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MEMORANDUM

TO: Thurston Regional Planning Council

FROM: Veena Tabbutt, Deputy Director
Karen M. Parkhurst, Planning & Policy Director

DATE: February 26, 2021

SUBJECT: Sidewalks Policy Discussion

PURPOSE

Discussion on sidewalk policy, including possible regional prioritization.

Summary:

- TRPC recently completed a State of our Transportation System: Sidewalk evaluation and learned that:
 - Many of our existing major roads are missing sidewalks.
 - Retrofitting the sidewalk network is funded by a patchwork of sources, but the need is greater than available funding.
- Federal funding can be used to fund both stand-alone sidewalks and street projects, which include sidewalk (frontage) improvement.
- Policy makers will be engaged in a discussion of federal funding and possible priorities.

REQUESTED ACTION

Discussion only.

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EQUITY CONSIDERATIONS

1. What are the equity impacts of this particular decision?

No decision is being asked of the Council, but the Council will be asked to consider equity as part of possible sidewalk prioritization. Sidewalks are an important part of the multimodal transportation network and provide important connections to transit, and transportation options for people who do not have a car.

2. Who will benefit from or be burdened by the particular decision?

Setting priorities for sidewalks will allow policy makers to better understand who will benefit or be burdened from Federal Funding.

3. Are there strategies to mitigate the unintended consequences?

N/A