
Meeting Date: June 23, 2025

Subject: Commute Trip Reduction (CTR) Four-Year Plan Update: 2025-2029

Attachments: Resolution 2025-45, Exhibits A: Commute Trip Reduction (CTR) Four-Year Plan Update: 2025-2029

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Approved for Agenda by: Dan Ford, PE – City Manager

Discussion:

The City of Toppenish is required to update its Commute Trip Reduction (CTR) Plan for the 2025–2029 cycle to remain in compliance with Washington State law (RCW 70A.15) and to continue supporting statewide environmental, mobility, and land-use objectives. This update is not only a statutory obligation but also a strategic opportunity to align local transportation planning with emerging trends and regional priorities.

Toppenish lies within a region characterized by agricultural employment, with many residents commuting to neighboring jurisdictions. Given the rural setting of the Yakima Valley and ongoing shifts in land use, the CTR update will help improve coordination with regional transit providers such as People for People and Pahto Public Passage. It will also address infrastructure gaps, including missing sidewalks, trails, and bike lanes, and support multimodal connectivity, particularly through the planned Yakama Nation Heritage Connectivity Trail.

Updating the CTR Plan is essential to ensure continued compliance with state requirements, respond to evolving transportation needs, promote environmental sustainability, enhance equitable access to transportation options, and preserve eligibility for future funding opportunities.

The updated CTR Plan will provide a cohesive framework to reduce congestion, enhance mobility, and improve the quality of life for residents and workers in Toppenish and the greater Yakima Valley. The City will submit the updated plan to the Yakima Valley Conference of Governments and the Washington State Department of Transportation no later than June 30, 2025.

Fiscal Impact:

No Fiscal impact is anticipated

Recommendation:

Approve Resolution 2025-45, updating the City of Toppenish Commute Trip Reduction Four-Year Plan 2025-2029.