

Yelm Highway Project



East-West Corridor Study 1998

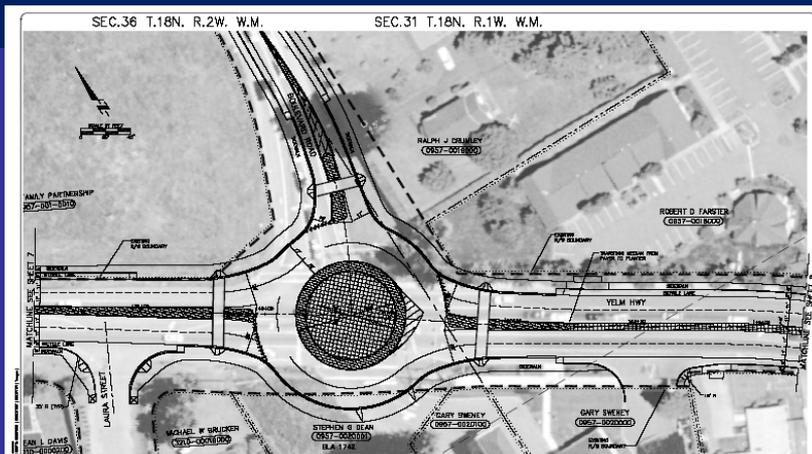




- **Joint project: City of Olympia/Thurston County**
- **1.25 miles between Rich Rd. and Henderson Blvd.**
- **Project Cost: \$10 million**
- **Funding Sources: TIB, Thurston County, Federal funds, Olympia, Intercity Transit**
- **Estimated completion: November, 2011**

Project Features

1. **Widening:** addition of a travel lane in each direction; turn lanes
2. **Sidewalks, bike lanes, bus stops**
3. **Two roundabouts and U turn signals will allow for partial raised median, improving sight distance**
4. **City upgrade of sewer and water utilities**
5. **Noise walls, stormwater facilities**



Challenges/Delays



- **Topography: Corridor located between two lakes**
- **Grant funding increasingly competitive and less plentiful**
- **Extensive public outreach and education**
- **Limited existing right of way**
- **Coordinating new and upgraded utilities and relocations**

Challenges/Delays

- **Three-year environmental process including preparation, review and appeal. Issues: pocket gophers, water quality, noise walls**
- **Federal review of noise walls**
- **Expanded scope to include new water and sewer plans in preparation for environmental review**
- **Coordinating new and upgraded utilities and relocations.**



Questions?

