



Land Use & Environment Committee

Briefing on Complete Streets Funding Study (Multimodal Concurrency)

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Recommended Action

Committee Recommendation:

Not referred to a committee.

City Manager Recommendation:

Receive the information. Briefing only. No action requested.

Report

Issue:

Whether to receive a briefing on the Complete Streets Funding Study scoping process.

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Background and Analysis:

Cities in Washington are required to build new transportation infrastructure “concurrent” with new development. Concurrency programs evaluate how much growth will come to a community and what street improvements will be needed to manage the new trips. These improvements are intended to lessen congestion. They may include street widening and improving intersections. The City collects Transportation Impact Fees from new development to pay for these improvements.

The community is interested in revising our concurrency program to be multimodal; to include improvements for walking, biking and transit. A multimodal concurrency program would add capacity to our street system for all modes of transportation. With a multimodal concurrency program, the City could use impact fees to build improvements for walking, biking and transit. Many cities in Washington have implemented such programs.

The City worked with the consulting firm of Fehr & Peers from March to July 2016 to scope a new program. A working group of citizens and key stakeholders met three times to provide input in this scoping process.

Staff will give an overview of the scoping process and outline an approach to revising our concurrency program to become a multimodal concurrency program. Following this committee briefing, staff will provide a similar briefing to the Finance Committee in August. A discussion with the full Council is planned in September.

Neighborhood/Community Interests (if known):

Members of the Olympia Planning Commission and Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee are supportive of building a multimodal concurrency program.

Options:

None provided. Briefing only.

Financial Impact:

None

Attachments:

None