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Michelle Swanson
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Dear Michelle Swanson,

Thurston Regional Planning Council (TRPC) has completed its provisional review of the City of Olympia's (City) draft Comprehensive Plan Transportation Element and the submitted checklist as part of the certification process required under RCW 47.80.026 and RCW 36.70A.070(6). This review is an important step to ensure alignment with the principles and policies established in the currently adopted Regional Transportation Plan (RTP).

TRPC's provisional findings indicate that the City's draft Transportation Element effectively addresses many of the principles established in the RTP and is generally consistent with that plan. Our review identified several opportunities to strengthen alignment with the RTP, which are outlined in the attached document for your consideration.

Please note that this provisional review is not a final certification. To complete the certification process, TRPC must review the Transportation Element alongside the Land Use Element to confirm their mutual consistency and implementation, as required by RCW 36.70A.070. Additionally, we will need to evaluate the Transportation Element in relation to the City's Capital Facilities Plan (CFP) once completed to ensure the project list is consistent with the RTP.

TRPC staff recognize and commend your work to date to develop a draft Transportation Element that supports our region's vision for a transportation system that offers safe, efficient, and affordable transportation options, while supporting land use plans and quality of life objectives. We encourage the City to incorporate the suggested additions and submit updated materials, including the Land Use Element and Capital Facilities Plan, at least 60 days prior to adoption for final certification.

If you have any questions or need assistance, please don't hesitate to contact Michale Mills at MillsM@trpc.org or 360.741.2541. We look forward to working with you to complete the certification.

Sincerely,

Marc Daily
Executive Director