



City Council

Briefing on Southeast Olympia Transportation System

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Title

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Recommended Action

Committee Recommendation:

Not referred to a committee.

City Manager Recommendation:

Receive the briefing on the future Log Cabin Road Extension project and the transportation system in southeast Olympia, and provide guidance to staff.

Report

Issue:

Whether to receive the briefing on the Southeast Olympia transportation system.

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Background and Analysis:

Projections indicate significant growth in southeast Olympia over the next 20 years. The City needs to plan for a transportation system that accommodates this growth. The Regional Transportation Plan improvements include a future extension of Log Cabin Road from Boulevard Road to Wiggins Road. The Log Cabin Road extension plan will pass through a portion of the area known as LBA Woods.

Thurston Regional Planning Council recently updated the regional model that forecasts traffic volumes throughout the County. City staff is currently evaluating the new information and how it affects future transportation projects in southeast Olympia.

This briefing will include the new forecasts and specifically focus on the need for the Log Cabin Road

Extension project. Staff will also present visual representations of several street width alternatives for Log Cabin Road, including an alternate route along Morse-Merryman Road. Implications and costs of these alternatives will also be discussed.

Neighborhood/Community Interests (if known):

There is community interest in preserving the area known as LBA Woods as open space and for parks use. The future Log Cabin Road Extension project would build a road through a portion of this area.

Options:

Discussion only.

Financial Impact:

None at this time.

Attachments:

None.