



February 24, 2025

Olympia City Council
cc: Olympia Planning Commission

Honorable Mayor Payne and City of Olympia Councilmembers,

As part of the Olympia 2045 update of the Comprehensive Plan, the City Council has provided the Social Justice and Equity Commission with an opportunity to weigh in on the draft chapters to offer equity-related recommendations. This letter is intended to share with you the Commission's conversation regarding the Transportation chapter, on which the Commission received a briefing at our July 22, 2024 meeting.

The Commission discussed the Transportation chapter with Public Works Transportation staff and had the opportunity to ask questions related to how equity is addressed in the chapter and how it was considered during its development. The Commission's discussion centered around the following topics:

- Accessibility of bicycle and walking pathways
- Maintaining a balanced approach to transportation planning and the importance of supporting a multimodal transportation system
- Importance of supporting transit for the advancement of equity in our transportation systems
- Value of fare-free transit programs in promoting equitable access to public transit

We appreciate the opportunity to review goals and policies within the Transportation chapter of the Comprehensive Plan, provide feedback on the updated process and learn how this work promotes equitable growth and development in our community.

Best Regards,

Robin Rosen-Evans, Vice-Chair
Social Justice & Equity Commission

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