



# Meeting Agenda

## City Council

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**Tuesday, April 16, 2019**

**5:30 PM**

**Council Chambers**

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### Study Session

**1. ROLL CALL**

**2. BUSINESS ITEM**

**2.A** [19-0117](#) Briefing on Downtown Street Improvements

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### Briefing on Downtown Street Improvements

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**Title**

Briefing on Downtown Street Improvements

**Recommended Action**

**Committee Recommendation:**

Not referred to a committee.

**City Manager Recommendation:**

Receive the information on the Legion Way and Franklin Street improvement projects. Briefing only;  
No action requested.

**Report Issue:**

Whether to receive a briefing on the Legion Way and Franklin Street improvement projects.

**Staff Contact:**

Sophie Stimson, Transportation Planning Supervisor, Public Works Transportation, 360.753.8497

**Presenters:**

Sophie Stimson, Transportation Planning Supervisor, Public Works Transportation  
Jeff Johnstone, Senior Engineer, Public Works Engineering

**Background and Analysis:**

The City's pavement management system identified four downtown streets that need to be re-paved. The Downtown Strategy process explored the opportunity to make broader improvements to these streets, to go beyond paving to include place-making and multimodal improvements. These projects advance many goals for the downtown and are significant City investments in downtown infrastructure.

Since the acceptance of the Downtown Strategy by City Council, staff has advanced the concepts for improving Washington Street, Capitol Way, Legion Way, and Franklin Street. The City's webpage describes these projects in more detail.

In 2017 and 2018, the design concepts for these streets were shared with the public. From the stakeholder meetings, an open house, and an online survey, there is strong support to proceed with the proposed design concepts for all four streets.

The Legion Way and Franklin Street projects are near term projects. Construction of Legion Way is planned in 2020, and Franklin Street in 2021. The Legion Way project includes a raised concrete intersection, roadway resurfacing, and bicycle facility extensions. On Franklin Street, resurfacing, sidewalk and street tree replacement, and curb bulb-outs are planned. Design of the Legion Way and Franklin Street projects is at 60 percent completion.

At the study session, staff will share the status of the design of the projects, including the art and urban design elements; what we heard from recent business outreach and other public engagement activities; and next steps including construction schedules.

**Neighborhood/Community Interests (if known):**

Public outreach conducted in 2017 and 2018 indicated support to proceed with the design concepts for the Legion Way and Franklin Street projects. A public open house is planned for May 20, 2019, to share more specific designs for the projects. In 2019 and 2020, ongoing discussion with downtown business and property owners will occur. Extensive public communication is planned through the construction of both projects.

**Options:**

Briefing only.

**Financial impact:**

Legion and Franklin projects are estimated at \$6.7 million; final estimates for these projects will be available in late 2019, once design is complete.

The projects will be funded through a combination of City Pavement Management Program funds and grants. A Transportation Improvement Board grant of \$400,000 is secured for the Franklin Street project. A Washington State Department of Transportation grant for Legion Way is pending.

**Attachments:**

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# Downtown Street Improvement Projects

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## Enhancing our Downtown Streets!

Four major streets in the Downtown core are slated for improvements over the next several years. Near-term projects (indicated above in brown) are expected to begin in 2020. Long-term projects (indicated in blue) are expected to begin beyond 2020. Learn more about each below.

These projects were proposed as part of the City's Downtown Strategy in order to:

- Improve walkability
- Make bike connections
- Support transit operations
- Maintain mobility for cars and freight

## Status of Projects

In January 2018, a public open house was held to share design concepts, followed by an online survey. There was strong support to proceed with the proposed design concepts for all four streets.

In May 2018, the City Council directed staff to complete design on the Legion Way and Franklin Street projects. [See the slides](#) from the Council presentation, which includes a summary of the public input we received. The first open house on the design of the Legion and Franklin projects is planned for January 2019.

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**2019 PRELIMINARY OPERATING BUDGET** The 2019 Preliminary Operating Budget is

feedback



## Overview of Projects

### Franklin Street

On Franklin Street, bulb outs at intersections, paving and sidewalk and street tree replacement is proposed. Bulbouts extend the sidewalk into the street at intersections. They slow traffic and shorten the crossing distance for people walking.

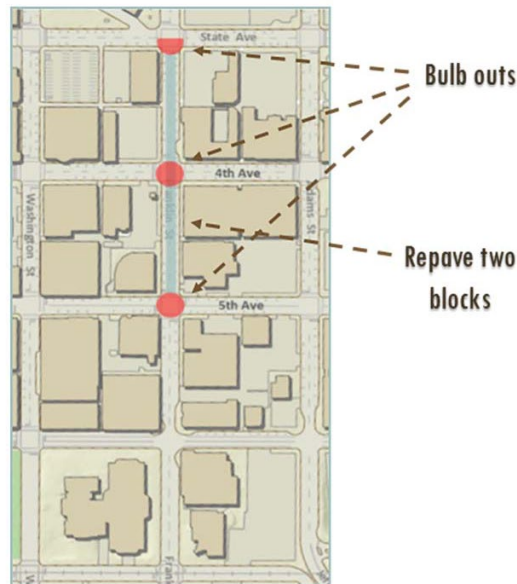
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### Legion Way

A raised intersection, asphalt paving and bike facilities are proposed. In a raised intersection, the street surface is at the same level as the sidewalk. Cars ramp up slightly as they enter the intersection. The raised intersection serves as a gateway to the downtown core, slows traffic, and makes it easier for people walking to cross the street.

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**Bike lane up hill, and  
sharrows down hill from  
Water Street to Capitol Way**

**Repave two blocks**

**Raised intersection  
at Washington**



### Washington Street

A protected bike lane is proposed from 5th Avenue to the Farmers Market. This will provide a family-friendly route for people to bicycle through the downtown core. Washington Street would become a one-way street in order to preserve parking and provide the protected bike

lane. Download our printer-friendly [Washington Street Protected Bike Lane Proposal](#) to learn more about the project.

A Festival Street is proposed for the block in front of the Washington Center. A Festival Street functions like a normal street most days but can be closed and serve as a plaza for special events.

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### Capitol Way

The proposal for Capitol Way is to narrow the street through the downtown core in order to provide more sidewalk space and improve the streetscape. The 2014 Greening Capitol Way project recommended removing a lane to widen the sidewalk and landscape areas. The concept continued to receive support through the Downtown Strategy process.

### Questions?

Contact Sophie Stimson at 360.753.8497 or [sstimson@ci.olympia.wa.us](mailto:sstimson@ci.olympia.wa.us)

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