



# Comprehensive Plan Amendment Transportation Element

Technical Discussion

City Council Study Session  
October 2, 2017

# 2017 Comprehensive Plan Amendment Timeline



# Why amend the Transportation Element now?

- Ensure traffic model accuracy by incorporating the most recent and thorough data.
- Improve transparency— align policy with practice.
- Include the Klahanie Annexation Area.
- Identify new LOS deficiencies and set basis for calculation of a revised TIF.
- Ensure the Issaquah-Fall City Road project is impact fee eligible (currently not eligible).



# What happens if the Transportation Element is not amended now?

- It will be two years before the City has another chance.
- Traffic model assumptions and future concurrency decisions will be based on an incomplete road network and old data.
- Newly failing concurrency segments, intersections, and corridors will not be made eligible for more than \$11 million in impact fees.

**Note:** Action taken now does not preclude future TMP or concurrency-related policy changes.



# Recommended Changes

PRIORITY LEVEL 1 (HIGHEST)	
UPDATE ITEMS	WHY INCLUDE?
2016 Traffic counts AWDT reference HCM reference	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>✓ Use most current data.</li><li>✓ ID newly failing segments and intersections.</li><li>✓ Fix inaccuracies, improves transparency.</li><li>✓ Consistent with engineering best practices.</li><li>✓ Ensure policy describes practice.</li><li>✓ 2016 traffic model already nearly complete.</li></ul>

# Recommended Changes

## PRIORITY LEVEL 2

UPDATE ITEMS	WHY INCLUDE?
<p>Klahanie roads</p> <p>Issaquah-Fall City Road</p> <p>Newly-failing intersections</p> <p>Roadway reclassification</p> <p>Town Center land use</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>✓ Include newly annexed area.</li><li>✓ Improve accuracy of model by adding missing roads.</li><li>✓ Ensure Issaquah-Fall City Rd project is partially paid for by growth (estimated \$11m in impact fees).</li><li>✓ Allow impact fee eligibility for newly failing intersections.</li><li>✓ Align road classifications with existing traffic patterns.</li><li>✓ Require developers to improve roads to adopted Public Works' Standard.</li></ul>

# Recommended Changes

PRIORITY LEVEL 3	
UPDATE ITEMS	WHY INCLUDE?
Other corridors, segments, and intersections  Other project list updates	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>✓ Better align with current land use assumptions.</li><li>✓ Better align to roadway re-classifications.</li><li>✓ Provide information about likely concurrency failures.</li><li>✓ Higher impact fee collection.</li><li>✓ Provide a more accurate look at planned projects.</li></ul>

# Schedule

DATE	ACTION
June 15	Planning Commission Public Hearing and Recommendation
July 11	City Council Public Hearing and First Reading of the Ordinance
<b>October 2</b>	<b>City Council Study Session– Technical Discussion</b>
October 3	City Council Second Reading of the Ordinance
November 21	Third Reading of the Ordinance for <i>Consolidated Annual Amendment of Comprehensive Plan</i>