

TO: Historic Preservation Commission
FROM: Chuck Denney, Parks and Recreation Director
DATE: January 15, 2026
SUBJECT: Department of Transportation Signage

1) Recommended Action:

Information/discussion item regarding the preservation of signage and plaques from the former Department of Transportation (DOT) Headquarters building on Capitol Boulevard.

2) Background:

At the November 20, 2025 Commission Meeting, Commissioner Nicandri provided a presentation to the Historical Commission on Tumwater's historical pathways, roads, streets and highways. A portion of this presentation focused on the DOT site, buildings and existing signage – particularly the prominent building name sign facing Capitol Boulevard. The building is scheduled to be removed and DOT project staff do not think the sign can be successfully removed and preserved. Additionally, there may be historic medallions on one or more of the buildings that can be preserved.

3) Alternatives:

Discussion Item – Discussion may include options for sign removal, preservation and/or documentation. Historical medallions could be preserved and displayed elsewhere if they still exist on the site.

4) Attachments:

None