



Washington State
Department of Transportation



City of
OLYMPIA

West Olympia Access Study

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Guiding Policies for West Olympia Access Study

MULTI-MODALISM

The transportation system will safely and efficiently accommodate all modes of travel: cars and trucks, transit, biking, and walking.

CONNECTIVITY

Connected streets provide more travel route options for all modes and reduces the need to widen streets to accommodate vehicle traffic.

APPROPRIATE STREET WIDTH

The mid-block width of major streets should be no more than five lanes to maintain an appropriate community scale. Five lanes is typically two lanes in each direction and a center turn lane .

MAXIMUM NETWORK EFFICIENCY

Every effort will be made to make the existing system work safely and efficiently and reduce the need to widen roads. Traffic congestion will be greatest during morning and evening peak travel times. Reducing drive-alone commute trips is important to system efficiency. Transit, carpooling, walking and biking can reduce peak hour congestion.

COMPACT URBAN GROWTH

Olympia will accommodate its share of regional growth in a compact way that lessens impacts on the transportation system and allows for more efficient delivery of all public services.

SUSTAINABILITY

Today's choices and decisions must consider the impact on quality of life for future generations.



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