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City Council

Approval of an Ordinance Amending Olympia Municipal Code Chapter 15.20 Related to Transportation Concurrency

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Type: ordinance **Version:** 2 **Status:** Passed

Title

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Recommended Action

Committee Recommendation:

Not referred to a committee.

City Manager Recommendation:

Move to approve an ordinance amending Olympia Municipal Code Chapter 15.20 related to transportation concurrency on second reading.

Report

Issue:

Whether to amend an ordinance updating transportation concurrency.

Staff Contact:

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Presenter(s):

None - Consent Calendar Item.

Background and Analysis:

Background and analysis has not changed from first to second reading.

The Washington State Growth Management Act requires that cities plan for growth and respond to increased transportation needs. Like other cities, Olympia is required to have a transportation concurrency program. This program defines the new transportation infrastructure that will be built by the City to support the new trips on our streets that comes with new growth.

To date, Olympia's concurrency program has been focused on building infrastructure that supports more motor vehicle trips. Changes are being proposed to our concurrency program that will improve our streets for walking, biking, transit, as well as driving.

As described in the attached ordinance, the concurrency program ensures that the City keeps pace with the new travel demand, or new trips, on our streets, by building new supply, or street improvement projects.

The supply is defined in a new proposed 20-year concurrency project list. The concurrency projects are the City's minimum commitment to accommodating new growth. These projects will be listed in the Capital Facilities Plan and updated as needed.

Neighborhood/Community Interests (if known):

Staff has reached out to stakeholders in the development community about changes to the transportation concurrency and impact fee programs and invited the public to observe the August 19 Finance Committee discussion of the changes. The Planning Commission and Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee were briefed earlier this year as the program changes were under development.

Options:

1. Approve an ordinance amending Olympia Municipal Code Chapter 15.20 related to transportation concurrency on second reading. The new concurrency program will help accommodate new growth in the City.
2. Do not approve the ordinance.

Financial Impact:

Concurrency projects are a subset of the impact fee projects lists, meaning they will receive impact fee funding, along with other funding sources. Each year, the Capital Facilities Plan will list concurrency program projects and how they will be funded.

Attachments:

Ordinance