

APPENDIX A: MULTIMODAL TRANSPORTATION ACTION PLAN SURVEY SUMMARY

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THURSTON REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL (TRPC) is a 22-member intergovernmental board made up of local governmental jurisdictions within Thurston County, plus the Confederated Tribes of the Chehalis Reservation and the Nisqually Indian Tribe. The Council was established in 1967 under RCW 36.70.060, which authorized creation of regional planning councils.

TRPC’s mission is to “Provide Visionary Leadership on Regional Plans, Policies, and Issues.”

To Support this Mission:

- A. Support **regional transportation** planning consistent with state and federal funding requirements.
- B. Address **growth management, environmental quality, economic opportunity**, and other topics determined by the Council.
- C. **Assemble** and **analyze data** that support local and regional decision making
- D. Act as a “**convener**” and build regional **consensus** on issues through information and citizen involvement.
- E. Build **intergovernmental consensus** on regional plans, policies, and issues, and advocate local implementation.

This summary was prepared as part of the Main Street Rochester project.

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Project Overview

Main Street Rochester is an effort to address the dual role US 12 serves as a regional highway and Rochester's Main Street. The project developed in response to requests from Rochester area residents to address safety and mobility concerns, infrastructure needs, and to improve the economic vitality of the corridor, while strengthening Rochester's identity. In 2016, Thurston Regional Planning Council (TRPC) – acting on behalf of Thurston County – received a federal Surface Transportation Program grant to look at these issues for the approximate one-mile US 12 corridor from Bailey's IGA to 183rd Avenue Southwest. Both Thurston County and Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) provided matching funds for the project.

As part of the Main Street Rochester project, TRPC is developing a multimodal transportation action plan that outlines various construction, planning, and maintenance activities that could occur in the Rochester area to better balance US 12's dual roles.

Survey Distribution and Response

The following summary provides valuable context about what members of the Rochester community view as priority multimodal transportation actions. TRPC reached out to members of the community focus group and 187 members of the community through email to let them know about the survey. These individuals were invited to take the online survey and asked to share the survey link with their neighbors and other members of the community. The survey was posted on the project website, and paper surveys and drop boxes were placed at the School District offices, Mill's Diner, and the Chehalis Tribal Center. Copies of the survey were also placed at ROOF's offices and the library kiosk. Finally, surveys and a drop box were also available during the Swede Day festivities on June 16, 2018.

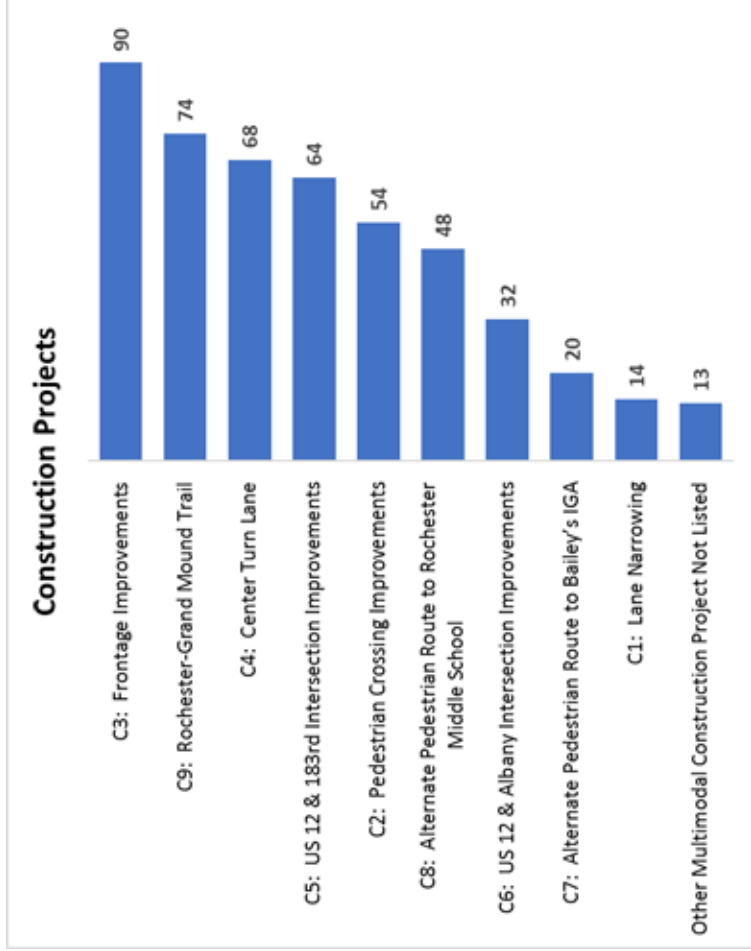
One hundred sixty-seven people completed the 4-question survey fully or partially (103 online and 64 paper) with 58 paper surveys returned to the Swede Day drop box. A copy of the online and paper surveys is included at the end of this summary.



Priority Projects

Question 1 asked respondents to choose up to three priority construction projects. Thirteen respondents chose more than three priorities and three did not choose any priority projects. The four projects of the most interest to respondents were frontage improvements (54.9%), the Rochester-Grand Mound Trail (45.1%), a center turn lane (41.5%), and intersection improvements at US 12 and 183rd (39.0%). The ranking of the projects did not change when factoring out the 13 respondents who chose more than three priority projects.

Q1. Choose up to three priority projects. (all respondents)		
Total Responses:	164	
No Response:	3	
Response	Count	% of Total Responses
C1: Lane Narrowing	14	8.5%
C2: Pedestrian Crossing Improvements	54	32.9%
C3: Frontage Improvements	90	54.9%
C4: Center Turn Lane	68	41.5%
C5: US 12 & 183 rd Intersection Improvements	64	39.0%
C6: US 12 & Albany Intersection Improvements	32	19.5%
C7: Alternate Pedestrian Route to Bailey's IGA	20	12.2%
C8: Alternate Pedestrian Route to Rochester Middle School	48	29.3%
C9: Rochester-Grand Mound Trail	74	45.1%
Other Multimodal Construction Project Not Listed	13	7.9%





Other Construction Projects

Question 2 asked respondents who chose “Other Multimodal Construction Project Not Listed” in Question 1 to explain their proposed project. The comments below are in their raw form and may contain typographical and/or transcription errors.

Q2. If you chose “Other Multimodal Construction Project Not Listed” above, please explain the project:	
Total Responses:	22
No Response:	145
Response	
1. Turn lane on 12 by Denmark + make Scatter ck bridge wider	
2. Turn lane all the way through town	
3. Tribe donate to cozz	
A median from Grand Mound continues to Rochester. Trees and plants in the median with turn lanes where needed.	
C1 - Possibility of more fatal head-on crashes	
C2 - Possibility of pedestrians getting hit	
C5 - NO ROUNDABOUTS - Too many big trucks travel this rout	
C6 - NO ROUNDABOUTS	
Create a town square/commons are using the “park” behind the old primary school. This should include the post office and other local businesses.	
Grand Mound Hwy 99 and Hwy 12 needs a roundabout and crosswalk at 198th.	
Install blind spot mirrors and lighter color sidewalks where pedestrians can be seen better in low light or put overpasses	
Less regulations related to pocket gopher	
Look at the highway between Wenatchee & Blewett Pass cut off. Putting in traffic lights with warning lights to be prepared to stop as the light is changing or is red has worked wonders & would significantly improve the safety of highway 12.	
Put in a merging lane at 183rd & Hwy 12 going west to keep traffic from blocking the RR crossing.	
Road from grand mound to HS that avoids the hwy. Students have died trying to turn onto hwy to get to HS. This is an ongoing concern with parents in the area.	
Rochester needs sidewalks	
Rt 12 at Pecan street could use a traffic light but a roundabout would work there. Rt12 west at Denmark St needs a dedicated turn lane to Denmark St.	
Sidewalks all the way down Albany	
Sidewalks down Littlerock Rd to Sargent from downtown Rochester	
some way to safely allow children to cross hwy 12 at the middle school, possible another route for traffic to pick children up and drop off from middle school. At minimum a stop light during school hours. Have seen kids have near miss hits from cars	
Stop light at 183rd and hwy 12 after rail road crossing. Safety for everyone and school buses.	
take into consideration the many pedestrians walking to and from the casino and to and from grand mound, their has been deaths on HWY12 in the past. Pedestrian Safety should be first!	
There needs to be a turn lande or something @ Hwy 12 + Denmark St. Too many terrible accidents have happened there.	
Turn lanes where ever necessary.	



Q2. If you chose "Other Multimodal Construction Project Not Listed" above, please explain the project:	
Total Responses:	22
No Response:	145
Response	
upgrade water and septic for town businesses. These systems are antiquated and have not been upgraded in more than 20 years.	
Using a light at 183 and Hwy 12 instead of a round about.	
Widen bridge at Denmark and put in turn lane in at denmark	

Other Actions

Question 3 asked respondents if there were any additional planning, maintenance, or construction projects that should be included in the multimodal transportation action plan. The comments below are in their raw form and may contain typographical and/or transcription errors.

Q3. Are there any other actions (planning and/or maintenance activities or other construction projects) that we should include in the Multimodal Transportation Action Plan?	
Total Responses:	17
No Response:	150
Response	
191st from joslyn to sargent has become a drag race street. Something has to be done to alleviate this perceived hwy as families use it for recreation.	
Add a roundabout @ Hwy 12 & Joselyn St. Turn lane from outback to Denmark St. East/west turns	
Adding a light during high traffic hours at the middle school.	
Better transportation options, more buses, bus routes	
Denmark - roundabout/stop light etc. - save lives!	
Denmark + Hwy 12 round-a-bout and/or turn lane, + wider bridge	
Enlarge water + sewer access.	
Have tribe contribute pay toward projects	
Instead of cross walks on both sides of the Rochester Middle School, please consider a roundabout for one and cross walk for the other to allow traffic to keep flowing in and out of the Middle School and this would allow through traffic to keep going instead of bogging down at the middle school during school hours. Speed Limits would not need to change.	
Lighting along highway 12 from Rochester to ground mound.	
Put a light at 183rd and Hwy 12 instead of a roundabout. It can be pretty dangerous at times to make the turn onto Hwy 12. Use more traffic lights instead of roundabouts	
Realign Denmark St - Hwy 12 for better vision to the west	
roundabout @ Rochester Middle School	
Roundabout Hwy 12 + Joselyn, turn lanes @ Denmark + Hwy 12, + Huntington + Hwy 12. Widen the bridge by Hwy 12 + Denmark.	
The convenience store at corner of Albany and 12 has a dangerous parking setup at the side with parkers backing directly onto Albany, it's a hazard.	
The main traffic belongs to the casino. They need to pay for these upgrades. We need more lights, lower speeds, to allow Ingress/Egress to Hwy 12.	



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With all the semi trucks on Rt 12, C5 and C6 need to be traffic lights. Yes, I know it costs more than a roundabout, but it will work better with all of the truck traffic.	

Other Information

Question 4 asked respondents what else the project team should know about transportation in Rochester. The comments below are in their raw form and may contain typographical and/or transcription errors.

Q4. What else would you like us to know about transportation in the Rochester area?	
Total Responses:	30
No Response:	137
Response	
Between Bailey's IGA and the Chevron (both located on US 12) would be very nice to have sidewalks installed. I think that's what C7 & C8 refer to but if not please consider my recommendation.	
Buses with more times, but especially to more locations. At one time R.T. came to homes - it was wonderful!	
C2, C5, and C9 were tied for third in my opinion. I selected C9 because; pedestrian safety is very important, but I'm not much of one for walking in Rochester, and; improvements to the US 12 & 183rd intersection would mean I might stop using the slightly longer routes I often use to avoid it, but I don't find it particularly onerous. I love the idea of a Rochester-Grand Mound trail.	
Comment - as a transportation person/business roundabouts are absolutely THE WORSE thought - install traffic lights!! Hwy 12 is a major route for the industry and it's a poor thought at best, let alone the 1st option.	
Dangerous intersections on Hwy 12 + Denmark and Old 99 by Key bank	
Do not include bulb-outs in the pedestrian crossing improvements.	
Have Indians donate to cost	
I think roundabouts are not a good option. I would rather see more stop lights. Also a left hand turn lane into the post office.	
I think that C7 & C8 would be nice improvements, as well.	
I would like to see bus service to Olympia and Lacey. The park and ride is not safe at Grand Mound. It would be nice to have a consistent transit system in place at frequent commuting times to allow more transportation options for those struggling to find transportation to employment. This would also help with providing alternative options for those drinking to keep them from driving.	
Left turns onto Denmark from Hwy 12 make it dangerous for those behind the car turning. If several cars get behind, you can rear-end if foggy. Need a turn lane.	
Moon Road and U S 12	
Need to keep the kids safe walking on Hwy 12 to Rochester Middle School. This should be the priority.	
No roundabout at 12 and 183rd! We desperately need a left turn lane at Denmark and 12. There have been so many fatality accidents there.	



Q4. What else would you like us to know about transportation in the Rochester area?	
Total Responses:	30
No Response:	137
Response	
no roundabouts, too confusing... just slow traffic if needed	
None	
Rochester does not have a transportation problem, very few accidents happen inside the city limits. Fix the school issue and put your money into Denmark, pecan, forstrom turn lanes	
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RT is the only public transportation available and is very limited.	
Safety 1st - then aesthetics	
Same as 3. Turn lanes need to extend from I-5 to Anderson Rd. Your area above is too narrow. Extend it to Anderson Rd and out to I-5.	
Sidewalks - especially near the schools so kids can safely walk to school!	
There are no means of slowing traffic or causing breaks in the traffic to go from one side to the other or to turn onto Hwy 12. Traffic lights could do that, roundabouts would just create more congestion, especially for those who don't know how to use a roundabout. Too many big trucks travel Hwy 12 and a roundabout would be hard for them to navigate. NO ROUNDABOUTS	
there are still too many accidents on highway 12 even at the turns where the speed drops to 40-45.. I hope there are other options to control the turns on such a busy highway.	
Traffic moves through Rochester too fast. It is hard to merge or to cross traffic while making left turns onto Hwy 12. Too many blind spots do not allow a driver to comfortably pull into traffic. Some stop sign are obstructed by vegetation. Too many trees are right up to the road, not allowing 200 feet of visible incoming traffic. I.E. is Hwy 12 and Denmark.	
US 12 + 183rd: nearly impossible to get onto Hwy 12 during heavy traffic. US 12 + Albany: cars running red lights + no good pedestrian signals (what's there doesn't work.)	
What is the construction on the North side of Hwy 12 just off of Elderberry St? Please post this on the Nextdoor Rochester web site. It is going to impact transportation in that area.	
When is the transit buses coming back?	



Action Plan Survey Paper Survey

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Please take the four-question survey and tell us your priorities. Once you have completed the survey, please drop it in one of the boxes available at the Chehalis Tribal Center, the Rochester School District Office, or at Mill's Diner by **Sunday, June 17, 2018**. You can also mail it to:

Thurston Regional Planning Council
2424 Heritage Court SW, Suite A
Olympia, WA 98502



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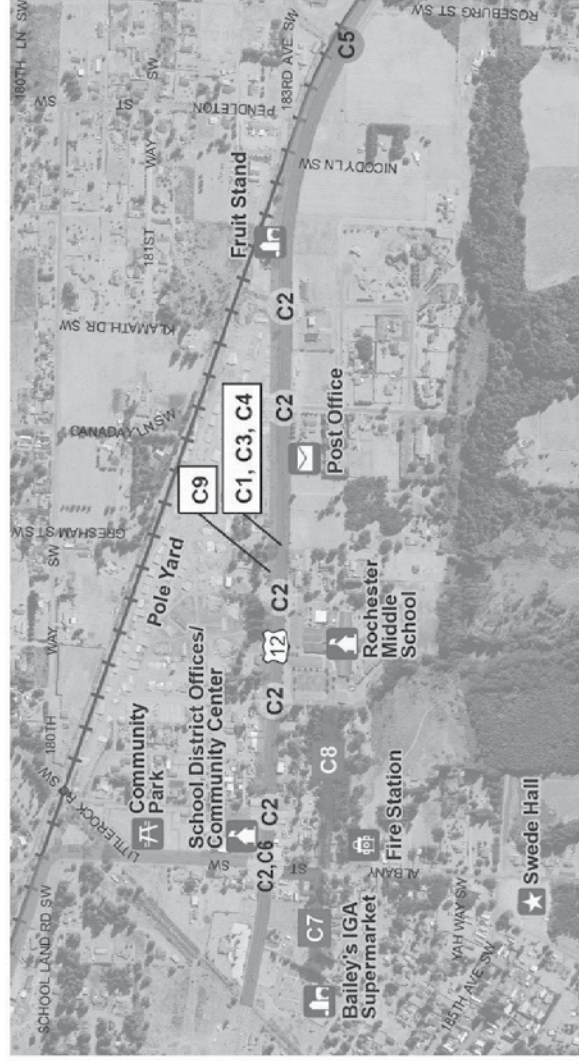


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