



US 101/West Olympia Access Project at Kaiser Road and Yaeger Way

Summary of Comments Received at June 24, 2015

Open House & NEPA Environmental Scoping Meeting

Environmental/Noise/Wildlife Concerns

- Additional pollution from extended wait time if intersection is not improved.
- Burning fossil fuels, increased pollution and climate change.
- Noise - I back up to 101.
- It's time for a cement noise barrier for the homes that are close to/back up to Hwy 101.
- Traffic congestion and increased air pollution.
- Effect on wildlife, pollution, impact on houses nearby with noise.
- How are our water rights of Ken Lake being protected?
- A commitment to noise abatement on the front end of planning design and budget. Similar commitment to drainage issues affecting the Ken Lake Basin. Less foofaraw at the meetings.
- Following existing regulations.
- Noise and water drainage - our home is located in Ken Lake, right along the culvert that runs from the culvert Kaiser/101 overpass to Ken Lake. This has flooded in the past (1438 Compton Ct. SW).
- Effects shifting surface water redistribution runoff etc. Effects on local wild animals, etc.
- Consider Noise walls and when considering remember they could also help prevent fire spread from careless smokers in vehicles on 101.
- NOISE, NOISE, NOISE!!!
- If sound attenuation walls will be installed along the E/B lane of US 101 between Kaiser Rd and Black Lake Blvd. Specifically where US 101 fronts the Ken Lake/ Lake Moore development.
- Currently, we do not use our backyard because we have to shout to be heard. We live at 2269 Lake Moor Dr SW - it backs to US 101. This project will only add to the noise if a "noise" wall is not constructed as a part of this project.
- Noise
- Sound wall - can't use the backyard if more noise - please consider this for our homes in Ken Lake.
- Noise from Kaiser Hts ramps, drainage changes/pollution.

Traffic Related Comments

- It looks like the drive-thru the 101 Black Lake exit will create more traffic headaches- wait times for those going right to Capital Mall on Black Lake Rd and those turning left to Black Lake - with

1 turn lane - why not add a lane to turn onto Yauger Way - you may be creating more traffic troubles by eliminating a left turn lane.

- Add an extra off-ramp lane to serve southbound Black Lake without interference from northbound traffic.
- Why can't the exit from 101 to Black Lake have 2 lanes left and 2 lanes right all the way from 101 and not just at the end at Black Lake?
- If the goal of these new access points to 101 are to fuel additional growth West Olympia then my wife and I are against these additions. The thru traffic solution is a bad one unless it uses a bridge. The reason is without a bridge this means longer stoppage time for traffic going west on the south 101 off-ramp. Bad idea without a bridge.
- Lengthen queuing lanes on the Black Lake off-ramp (westbound) to allow for the volume of traffic both north/south on Black Lake
- I see no east bound on-ramp from Yauger back to US 101. Wouldn't such an on-ramp also help alleviate congestion at Cooper Pt/Black Lake?
- From I-5 to off-ramp from 101 to Black Lake BLVD. Right now: of the 2 rt turn lanes (towards Cooper Pt) the left one frequently blocks the right lane of the pair of left turn lanes (towards Black Lake). Saw your operational analysis and results - still wonder if the relief will last long enough without this again being an issue. I hear what you're saying about more green time, but will create more reds on Black Lake Blvd. I see your cost comparison reasons, is the ground level through configuration readily convertible later to the overhead version? You seem to think it will, I hope so. Not of concern here, but...Its a shame improving auto traffic and public transportation seem to be tradeoffs. I have no idea how to solve it.
- 7th Ave and Kaiser Rd - please upgrade 7th Ave it's good to past the hospital, but then gets narrow - nice to have bike lanes down to Kaiser and on Kaiser both ways
- Plans for crosswalk lights and traffic lights?
- Kaiser Rd is a 2 lane road as is Capital Mall Drive for a short distance off the Kaiser Rd - what improvements will be made to those roads (especially Kaiser) to handle the additional traffic?
- Kaiser Rd is a narrow rd. Will that be improved?

Safety Concerns

- Yauger Way/Capital Mall intersection is very dangerous. Several car accidents. High speed traffic. This intersection needs a traffic light or revision.
- Safety on Capital Mall Drive and Yauger Way high speed traffic.
- The trailer park at Kaiser and 7th should be condemned and moved. It is a major eyesore, lots (frequent) police calls, drug activities. Not a good welcoming entry to west Olympia.

Other Comments

- I think the new preferred alternative is a very good solution maximizing current resources and infrastructure. This improvement is very important to the economic and environmental viability of west Olympia.
- Decatur should be opened to Cooper Point.
- I don't like the preferred alternative. I don't believe it will solve congestion at BLK and 101.

- I support transportation solutions that create economic opportunities on the west side. I appreciate the way Harrison has turned out aesthetically and with easy bike/walkability.
- Open Decatur!
- Public transportation is the best solution to congestion.
- I'm concerned about the type of development the Kaiser interchange will service. Have heard zoning to be changed to include big box stores. When Kaiser was connected to HWY 101, it was a shortcut speedway to the parkway.

Response to Questions

1. What activities bring you to Olympia's west side?

	<u>Totals</u>	
	<u>Respondents</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Residence	13	29.5%
Job-Related	4	9.1%
Shopping	11	25.0%
School Related	2	4.5%
Recreation/Social	8	18.2%
Health Care	6	13.6%
Total	44	100.0%

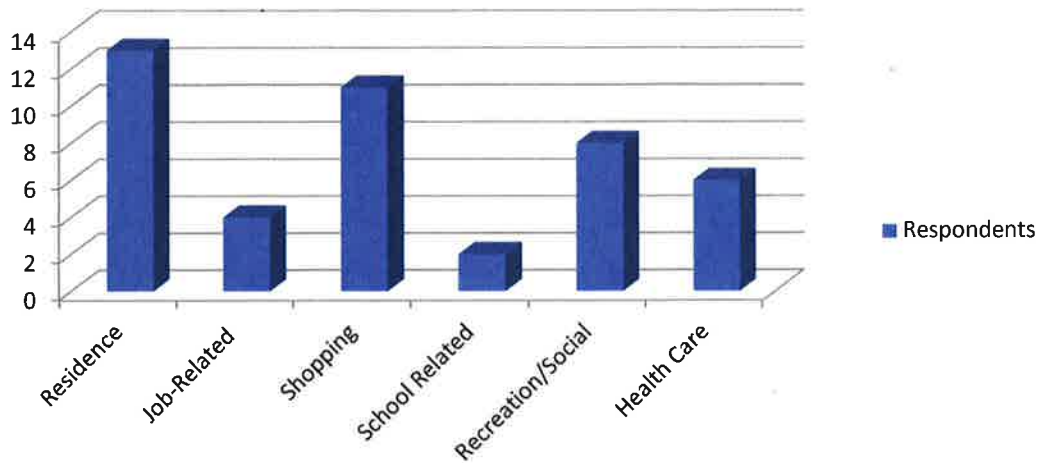
2. What are your biggest concerns related to congestion in this area?

	<u>Totals</u>	
	<u>Respondents</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Commute Time	6	14.0%
Lost Time in Traffic	12	27.9%
Economic Impacts	3	7.0%
Safety	12	27.9%
Environmental Impact	9	20.9%
Other	1	2.3%
Total	43	100.0%

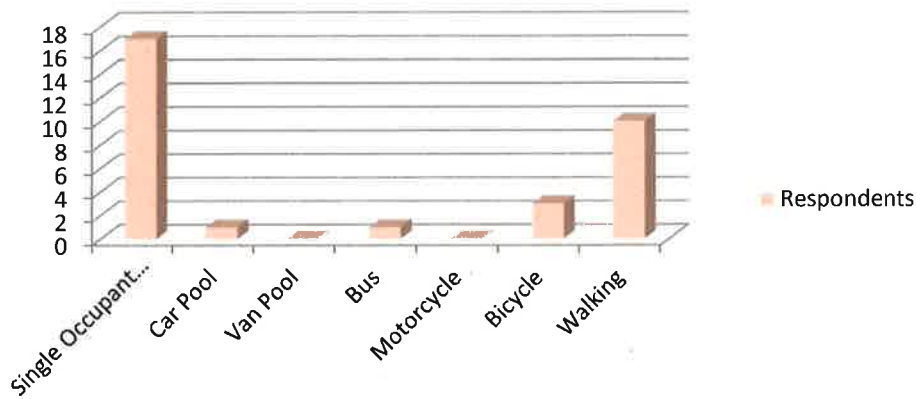
3. What primary transportation methods do you use on Olympia's west side?

	<u>Totals</u>	
	<u>Respondents</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Single Occupant Vehicle	17	53.1%
Car Pool	1	3.1%
Van Pool	0	0.0%
Bus	1	3.1%
Motorcycle	0	0.0%
Bicycle	3	9.4%
Walking	10	31.3%
Total	32	100.0%

Trip Purposes in Olympia's west side



Primary Travel Modes in Study Area



Biggest Concern Related to Congestion in study area

