



## Transportation

The Transportation Element helps to organize the efficient movement of people and goods in the County. It also addresses how changes to our transportation network affect residents, equity, and the environment. The most impactful policies in this update support frequent transit corridors that create a multimodal transportation system. Developing a robust, well-connected, transportation system improves the efficiency of movement and reduces our community emissions. It includes increasing sidewalks, bike lanes, and transit infrastructure.

### What are the Proposed Changes?



#### Updated Transportation Plan

Expands levels of service for sidewalks, bike lanes, transit and roadways with an emphasis on enhancing sidewalks and bike lanes that connect to High-Capacity Transit areas. Focuses transportation planning on multimodal services that connect commercial and employment centers to residential areas. Revises policies to reflect regional directives.



#### Health, Equity & Climate

##### Environmental Protection & Resilience

Adds and expands policies that reduce air and stormwater pollution from transportation. Considers strategies that protect the health of the public and mitigates negative impacts on marginalized communities. Increases system resilience and emergency preparedness. Connects policy to language in other County plans.

##### Vehicle Miles Traveled

Supports transportation strategies that can reduce vehicle miles traveled and greenhouse gas emissions.



#### Coordination

Improves on existing policy for coordinating with other agencies, tribes, jurisdictions, ports, military installations, and adjacent regions.

### Which path should we take?

#### 1 No Action

Maintain existing programs and policies

#### 2 Centers & Corridors

Infrastructure supporting alternate modes of transportation get built out as development occurs, creating a network over time. Allows for the expansion of rural roads when needed to provide efficient transportation between urban areas.

#### 3 High-Capacity Transit

Invest in building out multi-modal infrastructure in the High-Capacity Transit area to establish a baseline network and connect people to jobs and transit. Limits the Canyon Road northly extension project. Allows higher levels of traffic congestion before improvements must be made to empower alternate modes of travel.



The policy updates provide consistency with the Washington State Growth Management Act (GMA), the Puget Sound Regions Council (PSRC) Vision 2050, and the Countywide Planning Policies.