Thurston County hosted an open house at the Rochester High School to discuss the Rochester and Grand Mound Subarea Plan update process. An estimated 100+ people came out to the meeting.

The Main Street Rochester project team attended and presented the conceptual layouts for improving US 12 between Bailey’s IGA and 183rd Ave SW. Members of the public were invited to comment and provide feedback on the concepts. We heard back from about 24 people (15 comment cards and 9 sticky notes).

In general, did we get the concepts right for improving US 12?

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Is there anything missing from the concept that should be included?
- 183/12 intersection - anything other than the single roundabout
- Feds should give us "relief" from having to address endangered gophers when doing frontage improvements
- Looks like a good job of developing a workable plan around existing encroachments etc.
- NO- I like the center turn lane
- Review possibility for designing a street drainage plan (east end of Rochester) to direct or pipe flow due south to wetland areas at the base of the hill south of the post office
- Roundabout on 183rd and Hwy 12 with bypass lane best option!
- The retention pond prop on Albany owned by Thurston Co could be reutilized for the storm water run off on Bend St.
- Where would the nearest transit station be?

Is there anything in the concept that should be removed?
- Do not reduce the sidewalks on both sides
- Looks good!
- Sidewalks beyond downtown area
- Street trees require maintenance - might want to reconsider
- Trees because they will need to be taken care of watered, leaves raked. Who will be responsible for landscaping? Town or county?

What other thoughts do you have for the Main Street Rochester project?
- 183rd/Hwy 12 intersection lots of truck traffic which would require lots of space in a roundabout. Don’t make it too small like the ones on Littlerock Rd by Tumwater.
- A good solution for the corridor and 183rd and Hwy 12 RR crossing
- Begin with sidewalks and crosswalks
- I like the "wide" roundabout concept at 183rd and Hwy 12
- Keep up the good work
- Looks great!
- More roundabouts are better than fewer. Otherwise, traffic will not slow down
- Need roundabouts w/ storage lanes @ 183rd. Looks great - start the project
- Strongly support the roundabout w/ bypass lane and signalized storage for the 12 and 183rd intersection. Also would like to see lighting improvements @ 183rd and Pendleton St.
- The 183rd intersection should NOT be a traffic light. That will bunch up the traffic coming thru into waves of vehicles - I prefer a roundabout

Sticky Note Comments on Segment A
- Good concept to accommodate and enhance current businesses along this corridor!
- Good designs of parking - Especially on the corner
- Great Job Best choices for conditions
- Utilize the retention pond area on Albany St. to help alleviate storm water problem off of Bend St

Sticky Note Comments on the Roundabout with Bypass Lane
- 3 ways to accomplish anything right away, wrong way and the way that works, this lower way works
- Best option
- Bypass lane with storage makes the most sense
- Good solution
- I like the idea of slowing 50-60mph traffic well before the 20-30mph traffic at the chevron and post office and future businesses in between like the "wide" roundabout concept!!