



**MEMORANDUM**

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- City of Olympia
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- Tumwater School District
- Intercity Transit
- LOTT Clean Water Alliance
- Port of Olympia
- PUD No. 1 of Thurston County

**ASSOCIATE MEMBERS:**

- Lacey Fire District #3
- Puget Sound Regional Council
- The Evergreen State College
- Thurston Economic Development Council
- Timberland Regional Library

TO: Thurston Regional Planning Council

FROM: Marc Daily, Executive Director

DATE: November 26, 2019

SUBJECT: I-5 Congestion Relief Phase 1 Wrap-up

**PURPOSE**

Brief Council on the findings and recommendations from Phase 1 of the I-5 Congestion Relief work.

**Summary:**

- WSDOT in partnership with TRPC is leading a study to identify and assess strategies to reduce congestion in Thurston County, with a specific emphasis on I-5 between Mounts Road and Tumwater.
- This project is using a Practical Solutions approach, evaluating lower cost programmatic and operational changes before moving into more expensive capital solutions.
- The project team is working with a Technical Advisory Group and an Executive Team to advise as the project progresses. Both groups have finished meeting under Phase 1 of the project.
- The project evaluated 11 scenarios that include dozens more individual program and project solutions. Scenarios address operations, land use, transportation demand management, transit and a host of capital projects on I-5 and local parts of the transportation system.
- The base year for the study is 2025 and the future year is 2040.
- In October, the Council was briefed on all scenarios aside from the final two.
- The final briefing will cover the final Phase 1 findings and recommendations.
- In 2020, WSDOT will begin work on Phase 2, the Planning and Environmental Linkages report.

**REQUESTED ACTION**

No action, information only

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