

# Thurston Regional Planning Council I-5 and Ongoing Work in South County

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# Who We Are



# What We Do

- **Invest federal highway and transit dollars locally**
- **Develop regional transportation, land use, and environmental plans to preserve the Thurston Region's quality of life**
- **Develop regional statistics and forecasts for the future (population, housing, jobs, etc.)**



# Rural Community Support Program



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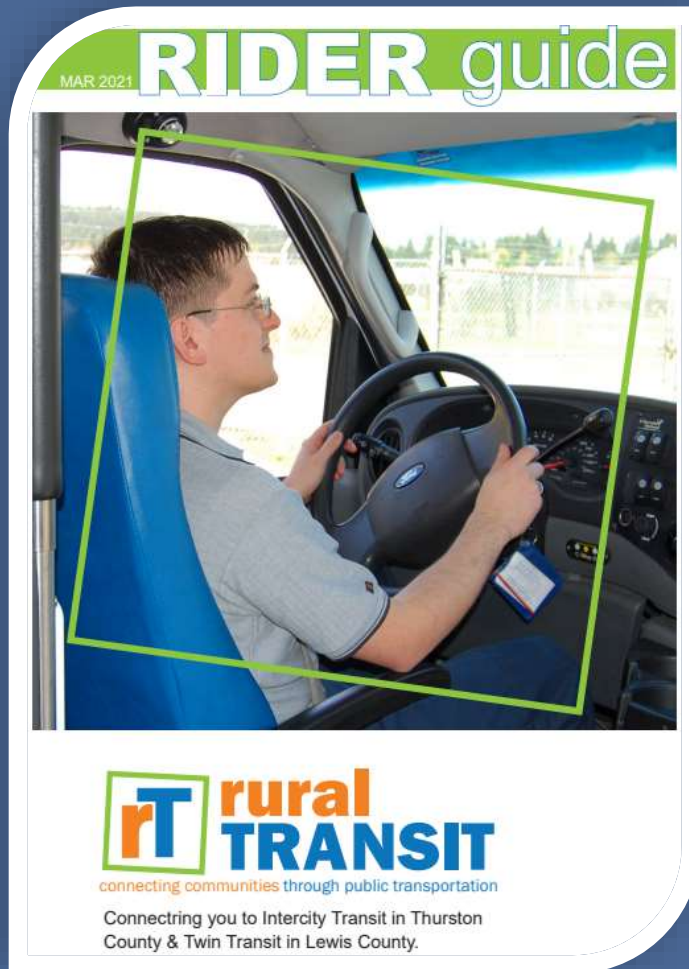
# Rural Mobility Study



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- Intended to improve multi-modal connections between rural Thurston County and the urban centers. Considering roadways like Old Highway 99, 507, and 510
- Currently evaluating existing conditions on these roadways – traffic volumes, safety, configurations, constraints
- Next steps include projecting future conditions, identifying performance measures, and strategies to improve mobility
- This project is in the early stages and will continue into early 2023

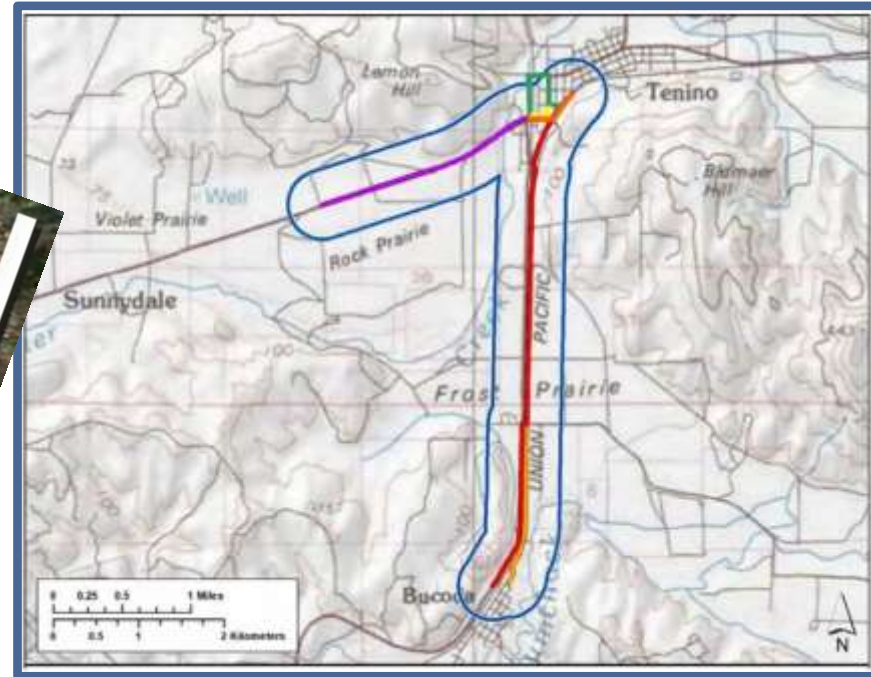
# Rural Transit Improvements



- Postcard mailout to all addresses adjacent to rT routes with the intent to inform people of the service, that it's fare-free, and to send them to the website for additional information
- Interactive map that allows users to see the route and pick-up times, but also to demonstrate the deviated fixed route
- All routes updated within Google Transit.
- New Rider Guide developed and translated into Spanish

# Regional Trails Plan Update

- First major update since 2007
- Comprehensive look at current trail system, areas for improvement, and future trail needs
- Will include the Tenino to Bucoda, West Tenino, and Southwest Thurston County Trail spurs of the regional trail system



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# I-5 at Risk

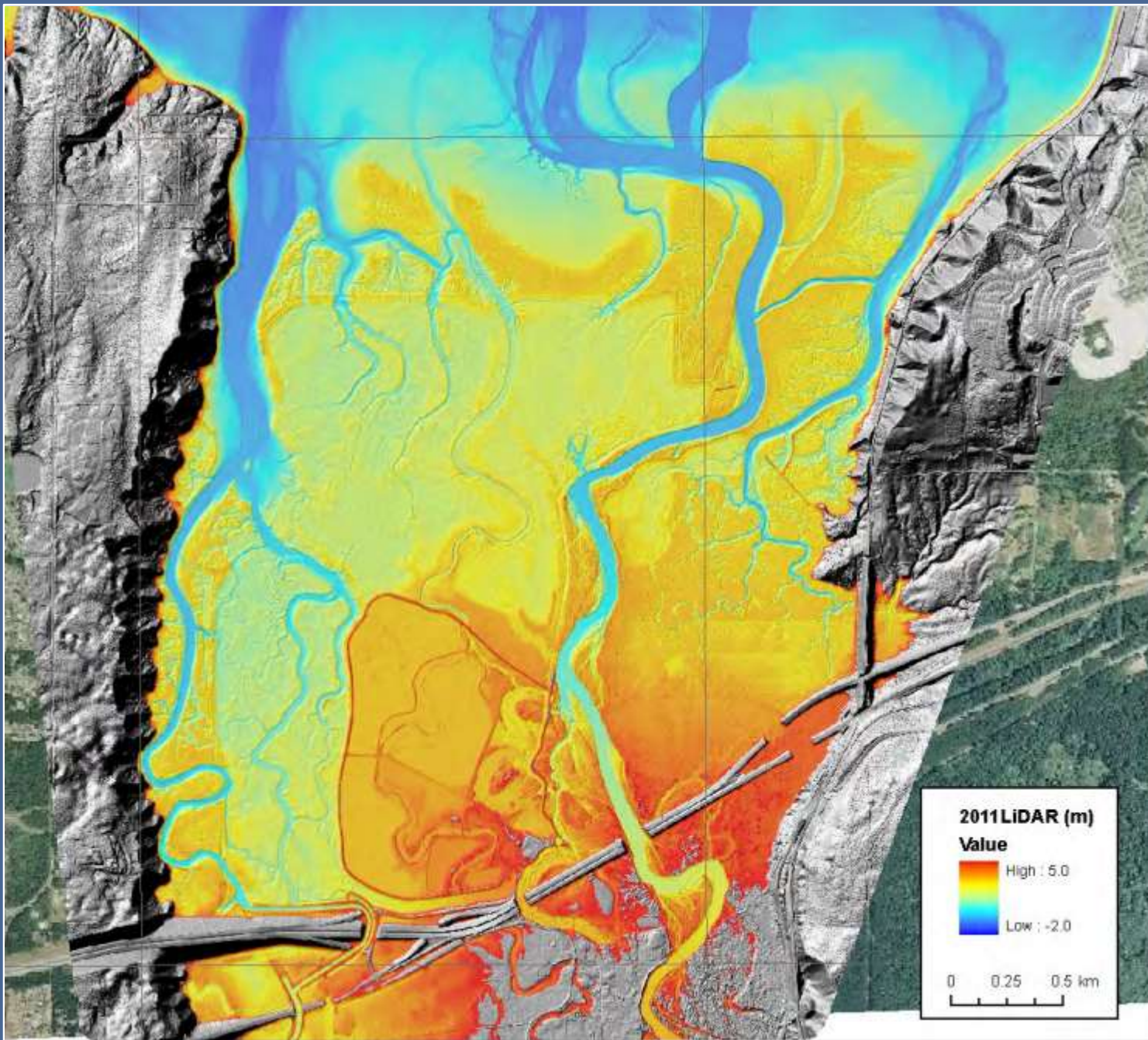


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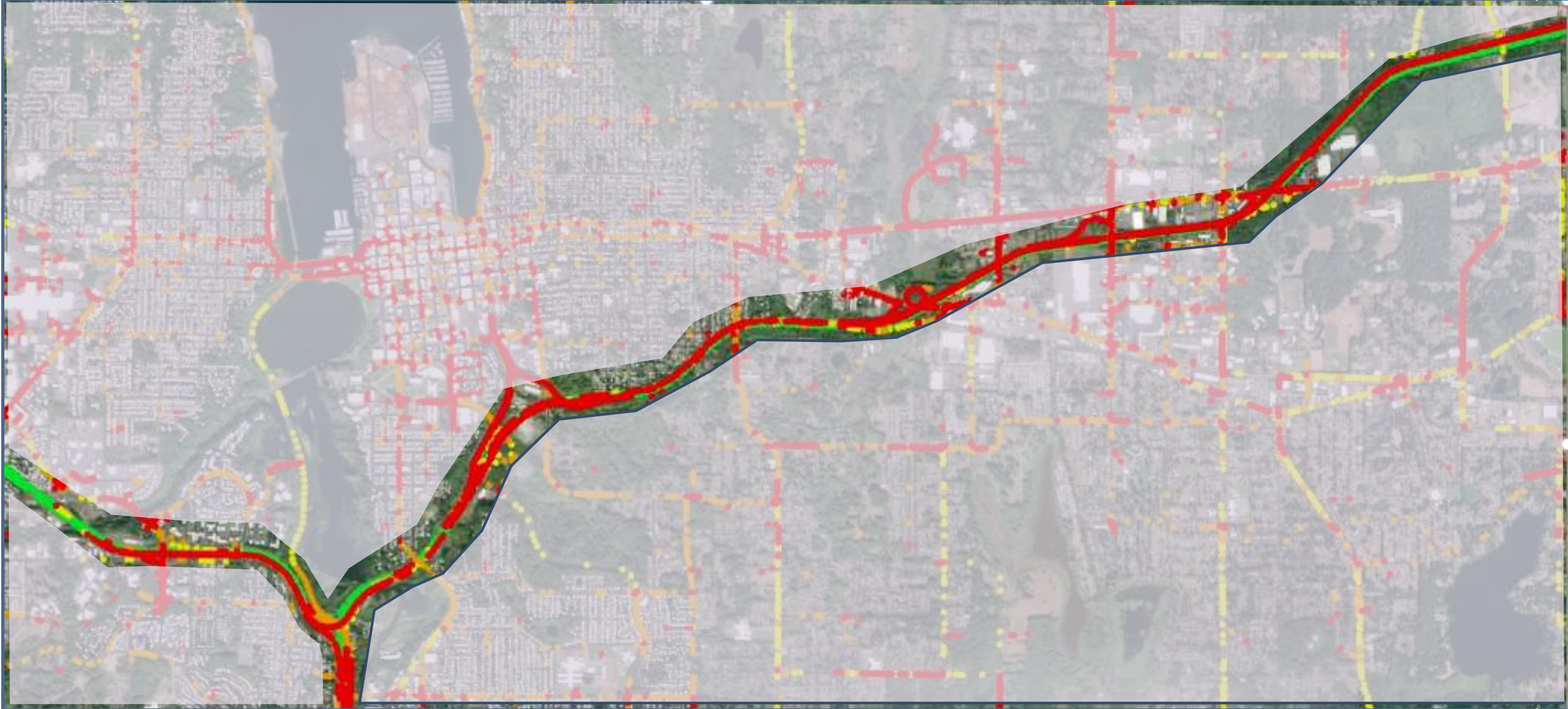
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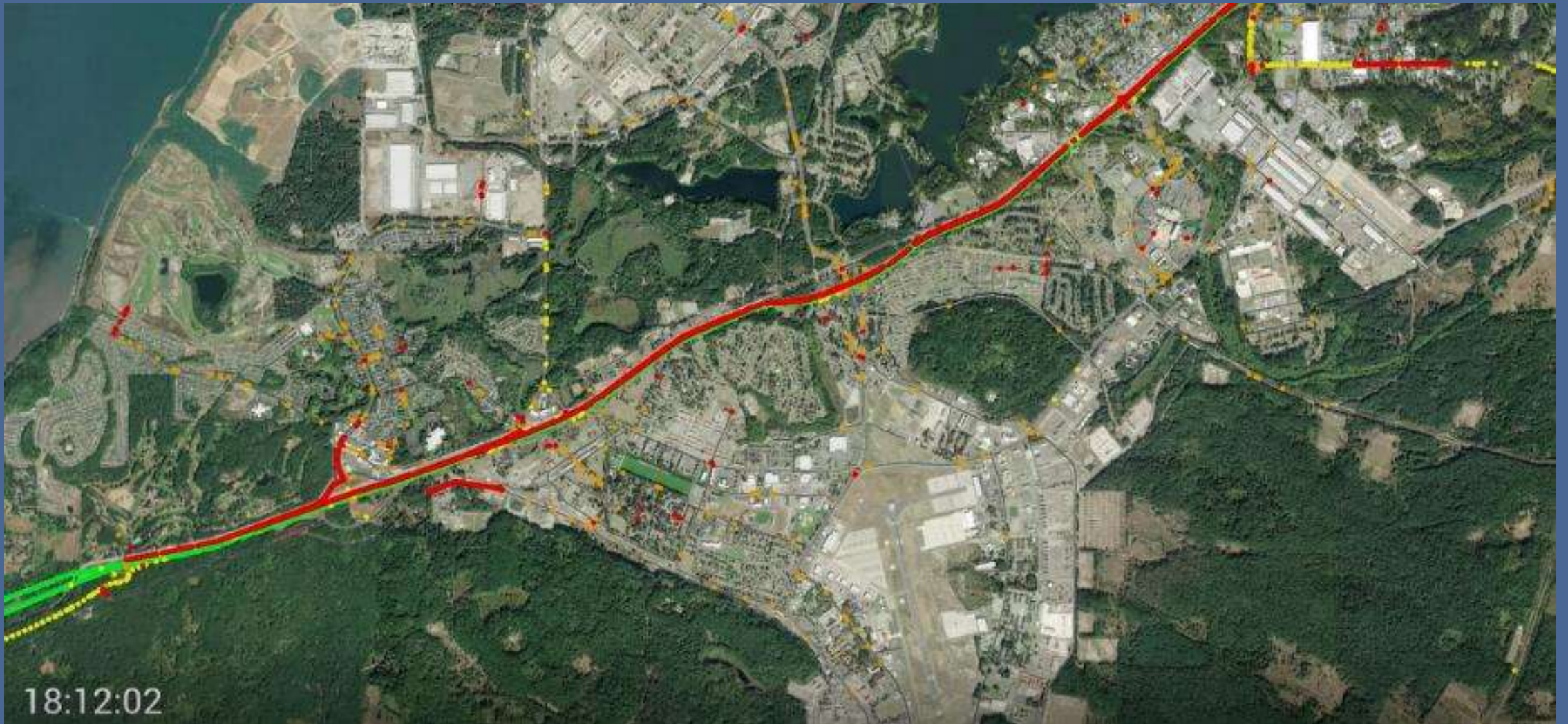
I-5 Creates a Dam Across Nisqually Delta

Limits fresh/salt water mixing area critical for young salmon

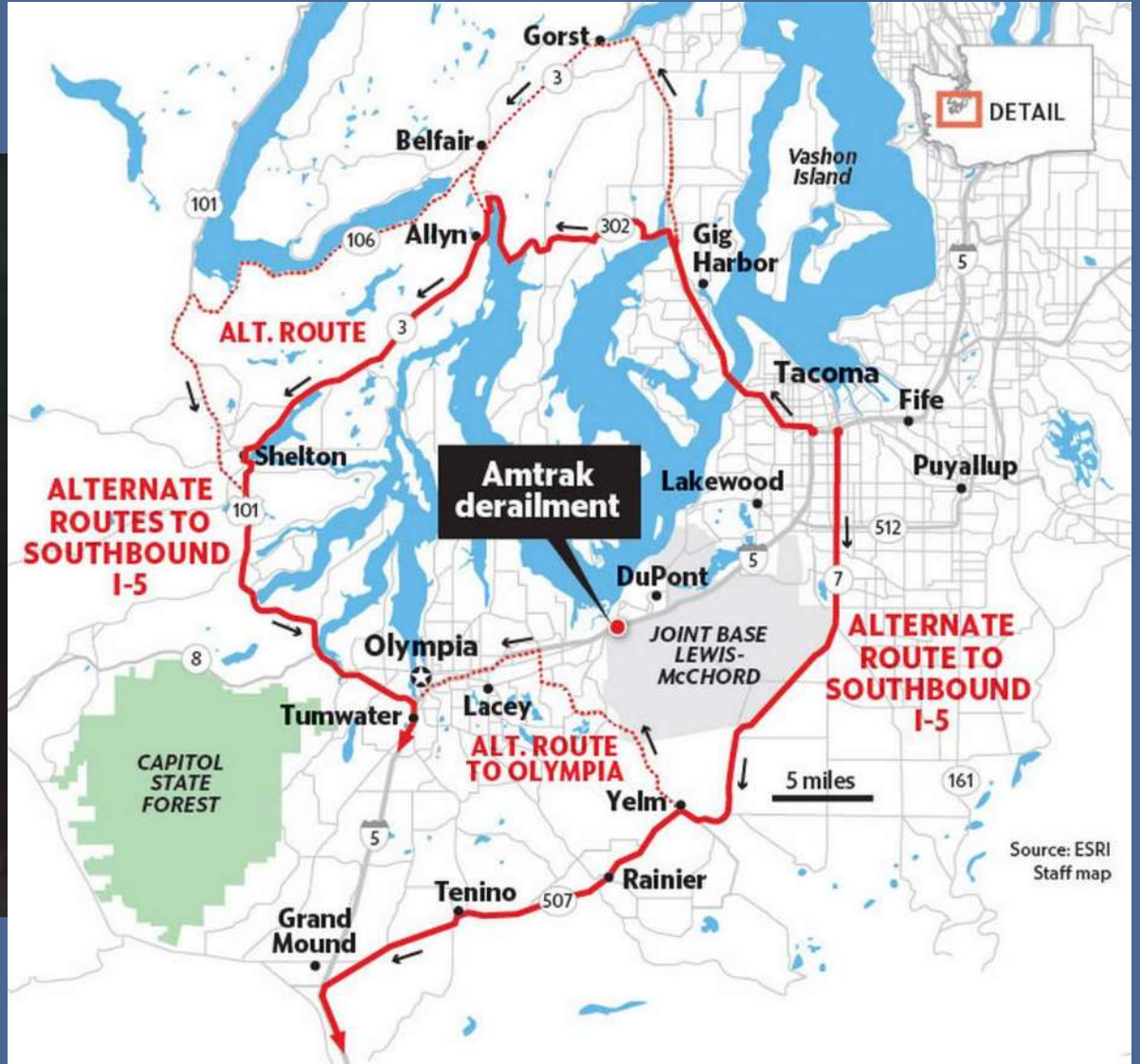
# 2045 – I-5 at U.S. 101 Interchange



# 2045 - North of Mounts Road



# Limited Alternatives to I-5



# Alternate Route – Highway 507 Roundabouts Near Yelm



# High Capacity Transportation Study



- \$250K with report on expected deliverables due to legislature by December 2022
- Consultant hired by autumn 2022
- Will consider many modes (expanded express bus service, enhanced vanpools, commuter rail, light rail, other?)
- Will account for potential ultra high speed rail (\$150M in Move Ahead Washington)
- Will consider ridership potential, construction and operational costs, funding options and costs for households, and potential timelines for developing different options
- Will not result include specific siting or alignment analysis or identify a preferred high capacity transportation option

# Thanks!



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