

POPULATION

Thurston County's changing population will impact where, and how, we move in the future.



89,000 more people

8,000 school-aged children
34,000 senior citizens (65+) - 14,000 will be 85 or older

60,000
more local jobs

30,000
more housing units
(apartments, single-family homes, etc.)

14,000
more people working
OUTSIDE Thurston County

In 2020, Thurston County's population will be about 294,000. By 2045, this is expected to grow to 380,000.

BY 2045
we are expecting
MORE

We Need to Prepare for:

- More people using public transportation
- More bike lanes, trail, and sidewalks that connect people to where they want to go
- More vehicles on the road



- More tech-savvy travelers that use autonomous vehicles and micromobility devices such as hoverboards and electric bikes (e-bikes)
- More innovative ways of moving freight and large trucks



Regional 'To-Do' List:

For all of Thurston County:

- ❑ Encourage alternatives to commuting (telework, compressed work weeks, etc.)
- ❑ Develop a strategy for adapting to e-bikes, scooters, hover boards, and other new micromobility devices
- ❑ Improve connections to bicycle and pedestrian networks
- ❑ Plan for increased demand for dial-a-lift services

In our city centers and busy corridors:

- ❑ Plan for more frequent transit service, including dial-a-lift services
- ❑ Make sure zoning allows for a full range of housing types
- ❑ Make sure transit facilities are accessible from bicycle and pedestrian networks

In our rural communities:

- ❑ Plan for more transit connections between rural communities and larger urban communities
- ❑ Encourage carpooling and ride sharing
- ❑ Support economic development efforts that grow businesses - and job opportunities - close to where people live

HOW DOES THE REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN (RTP) ACCOUNT FOR CHANGING POPULATION?

The RTP looks 25 years into the future to understand what is likely to change about how we travel, where we travel, and how often we travel.

TRPC works with Intercity Transit, communities, Thurston County, WSDOT, and other transportation partners to identify regionally-significant projects. These can include actual construction projects (ex: Marvin Road diverging diamond), studies (ex: Rochester Grand Mound Trail Feasibility Study), and other projects (Micromobility Strategy)

Changes in population, employment, and housing are all used to inform and assess what future traffic conditions will look like



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QUESTIONS?

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- ➔ Learn more about the region's population at: www.trpc.org/theprofile