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Subject: Legislative Package for South County Main Streets

Good Afternoon,

TRPC is putting together a legislative package for Rural Main Streets in Thurston County in order to provide legislators a quick reference for wanted and needed transportation projects in our south county communities. The focus will be on how these projects improve safety and mobility, support the communities' economic vitality (especially important given the impact the COVID-19 pandemic is having), and strengthen the communities' identities. This will be a brief, two-page document that can be used to speak to state legislators about the needs of our south county communities and garner support/funding for these projects. With the possibility of another legislative session this year and transportation anticipated to be a focus next year, we want to make sure the Thurston region is poised to take advantage of any funding opportunities.

I've identified the following projects that could be included in the package:

- **Rochester:** US 12 Improvements (frontage improvements, center turn lane, roundabout at 183rd Ave)
- **Bucoda/Tenino:** Trail planning and right-of-way acquisition (building on the feasibility study for the Yelm-Tenino Trail extension)
- **Tenino:** US 12/Sussex Avenue Improvements (frontage improvements, roundabout at Old Highway 99/Sctotty B's)
- **Rainier:** US 12/Binghampton Avenue Improvements (frontage improvements, roundabout at Centre Street)
- **Grand Mound:** TBD
- **Yelm:** TBD

The projects identified for Rochester, Tenino, and Rainier build on the Main Street efforts TRPC has engaged in with our partner jurisdictions over the last 5+ years. The Grand Mound project can be drawn from the transportation plan TRPC is developing with Thurston County. I'm not as familiar with the efforts happening in Yelm, but I know the city has put a lot of work into its downtown planning efforts.

You all are the best judge of what your community needs, so I want to make sure this legislative package highlights what your communities need. Please let me know if there are any projects that should be added or deleted. We'll need to be strategic about this legislative ask - identifying a suite of projects that tell a common story.

If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to reach out. And if there's anyone I've left out of this email, please do forward it on to whomever you think best. Any feedback you have is needed by **Friday, May 22nd**. I'll send out a draft version of the legislative package for you to review shortly thereafter.

Thanks!

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