



## Land Use & Environment Committee

### Martin Way Corridor Study

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**Title**

Martin Way Corridor Study

**Recommended Action**

**Committee Recommendation:**

Briefing. No action requested.

**City Manager Recommendation:**

Briefing. No action requested.

**Report**

**Issue:**

Update on the Martin Way Corridor Study.

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**Background and Analysis:**

Martin Way, from Pacific Avenue to Marvin Road, passes through Olympia, Lacey and Thurston County. The Martin Way Corridor Study will better coordinate land use and transportation planning efforts along the Martin Way Corridor. Thurston Regional Planning Council (TRPC) is leading the effort with involvement of the two cities, Intercity Transit, and the County. Funding for the study comes from federal grants and local agency funds.

The roadway is identified in local and regional plans as a focal point for more intensive urban development. This study will make recommendations to update zoning and development regulations

for better alignment with the urban form envisioned for this corridor.

Martin Way has frequent transit service and is a prime candidate for increasing walking and biking activity. This study will identify strategies to improve transportation safety and mobility for all modes of travel.

The study will result in several documents and include a variety of public engagement opportunities. To date, some of what we have learned is captured in reports or summaries on TRPC's website. These include:

- A current conditions report that summarizes the history of Martin Way, existing land use, traffic patterns, and safety issues.
- The market study identifies economic opportunities and constraints.
- A residential survey was conducted in September 2020.
- A business survey was conducted winter 2020/2021.
- A visual preference survey of the public was conducted this summer.

The next milestones for the study are:

- In early 2022, an Opportunities/Alternatives Analysis will be complete. This will consider different options for redevelopment, land use standards and transportation facilities along the corridor, as well as identify a preferred alternative that incorporates public input.
- In 2022, an Implementation and Action Plan will be complete. The action plan will identify strategies to address issues raised in the current conditions report and identify specific infrastructure improvements and opportunities to increase connectivity for everyone who lives, works, and travels Martin Way.

At the meeting, staff will provide an overview of what we've learned to date and what to expect in 2022.

**Neighborhood/Community Interests (if known):**

The public has asked to weigh in on a number of issues through the residential survey, business survey and visual preference survey.

**Options:**

Not applicable. Briefing only.

**Financial Impact:**

The total project cost will not exceed \$523,410. Federal Surface Transportation Block Grant program funds through the Washington State Department of Transportation will provide \$452,750 for the

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project. Olympia contributed \$27,000 in matching funds for the project.

**Attachments:**

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