



## City Council

### Special Recognition - Accepting an Award for Excellence in Planning for the Transportation Master Plan Presented by the American Planning Association - Washington Chapter and the Planning Association of Washington

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#### **Title**

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#### **Recommended Action**

##### **Committee Recommendation:**

Not referred to a committee.

##### **City Manager Recommendation:**

Recognize an award for Excellence in Planning for the Transportation Master Plan presented by the American Planning Association - Washington Chapter and the Planning Association of Washington.

#### **Report**

##### **Issue:**

Whether to accept an award for Excellence in Planning for the Transportation Master Plan presented by the American Planning Association - Washington Chapter and the Planning Association of Washington.

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##### **Presenter(s):**

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##### **Background and Analysis:**

Each year, the American Planning Association - Washington Chapter and the Planning Association of Washington collaborate to recognize outstanding contributions to the planning profession from

around the state. In 2021, they recognized the Transportation Master Plan (TMP) in the category of transportation planning.

Olympia's TMP helps us move closer to the Comprehensive Plan's vision of "complete streets that move people, not just cars." It outlines the projects we need to build to make Olympia a walk-, bike-, and transit-friendly place, and it shows how much of that infrastructure we can build in 20 years, assuming funding levels stay about the same.

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.

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

Olympia's TMP will help keep the community moving as our population increases, and it will guide the infrastructure we build to make it easier to walk, bike, or take the bus.

**Options:**

None - Special Recognition

**Financial Impact:**

There is no financial impact in accepting the award.

**Attachments:**

[Link to 2021 Excellence in Planning Awards](#)

[Link to Transportation Master Plan](#)