available on our website at: <https://www.cityofmccleary.com/buildingplanning/page/wildcat-creek-aquifer-study> . A final briefing will be conducted in January with City Council. Staff will be pursuing grant opportunities for continued ground and surface water monitoring beginning in late January when appropriate grant opportunities from the Department of Ecology are open.

Comprehensive Plan Update

City staff is currently reviewing the draft chapters of the plan. Once the review is complete, we will publish the draft report to our website for public comment as well as organizing required Public Meetings. The final draft report should be finished before the end of 2023.

Chip Sealing Program – Pavement Management

The chip sealing of streets for 2023 has been completed. The project was 95% funded by the Transportation Improvement Board (TIB) with a reimbursement of \$87,424 forthcoming to the City for the work that was completed. The City’s matching funds were equal to \$4,601.

Chip sealing is an excellent alternative to preserve pavement and extend its useful life and we will continue to seek funding opportunities to continue the program going forward.

Grant Awards

TIB

The City was recently notified by TIB that we were successful in being awarded a grant in the amount of \$495,843. The City’s grant match required for this project is 5%, or approximately \$26,097 and will be funded by Real Estate Excise Tax (REET) revenues. This grant is for sidewalk and minor street improvements along W Maple Street (south side) from S 6<sup>th</sup> Street to S Main Street. Design for this project will take place in the first quarter of 2024 with anticipated construction in late Summer 2024. This project will

create an ADA compliant connection between the Beehive Assisted Living Facility and the Library and transit stations. Additional information about this project is included in this City Council Packet.

#### Federal Grants

The City, in partnership with several other cities in Grays Harbor County, submitted for a federal grant for Electric Vehicle (EV) charging station installations throughout the region. The grant application had significant regional support, and McCleary is the lead agency on the grant application that was submitted in August of 2023. Currently there is no set date as to when the Federal award of funds is likely, but we will continue to monitor and keep Council aware if an award of grant funds is possible. Project construction, if awarded, would not be until 2024-2026.