

TO: Historic Preservation Commission  
FROM: Chuck Denney, Parks and Recreation Director  
DATE: October 16, 2025  
SUBJECT: Transportation Interpretive Projects

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1) Recommended Action:

Information/discussion item regarding projects for future implementation on Highway 99/Capitol Blvd and Trosper Road.

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2) Background:

Commissioner Nicandri provided a presentation to the Historical Commission on Tumwater's historical pathways, roads, streets and highways at the last meeting. Through his research, Commissioner Nicandri outlined the various designations of what is now Hwy 99/Capitol Blvd and the opportunity to provide educational signage on the history of this transportation corridor. Additionally, discussion included a possible project to significantly recognize the 47th parallel at Trosper Road with a monument in the Capitol/Trosper roundabout.

Commissioner Nicandri and Director Denney visited with the Tenino Stone Carvers to investigate the possibility of working with them to create a sandstone monument for the project.

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3) Alternatives:

Discussion Item – Discussion may include opportunities for historical interpretation/education, art, public process, and tourism. Additional items may include costs, funding, transportation/utility impacts and timing.

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4) Attachments:

None