

TO: City Council
FROM: Brad Medrud, Planning Manager
DATE: October 4, 2022
SUBJECT: WSDOT Rights of Way Initiative – Process Memorandum of Understanding

1) Recommended Action:

Approve the Mayor to sign the revised, final version of the Memorandum of Understanding – Transitioning People Out Of State Rights Of Way in Thurston County

2) Background:

The WSDOT Rights of Way Initiative Process, the Memorandum of Understanding – Transitioning People Out of State Rights of Way in Thurston County is the first of a series of agreements expected between the Washington State Department of Commerce, the Washington State Department of Transportation, the Washington State Patrol, the cities of Lacey, Olympia, and Tumwater, and Thurston County to work in a collaborative fashion to achieve the short-term goal of transitioning people from specific prioritized state rights-of-way into housing.

The General Government Committee held a briefing to discuss an earlier version of memorandum on July 13, 2022 and the City Council approved the Mayor to sign an earlier version of the Memorandum of understanding at their July 19, 2022 meeting.

The July 19, 2022 version of the memorandum has been updated to address state agency issues.

3) Policy Support:

Housing Element Goal H-3: To provide adequate, affordable housing for residents of all income groups, including sufficient housing affordable to low and moderate-income groups.

4) Alternatives:

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5) Fiscal Notes:

This is an internally funded work program task, although individual actions may have a cost if eventually pursued.

6) Attachments:

A. Memorandum of Understanding – Transitioning People Out of State Rights of Way in Thurston County