

Regional Transportation Plan

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Thurston Regional Planning Council: Who are We?

- 50+ years of Regional Planning: 1967-2025
- 23-member intergovernmental board
- Mission: **Provide visionary leadership on regional plans, policies, and issues for the benefit of all Thurston region residents.**
 - Assemble & analyze data
 - Act as convener
 - Build intergovernmental consensus
 - Conduct planning consistent with state and federal requirements



What is the Regional Transportation Plan?

The plan is our regional roadmap for a complete and high-functioning transportation system over the next 25 years

What key takeaways should people know?

- Our region's **planned land use and roadway capacity improvements alone will not be sufficient** to meet regionally adopted targets, goals, or level of service standards.
- **We can still make good progress on our regionally adopted targets and goals**, which will help reduce level of service failures expected in the future.
- Growing population will lead to **increased traffic volumes**. Projects in the RTP will help mitigate vehicle congestion associated with this growth.

What's in the plan?

- 25-year planning horizon
- All transportation modes
- Regional goals and policies
- Recommendations
- Financial forecast
- Future conditions



Areas of emphasis



- Safety
- Equity
- Climate change & greenhouse gas emissions
- Maintaining the system we've already invested in
- Projects that:
 - Continue to enhance transit options
 - Emphasize system efficiency
 - Strategically expand the system
 - Plan for local and state roads as a cohesive system

What regional targets and goals are we striving for?



Reduce traffic fatalities and serious injuries to zero



Increase share of households in urban areas and preserve rural areas



Decrease annual vehicle miles traveled per capita

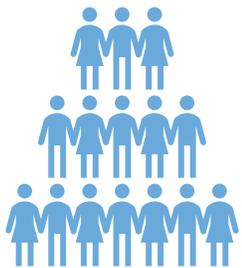


Decrease greenhouse gas emissions



Increase active transportation and transit use

How will the Thurston region change between now and 2050?



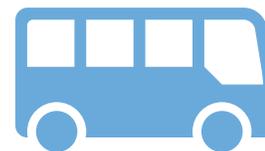
106,000+
people



52,000+
jobs

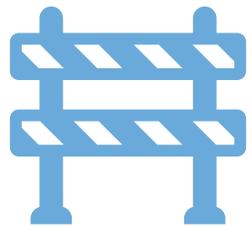


58,000+
housing units



52,000+ living
near transit

How will the Thurston region change between now and 2050?



80 Regional Projects

- 18 miles of new roadways
- 36+ miles of new general purpose lanes and center turn lanes
- 65+ miles of new or rebuilt bicycle and pedestrian facilities
- 29+ miles of new multiuse trails
- 3 new or realigned highway interchanges
- Improved transit facilities and expanded service

Projects in the RTP

CAPACITY PROJECTS

Old Highway 99 Improvements
(Tumwater)

\$22,000,000 Public

TRAIL PROJECTS

Yelm Prairie Line Trail
(Yelm)

\$10,281,000 Public

Yelm-Rainier-Tenino Trail Extension
(Thurston County)

\$6,500,000 Public

Gate-Belmore Trail
(Thurston County)

\$15,000,000 Public

Projects in the RTP

WSDOT PROJECTS & STUDIES

I-5 Hard Shoulder Running

\$15,400,000 Public

SR 510 Yelm Loop – North Section (Y3) Stage 2

\$58,500,000 Public

SR 507/Bald Hills Road to SR 702 Intersection Improvements

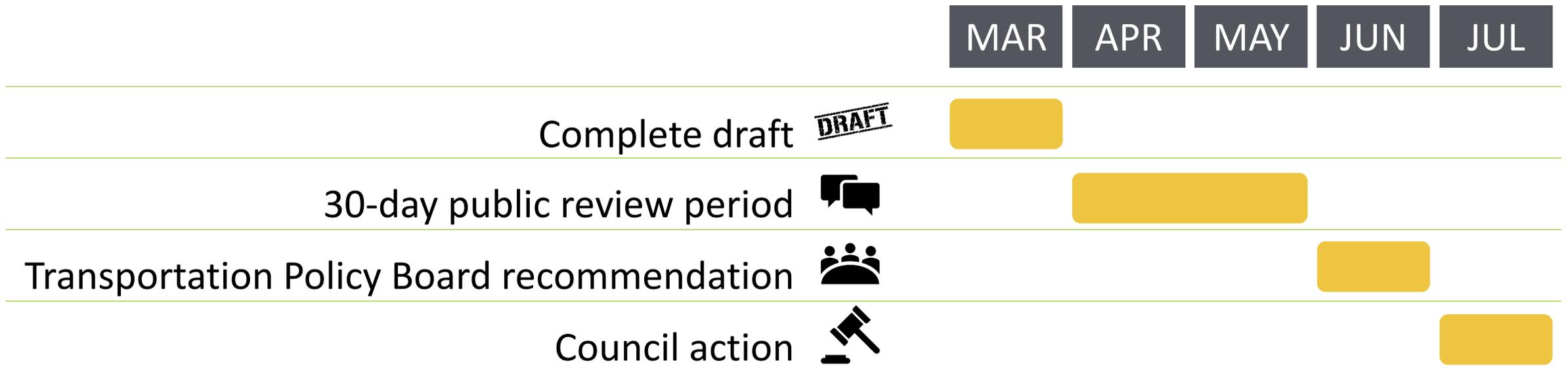
\$25,493,000 Public

Projects in the RTP

STUDIES

Emergency Incident Management Detour Route Improvements (TRPC)	\$250,000 Public
Regional Multimodal Level of Service (TRPC)	\$450,000 Public
Regional Trails Work Program (TRPC)	\$100,000 Public per year
Regional Transportation Safety Action Plan (TRPC)	\$415,650 Public
Transportation Resiliency Strategy (TRPC)	\$750,000 Public

Schedule





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