MEMORANDUM

TO: Thurston Regional Planning Council

FROM: Marc Daily, Executive Director

DATE: February 28, 2020

SUBJECT: I-5 Update and Transportation Budget Proposal

PURPOSE

Brief Council on the status of I-5 planning work and a placeholder proposal for potential 2021-2023 state transportation budget package.

Summary:

- WSDOT, in partnership with TRPC, led the first phase of 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 first phase used a Practical Solutions approach, evaluating lower cost programmatic and operational changes before moving into more expensive capital solutions.

- The project evaluated 10 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 November, Council was briefed on the preliminary results of the Phase 1 work.

- WSDOT will release the draft Phase 1 report in March 2020.

- Both the House and Senate Transportation Committees are compiling project lists for a potential 2021-2023 transportation budget package.

- Staff will brief the Council on a $195M placeholder budget proposal submitted to the House and seek Council input on the submittal.

REQUESTED ACTION

No action, for information and discussion only

Background

See attachments

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