



West Olympia Transportation Studies

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West Olympia Access Study

In 2010, the City and the Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) completed an evaluation of transportation needs on Olympia's Westside.

One of the outcomes of the West Olympia Access Study, is a decision to build new ramps to US 101.



Two new ramps are proposed:

- Kaiser Road: An eastbound on-ramp and westbound off-ramp will be built at Kaiser Road. Construction is anticipated 15 to 20 years from now.
- Yauger Way: An off-ramp extension will be built in the westbound direction at Black Lake Boulevard to connect to Yauger Way. This ramp will be built following the Kaiser Road ramps.

These ramps will reduce traffic at Black Lake Boulevard and Cooper Point Road, improve access to the medical facilities and businesses on Yauger Way, and provide more route options in this area.

Next Steps

- **Interchange Justification Report**
Before the ramps can be built, an Interchange Justification Report must be approved by WSDOT. This report includes a traffic analysis, environmental review and 30% design work. The report will cost \$1.6 million. The City received federal funding to augment City funds for this report.
- **West Olympia Access Study: Local Street Analysis**
This is a study of the local street system needs. See reverse for more details.



West Olympia Access Study: Local Street Analysis



Timelines

West Olympia Access Study

- Study to determine if new highway access ramps are needed and where
- Completed 2008 to 2010

Interchange Justification Report

- Report documenting the traffic analysis, environmental impacts, and 30% design of the new ramps
- Planned 2013 to 2015

West Olympia Access Study: Local Street Analysis

- Local street system needs for all modes
- Street and pathway connectivity analysis
- Planned 2014 to 2016

The next step is to evaluate improvements to the local street system. This study will address:

- Capacity improvements on the local street system, such as turn lanes;
- Bicycle, pedestrian and transit needs; and
- Areas where street and pathway connectivity are needed.

Public outreach will be included in this study.

The final deliverable is a package of improvements for all modes of transportation on Westside streets.

This study will also provide the City Council with the information needed to evaluate the proposed street connections at Decatur Street and 16th Avenue. These connections that have been under consideration for several years. A decision may be considered by the Council, once the study is complete.



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