



2021 Annual Comprehensive Plan Amendments

Staff requests additional deletions in the Transportation Chapter of the Comprehensive Plan, to remove language that references the Log Cabin Road extension. If these additional changes are approved by City Council, a revised ordinance will be brought to Council at its next Council meeting for second reading and final approval. The proposed changes to the ordinance before Council on November 16, 2021, are as follows:

Ordinance Exhibit A, Page 195:

Southeast Transportation Issues

The street network in the southeast provides north-south routes, but few east-west routes. Mobility is poor for autos, buses, bicycling and walking. This creates overloading on the Yelm Highway and 18th Avenue corridors.

However, in 2012, a project to widen Yelm Highway and add roundabouts, bike lanes, sidewalks and crossing islands was completed. And, beginning in 2010, 18th Avenue from Fones Road to Boulevard Road was improved with bike lanes, sidewalks, streetlights, and two roundabouts.

These major reconstruction projects should increase capacity, reduce delay and accidents, and provide more safe and inviting streets for walking and biking.

Ordinance Exhibit A, Pages 198-199:

Boulevard Road Corridor

The 2006 Boulevard Road Corridor Study defined the multimodal and capacity improvements that were needed for this corridor. Boulevard Road is a major north-south route and a major regional corridor to the city center. It is also considered a residential street to the many people who live along it.

Full street standards, including sidewalks, lighting and trees, are planned for the entire corridor, with some changes to planter strips to lessen property impacts. There will be a center-turn lane for the entire corridor, interspersed with landscaped pedestrian islands, landscaped medians, and left-turn pockets.

Roundabouts are planned for three major intersections along the corridor. A double-lane roundabout was built at Log Cabin Road in 2009. A single-lane roundabout at 22nd Avenue is planned for 2014, and a roundabout at Morse-Merryman Road is planned for construction sometime between 2014 and 2017.

Ordinance Exhibit A, page 216:

Street Connections

- Yauger Way Extension to Top Foods
- Kaiser Road connection to Black Lake Boulevard
- 12th/15th Avenue connection from Lilly Road to Sleater-Kinney Road
- 12th Avenue connection to Ensign Road
- Ensign Road connection to Pacific Avenue
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