

# **2023 Comprehensive Plan Amendments Final Docket (Ordinance No. O2023-002)**



**City Council Consideration – February 6, 2024**

# Background

On October 18, 2022, the City Council approved Ordinance No. 02022-023, which suspended the Comprehensive Plan Annual Amendment Cycle during the 2025 Comprehensive Plan periodic update, except for City-sponsored amendments



The City Council approved the preliminary docket of 2023 Comprehensive Plan amendments on February 21, 2023



The final docket includes two City-sponsored Comprehensive Plan amendments:

Old Highway 99 Corridor Plan

2024-2029 Six-Year Capital Facilities Plan Update



# Amendment #1 – Old Highway 99 Corridor Plan

- Old Highway 99 connects south Thurston County to the City
- Commercial and residential use levels have increased, extending peak commute hours and traffic volumes
- The Old Highway 99 Plan is the next step of the Capital Boulevard Corridor Plan
- In 2019, the City received nearly \$400,000 to perform a study looking at Old Highway 99 from 73<sup>rd</sup> to 93<sup>rd</sup>



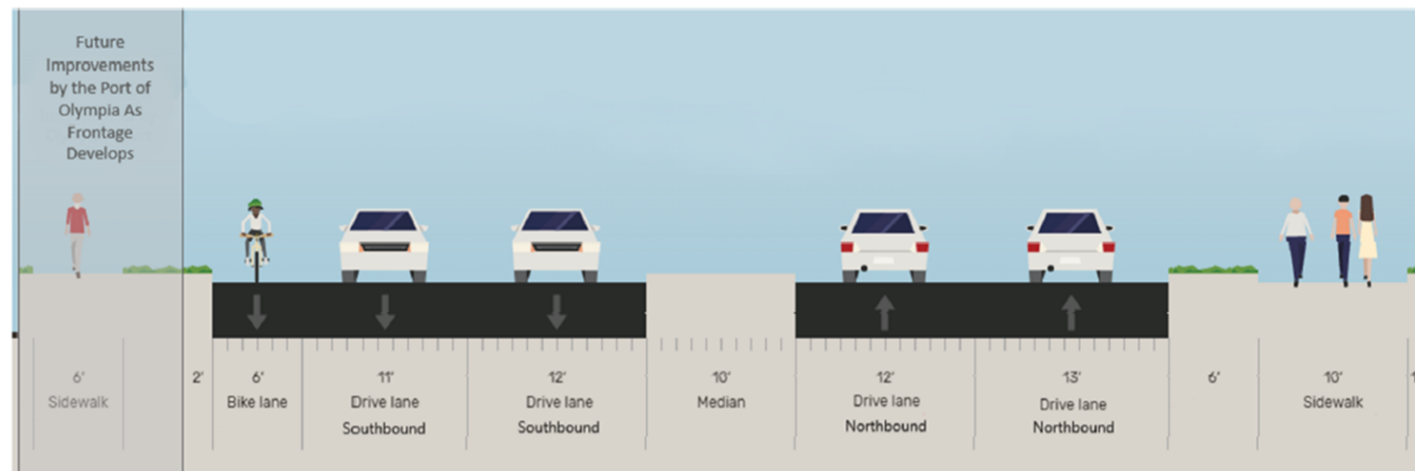
# Feedback

The five main improvements respondents wanted to see along the corridor included:

- Bicycle Lanes/Paths
- Sidewalks
- Reduced Traffic Congestion
- Intersection Safety
- Street Lighting

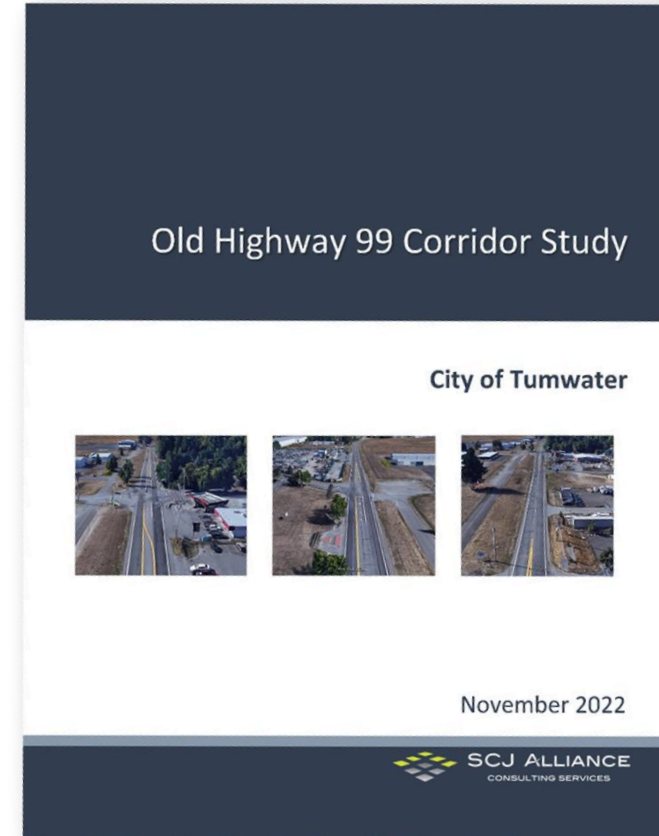
Project stakeholders recommended the replacement of existing signals with roundabouts

**Figure 4.1 Alternative 3B - Recommended Section for Old Highway 99**



# Old Highway 99 Corridor Study

- Examined multimodal safety and mobility issues
- Incorporated land use, environmental, and transportation considerations
- Determined preferred alignment, cross sections, intersection control, stormwater strategies, mitigation strategies, right-of-way needs, implementation strategies, and future project estimates





# Preliminary Design – 79<sup>th</sup> Avenue SE





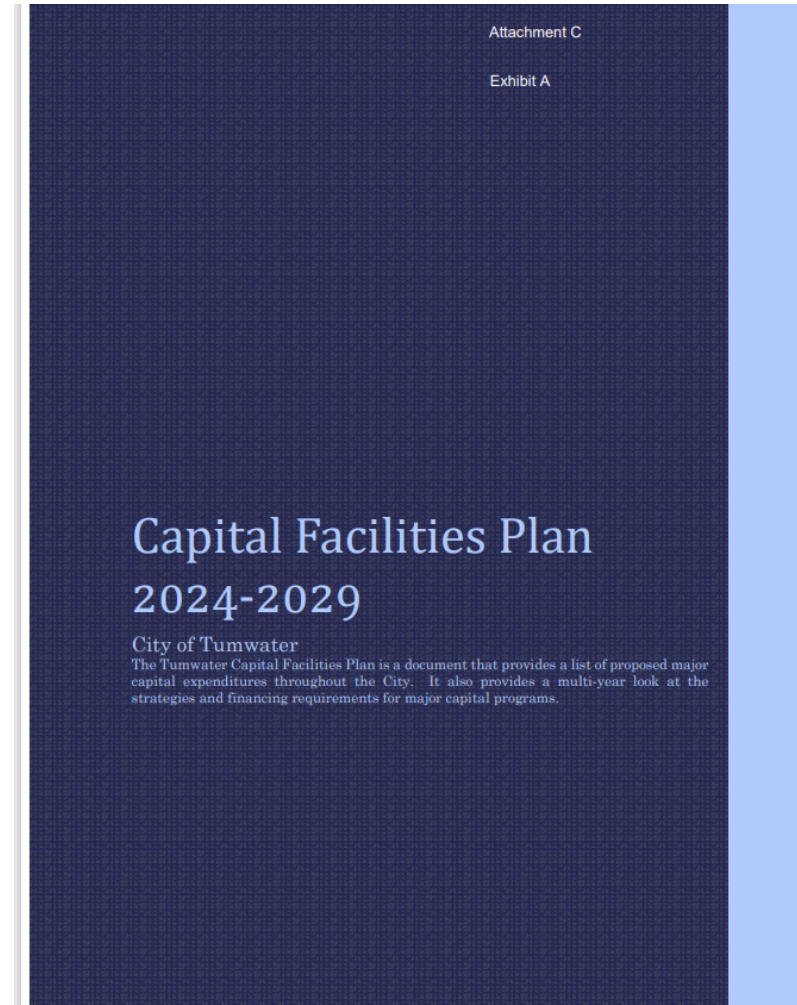
# Phasing Plan and Cost Estimates

Figure 7.1 Old Highway 99 Project Phases



# Amendment #2 – 2024 – 2029 Six-Year Capital Facilities Plan Update

- Addresses GMA requirements to update the City's Six-Year Capital Facilities Plan with new data and confirm implementation actions **every two years**
- The CFP is an element of the Comprehensive Plan
- The plan contains a list of capital projects with estimated costs and proposed methods of financing
- Coordinates with many plans for capital improvements, including the Transportation and Parks Plans of the Comprehensive Plan and other studies





# Other reasons for a CFP

- Provides policy makers with a current and future view of the capital needs of each department and a mechanism for assessing the financial ramifications of funding or not funding programs
- Provides an opportunity to combine similar projects across departmental lines
- Provides a means of assessing future maintenance and operating costs, and their impacts upon the City's future finances
- Supports good management that demonstrates the need for facilities and the need for revenues to pay for them
- Provides accessibility to various sources of revenues (e.g., grants, Commerce Public Works Trust Fund loans, impact fees, real estate excise taxes) that require a CFP to qualify for the revenue



# Planning Commission Conclusions

- The amendments met the review and approval criteria in TMC 18.60.025(B)
- The proposed Comprehensive Plan amendment were consistent with the requirements of the Washington State Growth Management Act, Thurston County-Wide Planning Policies, the goals of Sustainable Thurston, and the Comprehensive Plan



# Planning Commission Recommendation

- The Planning Commission held a public hearing on December 12, 2023, and recommended approval of Ordinance No. 02023-002

