



City Council

Special Recognition - Accepting the Governor's Smart Communities Award for the Transportation Master Plan

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Recommended Action

Committee Recommendation:

Not referred to a committee.

City Manager Recommendation:

Recognize that the City's Transportation Master Plan received the Governor's Smart Communities Award in the Smart Climate Change Strategies category.

Report

Issue:

Whether to recognize that the City's Transportation Master Plan received the Governor's Smart Communities Award in the Smart Climate Change Strategies category.

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Background and Analysis:

The Governor's Smart Communities Awards program recognizes local governments for exceptional work in implementing the state's Growth Management Act to shape future growth, economic vitality, and quality of life in communities across Washington. This year, Olympia's Transportation Master Plan (TMP) was selected for the Smart Climate Change Strategies Award.

Olympia's TMP helps us realize the Comprehensive Plan's vision of "complete streets that move people, not just cars." The TMP lists 20 years' worth of projects that will keep our community moving,

and increase the number of trips made by walking, biking, and riding the bus.

The TMP is consistent with the Thurston Climate Mitigation Plan, which includes a greenhouse gas (GHG) reduction target of 45% of 2015 levels by 2030. Because the transportation sector is the second largest source of GHG emissions in Thurston County, making it easier for people to walk, bike, or take the bus is a key strategy to achieve that target.

City staff will introduce a representative from the Department of Commerce who will present the award.

Neighborhood/Community Interests (if known):

Olympia's TMP helps keep our community moving, and increase the number of trips made by walking, biking, and riding the bus.

Options:

1. Recognize that the City's Transportation Master Plan received the Governor's Smart Communities Award in the Smart Climate Change Strategies category.
2. Do not recognize that the City's Transportation Master Plan received the Governor's Smart Communities Award in the Smart Climate Change Strategies category.
3. Recognize that the City's Transportation Master Plan received the Governor's Smart Communities Award in the Smart Climate Change Strategies category at another time.

Financial Impact:

There is no financial impact in accepting the award.

Attachments:

Department of Commerce Smart Communities Webpage
Transportation Master Plan