MEMORANDUM

TO:            Thurston County Planning Commission
FROM:          Jeremy Davis, Associate Planner
DATE:          March 17, 2010

SUBJECT:       1-E City of Tumwater 2025 Transportation Plan Update

Following the January 20, 2010 Planning Commission meeting, staff was asked to prepare a draft motion and findings for the proposed changes to Tumwater/Thurston County Joint Plan to incorporate the Tumwater 2025 Transportation Plan. The amendment being recommended by staff is the same as that presented at the June 17, 2009 Planning Commission meeting with the changes outlined at the January 6, 2010 Planning Commission meeting. For your convenience, staff has attached the changes. For the full body of the Tumwater 2025 Transportation Plan please see the staff report dated June 17, 2009.

For more information, including the staff report and supporting documents, please go to:

http://www.co.thurston.wa.us/planning/jointplanamendment/jointplan_home.htm

**Tumwater 2025 Transportation Plan Amendment Draft Motion and Findings**

Move to recommend approval of an amendment to adopt the Tumwater 2025 Transportation Plan into the transportation chapter of the Tumwater/Thurston County Joint Plan.

Findings:

1. The proposed amendment is consistent with the Growth Management Act 36.70A RCW.
2. The proposed amendment is consistent with the Thurston County County-Wide Planning Policies.
3. At the time of this recommendation, the proposed amendment is consistent with other sections of the Thurston County Comprehensive Plan and the Tumwater/Thurston County Joint Plan.
4. The proposed amendment is consistent with the Thurston Regional Planning Council 2025 Regional Transportation Plan, which is the regional transportation plan for Thurston County.

5. The City of Tumwater adopted the 2025 Transportation Plan into the City of Tumwater Comprehensive Plan in 2007.

6. The 2025 Transportation Plan must be adopted into the Tumwater/Thurston County Joint Plan in order to apply to the unincorporated portion of the Urban Growth Area.

7. The Thurston County Planning Commission and the City of Tumwater Planning Commission held a duly noticed joint public hearing on January 13, 2010 as required by Thurston County Code Chapter 2.05 Growth Management Public Participation.

8. The City of Tumwater Planning Commission recommended adoption of the proposed amendment on February 9, 2010.
8.0 TRANSPORTATION

8.1 Summary

The City of Tumwater 2025 Transportation Plan identifies the 20-year projected transportation needs in Tumwater and its urban growth area (UGA). The plan provides for an overall balanced transportation system including major roadway improvements as well as better transit and non-motorized alternatives.

Federal and state planning regulations require a coordinated planning program for regional transportation systems and facilities throughout the state. Regional transportation plans are required and have been developed by the Thurston Regional Planning Council. A City of Tumwater Transportation Plan is also required, which must be coordinated with and be consistent with the regional plan.

The Transportation Plan is consistent with the regional transportation plan. It presents a future, comprehensive transportation system for the City of Tumwater and its UGA that implements and is consistent with the other elements of this Joint Plan. The Transportation Plan, therefore, is hereby incorporated as the Transportation Plan Element of this Joint Plan by reference.

Notes:
1) The Thurston County Planning Commission requested Map 8-1 that identifies the connections between bicycle routes described in the Transportation Plan and multipurpose trails set forth in the City's Park, Recreation and Open Space Plan.
2) The Tumwater Planning Commission requested that the County's planned improvement to the Deschutes River bridge on Henderson Boulevard be referenced herein. According to the County's adopted six-year Transportation Improvement Plan, the bridge is planned for rehabilitation. This includes widening for shoulders.

The Black Hills Subarea Transportation Plan is adopted as component of the City of Tumwater Transportation Plan. The subarea plan provides a blueprint for the transportation system serving the area between 66th/70th Avenue to the north, and 81st Avenue to the south. Interstate 5 provides the east boundary, and Black Lake is the primary border to the west. The subarea plan also establishes potential new corridors in this area.

Note: The Thurston County Board of Commissioners adopted the Tumwater Transportation Plan into the Joint Plan with one modification: Project #27 in the UGA was moved from Table 6 (Phase 1 projects) to Table 7 (Phase 2 projects).
FUTURE BICYCLE ROUTE AND MULTIPURPOSE TRAIL CONNECTIONS
CITY OF TUMWATER AND TUMWATER UGA

LEGEND

- RECOMMENDED SYSTEM OF BICYCLE ROUTES
- EXISTING AND PROPOSED MULTIPURPOSE TRAILS
- CITY LIMITS
- URBAN GROWTH AREA (UGA)

Data Sources:
1) City of Tumwater 2025 Transportation Plan, Exhibit 3-2, City of Tumwater Recommended System of Bicycle Routes
2) City of Tumwater 2007 Park, Recreation and Open Space (FROS) Plan, Section 4.4, Existing and Proposed Multipurpose Trails

Note: This map is for general reference purposes only. Please refer to the applicable sources noted above for additional information on existing and proposed bicycle routes and multipurpose trails.