

TO: General Government Committee  
FROM: Brad Medrud, Planning Manager  
DATE: July 13, 2022  
SUBJECT: WSDOT Rights of Way Initiative Process Memorandum of Understanding

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1) Recommended Action:

Review and schedule the attached Memorandum of Understanding – Transitioning People Out of State Rights of Way in Thurston County as a consent item for the July 19, 2022 City Council meeting.

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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.

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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.

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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.

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6) Attachments:

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