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File # 17-1238 - Comp Plan Amendment Proposal: Remove Major Collector designation

for Maple Park Ave SE

Joyce Phillips, Senior Planner Community Planning & Development City of Olympia

Joyce,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the South Capitol Neighborhood Association's proposal to remove the Major Collector designation for Maple Park Ave SE. Intercity Transit staff has reviewed the proposal and have a couple of brief comments to note:

- a) Maple Park Ave SE currently functions as a route segment of Intercity Transit's weekday Express Routes 603, 609 and 612. A portion of our Dash circulator route also utilizes a shorter segment of Maple Park, between Jefferson St and Franklin St, where it u-turns back to Jefferson St and heads back to the west Capitol Campus. I would also note that current Route 609 trips that use this street now will be discontinued at the end of June 2017. However, we anticipate adding trips to Route 612 this July and these trips will likely continue to operate along Maple Park Ave as they do now.
- b) Intercity Transit also maintains 4 bus stops on Maple Park, two in each direction, that serve both the South Capitol Neighborhood and the state agencies that align to the north side of the street along this particular part of the East Capitol Campus. Ridership boardings and alightings are, for the most part, along the westbound lane of Maple Park where there's direct access to and from state office buildings.

While we don't anticipate concerns for transit service created by the proposed re-designation we thought it might be helpful for those considering the change to know that Intercity Transit currently operates along this short street corridor and anticipates continuing to do so in the future.

If you or other interested parties have any questions or comments about transit service along Maple Park Ave, please contact me directly at your earliest convenience.

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