



**AGENDA
PLANNING COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING &
PUBLIC HEARING
MAY 28, 2026, 5:30 PM**

**COMMISSION ATTENDANCE IN PERSON
PUBLIC MAY ATTEND IN PERSON OR REMOTELY VIA
ZOOM**

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WRITTEN PUBLIC COMMENTS

If you wish to provide written public comments for the Planning Commission meeting, please email your comments to erodriguez@medical-lake.org by 2:00 p.m. the day of the commission meeting and include all the following information with your comments:

1. The Meeting Date
2. Your First and Last Name
3. If you are a Medical Lake resident
4. The Agenda Item(s) which you are speaking about

*Note – If providing written comments, the comments received will be acknowledged during the public meeting, but not read. All written comments received by 2:00 p.m. will be provided to the Planning Commission in advance of the meeting.

Questions or Need Assistance? Please contact City Hall at 509-565-5000

- 1) CALL TO ORDER, PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE, AND ROLL CALL**
- 2) ADDITIONS TO AGENDA**
- 3) INTERESTED CITIZENS: AUDIENCE REQUESTS AND COMMENTS**
- 4) APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
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City of Medical Lake
124 S. Lefevre Street – City Council Chambers
Planning Commission Meeting & Public Hearing
April 16, 2026, Minutes

NOTE: This is not a verbatim transcript. Minutes contain only a summary of the discussion. A recording of the meeting is available on the City of Medical Lake's YouTube channel where meetings are livestreamed.

1) CALL TO ORDER, PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE, AND ROLL CALL

- a) Commissioner Veliz called the meeting to order at 5:30pm, led the Pledge of Allegiance, and conducted roll call. Commissioner Mark was present on Zoom. Commissioners Veliz, Altheide, Rowe, and Twohig were present in person.

2) ADDITIONS TO AGENDA

- a) Motion to approve agenda as presented made by Commissioner Twohig, seconded by Commissioner Altheide, carried 5-0.

3) INTERESTED CITIZENS: AUDIENCE REQUESTS AND COMMENTS

- a) None.

4) APPROVAL OF MINUTES – March 26, 2026

- a) Motion to approve made by Commissioner Rowe, seconded by Commissioner Twohig, carried 5-0.

5) STAFF REPORTS

- a) Elisa Rodriguez, Senior Planner – presentation, see attached.

6) SCHEDULED ITEMS

- a) Periodic Update: Comprehensive Plan: Part 2
 - i) Ms. Rodriguez reviewed the Comprehensive Plan update and requested feedback from the commissioners. Commissioner Twohig asked about updated maps, and Ms. Rodriguez stated staff is currently working on them and hopes to have them available by the May meeting. Discussion occurred regarding agencies included in the planning process and how the City ensures all appropriate agencies are involved. Ms. Rodriguez noted there is no master list available. Commissioner Altheide raised concerns regarding proposed roundabouts. Discussion followed regarding potential impacts and costs associated with roundabouts. Commissioner Rowe stated he is not supportive of roundabouts and encouraged the City to carefully consider impacts and costs. Ms. Rodriguez stated the transportation consultant is currently preparing a draft Transportation Plan. Ms. Rodriguez and Mr. Weathers are reviewing the draft and hope to have it available by the next meeting. Mr. Weathers reminded the Commission that the Comprehensive Plan is a 20-year planning document intended to identify long-term issues and solutions. Ms. Rodriguez also discussed the SR-902 corridor and the City's priority of improving the eastern entrance to Lefevre Street, including safety improvements for vehicles, pedestrians, and bicyclists.
- b) Periodic Update: MLMC amendments regarding Transportation
 - i) Ms. Rodriguez introduced the topic and explained there are not many new state mandates related to transportation, but staff is reviewing how the City's code functions and identifying areas for improvement. Discussion included proposed revisions to the parking chapter and transportation concurrency requirements. Ms. Rodriguez noted the state currently mandates transportation concurrency, meaning infrastructure improvements must occur at the same time as or prior to development. Discussion also occurred regarding Commute Trip Reduction (CTR) references, with staff proposing references to the existing plan rather than retaining duplicative language in the Comprehensive Plan. Private roads were also discussed. Ms. Rodriguez stated there are currently no official private roads within the City and staff does not believe retaining the option is beneficial. Staff is therefore considering removing private roads as an option within City code.
- c) Review of Planning Commission Policies and Procedures
 - i) Commissioner Veliz reviewed the process for updating the Planning Commission Policies and Procedures.

Proposed amendments were discussed, with final changes anticipated for adoption at the next meeting. Commissioner Mark stated she reviewed Spokane Planning Commission procedures and identified several items she believed were pertinent. Proposed revisions discussed included simplifying language in Section 1.1, adding a mutual respect statement as Section 1.2, and revising references throughout the document from “Planning Director” to “Planning Official.” Discussion also occurred regarding Section 2.1 related to meeting schedules. Following discussion and comments from Mr. Weathers, the Commission agreed to leave the current language unchanged. Additional discussion included clarifying that the Chair may make or second motions and present matters before the Commission, as well as revisions to the order of business section related to excused absences and public workshops. Ms. Rodriguez stated staff will prepare a draft incorporating the proposed changes for Commission consideration at the next meeting.

7) PUBLIC HEARING

- a) Periodic Update: MLMC amendments regarding Specialized Housing
 - i) Commissioner Veliz opened the public hearing at 6:43pm.
 - ii) Commissioner Altheide motioned to continue hearing to the next meeting, seconded by Commissioner Twohig, carried 5-0.

8) COMMISSION MEMBERS’ COMMENTS OR CONCERNS

- a) None.

9) INTERESTED CITIZENS: AUDIENCE REQUESTS AND COMMENTS –

- a) Diane Nichols, resident of Medical Lake, provided comments regarding proposed roundabouts. Ms. Nichols stated she is not supportive of the proposed roundabouts and expressed concerns regarding traffic volumes along SR-902, Lake Street, and Stanley Street. She also expressed concerns regarding impacts to the Catholic church, buses, students, senior citizens, and overall pedestrian safety in areas where roundabouts may be proposed. Ms. Nichols encouraged the City to consider alternative solutions.

10) CONCLUSION

- a) Commissioner Altheide motioned to conclude at 6:51pm, seconded by Commissioner Rowe, carried 5-0.

Roxanne Wright, Administrative Clerk

Date

Periodic Update Schedule for Planning Commission (PC) and City Council (CC)

Meeting Date	Comprehensive Plan	Development Regulation Subject Groups									
		Amendment Criteria	Enforcement	Street Vacations	Zones	Affordable Housing	Specialized Housing	Transportation	Subdivisions	Impact Fees	Critical Areas
Nov 20, 2025		PC Workshop	PC Workshop								
Dec 2, 2025		CC Idea Workshop									
Dec 16, 2025											
Dec 18, 2025		PC Hearing		PC Workshop							
Jan 6, 2026		CC Language Workshop	CC Language Workshop								
Jan 20, 2026											
Jan 22, 2026					PC Workshop						
Feb 3, 2026		CC Hearing / 1st Read	CC Hearing / 1st Read	CC Idea Workshop							
Feb 17, 2026		CC 2nd Read / Adoption	CC 2nd Read / Adoption		CC Idea Workshop						
Feb 26, 2026	PC Workshop: Comp Plan Intro/Part 1				PC Hearing	PC Workshop					
Mar 3, 2026	CC Workshop: Comp Plan Intro/Part 1			CC Language Workshop							
Mar 17, 2026				CC Hearing / 1st Read	CC Language Workshop	CC Idea Workshop					
Mar 26, 2026						PC Hearing	PC Workshop				
Apr 7, 2026				CC 2nd Read / Adoption	CC Hearing / 1st Read		CC Idea Workshop				
Apr 16, 2026	PC Workshop: Comp Plan Part 2						PC Hearing	PC Workshop			
Apr 21, 2026					CC 2nd Read / Adoption	CC Language Workshop					
May 5, 2026	CC Workshop: Comp Plan Part 2						CC Language Workshop	CC Idea Workshop			
May 19, 2026							CC Hearing / 1st Read	CC Hearing / 1st Read			
May 28, 2026								PC Hearing	PC Workshop		
Jun 2, 2026							CC 2nd Read / Adoption	CC 2nd Read / Adoption			
Jun 16, 2026								CC Language Workshop	CC Idea Workshop		
Jun 25, 2026	PC Workshop: Comp Plan Part 3								PC Hearing	PC Workshop	
Jul 7, 2026	CC Workshop: Comp Plan Part 3							CC Hearing / 1st Read	CC Language Workshop	CC Idea Workshop	
Jul 21, 2026								CC 2nd Read / Adoption	CC Hearing / 1st Read		
Jul 23, 2026	PC Hearing: Comprehensive Plan									PC Hearing	PC Workshop
Aug 4, 2026	CC Hearing / 1st Read: Comprehensive Plan								CC 2nd Read / Adoption	CC Language Workshop	CC Idea Workshop
Aug 18, 2026	CC 2nd Read/Adoption: Comprehensive Plan									CC Hearing / 1st Read	
Aug 27, 2026											PC Hearing
Sep 1, 2026										CC 2nd Read / Adoption	
Sep 15, 2026											CC Language Workshop
Sep 24, 2026											
Oct 6, 2026											CC Hearing / 1st Read
Oct 20, 2026											CC 2nd Read / Adoption

Periodic Update Schedule for Planning Commission (PC) and City Council (CC)

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			Amendment Criteria	Enforcement	Street Vacations	Zones	Affordable Housing	Specialized Housing	Transportation	Subdivisions	Impact Fees	Critical Areas
Nov 20, 2025			PC Workshop	PC Workshop								
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Jan 22, 2026						PC Workshop						
Feb 3, 2026			CC Hearing / 1st Read	CC Hearing / 1st Read	CC Idea Workshop							
Feb 17, 2026			CC 2nd Read / Adoption	CC 2nd Read / Adoption		CC Idea Workshop						
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Aug 4, 2026	CC Hearing / 1st Read: Comprehensive Plan	CC 2nd Read/Adoption: Transportation Plan								CC Hearing / 1st Read	CC Language Workshop	CC Idea Workshop
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5/28/2026 Planning Commission Meeting

To: Planning Commission
From: Elisa Rodriguez, Senior Planner
TOPIC: Rules of Procedure

Requested Action:

Per the request of the Planning Commission, consider changes to the Rules of Procedure.

Key Points:

A redlined version of the Rules of Procedure is attached. This version reflects all of the potential amendments that were called out during the April 16, 2026 Planning Commission meeting.

Per the Rules of Procedure, updating the Rules is a two-step process. The first step requires a motion(s) stating the amendment that is to be considered. At the following meeting, a new motion is made to consider adopting the amendment.

If the Commission is content with the amendments as written, a motion can be made to consider adopting the amendments at the June 25, 2026 meeting. Otherwise, the Commission may propose changes followed by a motion or direct staff to make further changes to the document

Background Discussion:

The Planning Commission Rules of Procedure were adopted by City Council in 2015 and updated by the Planning Commission in 2023.



CITY OF MEDICAL LAKE PLANNING COMMISSION

RULES OF PROCEDURE

Adopted by Resolution 499

November 17, 2015

Adopted Revisions by Planning Commission

July 27, 2023

Proposed Changes

April 16, 2026

Planning Commission Rules of Procedure

1. General Rules

1.1 Meetings to be Public: All official meetings of the Commission shall be open to the public. The journal of proceedings shall be open to public inspection.

1.1.2 Duty of Mutual Respect: It is the constant duty of each Commission member to maintain respect for each other, the City staff, and the public. Likewise, the Commission shall require corresponding respectful behavior from all persons who attend a meeting or hearing.

1.2.1.3 Quorum: A majority of the appointed membership of the Commission shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business. Any action taken by a majority of those present when those present constitute a quorum, at any regular or special meeting of the Commission, shall be deemed and taken as the action of the Commission.

1.3.1.4 Attendance, Excused Absences: Members of the Commission may be so excused by complying with this section. Members are required to attend in-person when at all possible, with exception to illness or travel. The member shall contact the City Administrator, Planning ~~Director~~Official, or designee, or another serving Commissioner prior to the meeting and state the reason for his/her inability to attend the meeting. The contacted individual shall convey the message to the Chair. The Chair shall inform the Commission of the member's absence, state the reason for such absence, and inquire if there is a motion to excuse the member. For good cause, the Commission may excuse the absent member upon passage of such motion by a majority of Commission present, the absent member shall be considered excused and the Recorder will make an appropriate notation in the minutes. If the motion is not passed, the Recorder will note in the minutes that the absence is unexcused.

1.4 Journal of Proceedings: A journal of all proceedings of the Commission shall be kept by the staff and shall be entered into an appropriate medium constituting the official record of the Commission.

1.5 Right of Floor: Any member desiring to speak shall be recognized by the Chair and shall confine his/her remarks to one subject under consideration or to be considered.

1.6 Rules of Order: Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised shall be the guideline for the proceedings of the Commission. If there is a conflict, these rules shall apply.

2. Types of Meetings

2.1 Commission Meetings: The Commission shall meet as needed on the fourth Thursday of each month at 5:30 p.m., additional meetings may also be scheduled when necessary. The Commission may reschedule meetings to a different date or time by motion. The location of the meetings shall be the Council Chambers at City Hall, unless specified otherwise by a majority vote of the Commission. All meetings shall be public.

2.2 Attendance of Media at Commission Meetings: All official meetings of the Commission shall be open to the media, freely subject to recording by radio, television, and photographic services at any time, provided that such arrangements do not interfere with the orderly conduct of the meetings.

2.3 Meeting Cancellation: The City may cancel a regularly scheduled Commission meeting provided that Commission meets at least once per month for not less than nine months in each year, as provided by RCW 35.63.040.

3. Chair and Duties

3.1 Chair: A Chair shall be elected by a majority of Commissioners and shall preside as Chair at all meetings of the Commission. A Vice-Chair shall also be elected by a majority of Commissioners and shall preside in the absence of the Chair. In the absence of both the Chair and Vice-Chair, the Planning ~~Director-Official~~ or designee shall preside.

3.2 Call to Order: The meetings of the Commission shall be called to order by the Chair or, in his/her absence, by the Vice-Chair. In the absence of both the Chair and Vice-Chair, the meeting shall be called to order by the Planning ~~Director-Official~~ or designee for the election of a temporary Chair.

3.23.3 Motions and Voting: The Chair may make or second any motion, may present and discuss any matter as a member of the commission, and shall vote on all matters.

3.33.4 Preservation of Order: The Chair shall preserve order and decorum; prevent attacks on personalities or the impugning of members' motives, and confine members in debate to the question under discussion.

3.43.5 Points of Order: The Chair shall determine all points of order, subject to the right of any member to appeal to the Commission. If any appeal is taken, the question shall be "Shall the decision of the Chair be sustained?"

3.53.6 Questions to be Stated: The Chair shall state all questions submitted for a vote and announce the result.

4. Orders of Business and Agenda

4.1 Order of Business: The order of business for all regular meetings shall be transacted as follows unless the Commission, by a majority vote of the members present, suspends the rules and changes the order:

1. Call to Order, Pledge of Allegiance and Roll Call
 - A. ~~Exeused Absences~~
2. ~~Additions to the Approval of~~ Agenda
3. Interested Citizens: Audience Requests and Comments
4. Approval of Minutes
5. Staff Reports
6. Scheduled Items
7. Public ~~Workshops~~Hearings
8. Commission Members' Comments or Concerns
9. Interested Citizens: Audience Requests and Comments
10. Conclusion

4.2 Commission Agenda: Staff shall prepare the agenda for Commission meetings. Subject to the Commission's right to amend the agenda, no legislative item shall be voted upon which is not on the Commission agenda.

4.3 Commission Members Comments and Concerns: The agenda shall provide a time when any Commissioner ("Commissioner Comments") may bring before the Commission any business that he/she feels should be deliberated upon by the Commission. These matters need

not be specifically listed on the agenda, but formal action on such matters may be deferred until a subsequent Commission meeting, except that immediate action may be taken upon a vote of a majority of all members of the Commission. There shall be no lectures, speeches, or grandstanding.

5. Consensus and Motions

5.1 Consensus Votes: When a formal motion is not required on a Commission action or opinion, a consensus voice vote will be taken. The Chair will state the action or opinion and each Commissioner will vote by saying “aye” or “nay”

5.2 Motions: No motion shall be entertained or debated until duly seconded and announced by the Chair. The motion shall be recorded and, if desired by any Commissioner, the Recorder shall read it before it is debated and, by the consent of the Commission, may be withdrawn at any time before action is taken on the motion.

5.3 Votes on Motions: Unless abstaining, each member present shall vote on all questions put to the Commission except on matters in which he/she has been disqualified for a conflict of interest or under the appearance of fairness doctrine. Such member shall disqualify himself/herself prior to any discussion of the matter. If the disqualification of one or more members would prevent the Commission from taking legally required action at a future meeting, a member who was absent or previously disqualified under the appearance of fairness doctrine may participate. Before doing so, the member must review all relevant materials and listen to recordings of any proceedings they did not attend.~~When disqualification of a member or members results or would result in the inability of the Commission at a subsequent meeting to act on a matter on which it is required by law to take action, any member who was absent or who had been disqualified under the appearance of fairness doctrine may subsequently participate, provided such member first shall have reviewed all materials and listened to all tapes of the proceedings in which the member did not participate.~~

5.4 Motions to Reconsider: A motion to reconsider must be made by a person who voted with the majority on the principal question and must be made at the same meeting unless the Planning Commission is in session and then the motion can be made on the next succeeding day within the session on which a business meeting is held.

6. Public Hearing Procedures

6.1 Speaker Sign-In: Prior to the start of a public hearing, the Chair may request that all persons wishing to be heard sign in, ~~giving their name and whether they wish to speak as a proponent, opponent, or from a neutral position. Any person who fails to sign in shall not be permitted to speak until all those who signed in have given their testimony.~~ The Chair, subject to the concurrence of a majority of the Commission, may establish time limits and otherwise control presentations. (Suggested time limit is three minutes per speaker or five minutes when presenting the official position of an organization or group.) The Chair may change the order of speakers so that testimony is heard in the most logical groupings (i.e. proponents, opponents, adjacent owners, etc.).

6.2 Conflict of Interest/Appearance of Fairness: Prior to the start of a public hearing, any Commission member who has a conflict of interest, or an Appearance of Fairness Doctrine concern, which could prohibit the Commission member from participating in the public hearing process shall step down. The Commission member who has stepped down shall not participate in the Commission decision nor vote on the matter. Nothing herein shall be interpreted to prohibit a Commission member from stepping down in order to participate in a hearing in which the Commission member has a direct financial or other personal interest.

6.3 The Public Hearing Process: The Chair introduces the agenda item, opens the public hearing, and announces the following Rules of Order:

- (1) All comments by ~~proponents, opponents, or other~~ members of the public shall be made from the podium; any individuals making comments shall first give their name and if they are a resident of Medical Lake.
- (2) No comments shall be made from any other location. Anyone making “out of order” comments shall be subject to removal from the meeting.
- (3) There will be no demonstrations during or at the conclusion of anyone’s presentation.
- (4) These rules are intended to promote an orderly system of holding a public hearing, to give every person an opportunity to be heard, and to ensure that no individual is embarrassed by exercising his/her right of free speech.
 - * The Chair calls upon city staff to describe the matter under consideration.
 - * The Chair calls upon ~~proponents, opponents, and all other~~ individuals who wish to speak regarding the matter under consideration.
 - * The Chair inquires as to whether any Commission member has questions to ask the ~~proponents, opponents,~~ speakers, or staff. If any Commission member has questions, the appropriate individual will be recalled to the podium.
 - * The Chair continues the public hearing to a time specific or closes the public hearing.

7. Duties and Privileges of Citizens

7.1 Meeting Participation: Citizens are welcome at all Commission meetings and are encouraged to attend and participate prior to the deliberations of the Commission. Recognition of a speaker by the Chair is a prerequisite and necessary for an orderly and effective meeting, be the speaker a citizen, Commission member, or staff member. Further, it will be expected that all speakers will deliver their comments in a courteous and efficient manner and will speak only to the specific subject under consideration. Anyone making out-of-order comments or acting in an unruly manner shall be subject to removal from the meeting.

7.2 Under agenda item “~~Public Comments~~Interested Citizens,” ~~citizens speakers~~ may address any City item they wish to discuss with the Commission. ~~They shall first obtain recognition by the Chair, state their name, if they are a resident of Medical Lake, and subject of their comments. The Chair shall then allow the comments, subject to a five (5) minute limitation per speaker or other limitations as the Chair or Commission may deem necessary. A citizen wanting to provide an educational presentation shall be subject to a fifteen (15) minute limitation. Following such comments, if action is required or has been requested, the Chair may place the matter on the current agenda or a future agenda or refer the matter to staff or City Council for action or investigation and report at a future meeting. Speakers shall first obtain recognition by the Chair, state their name, whether they are a resident of Medical Lake, and the subject of their comments. Comments are limited to five (5) minutes per speaker unless additional time is granted by the Chair or by a majority of the Commission.~~

Manner of Addressing the Commission – Time Limit: Each person addressing the Commission shall step up to the podium, give his/her name and if they are a resident of Medical Lake in an audible tone of voice for the record and, unless further time is granted by the Commission, shall limit his/her remarks to five (5) minutes. Agenda item “~~Public Comments~~Interested Citizens” shall be limited to a total of thirty (30) minutes unless additional time or less time is agreed upon by the Commission (dependent upon the length of the Commission agenda). All remarks shall be addressed to the Commission as a body and not to any member thereof. No person, other than the Chair, members of the Commission, and the person having the floor, shall be permitted to enter into any discussion, either directly or through the members of the Commission. No questions shall be asked of the Commission members or staff except through the Chair. The Commission will then determine the

disposition of the issue (information only, place on present agenda, workshop, a future agenda, assign to staff, assign to Council, or do not consider).

7.3 Personal and Slanderous Remarks: Any person making personal, impertinent, or slanderous remarks or who shall become boisterous while addressing the Commission may be requested to leave the meeting and may be barred from further audience before the Commission during that Commission meeting by the Chair or Presiding Officer.

7.4 “Out of Order” Comments: Any person whose comments have been ruled out of order by the Chair shall immediately cease and refrain from further improper comments. The refusal of an individual to desist from inappropriate, slanderous, or otherwise disruptive remarks after being ruled out of order by the Chair may subject the individual to removal from the meeting.

7.5 Written Communications: Interested parties, or their authorized representatives, may address the Commission by written communication in regard to any matter concerning the city’s business or over which the Commission had control at any time. The written communication may be submitted by direct mail or; electronic mail by 2:00 p.m. on the day of the meeting or by addressing the communication to the staff who will distribute copies to the Commission members. The communication will be entered into the record without the necessity for reading as long as sufficient copies are distributed to members of the Commission.

These rules are intended to promote an orderly system of holding a public meeting and to give every person an opportunity to be heard.

8. Suspension and Amendment of These Rules

8.1 Suspension of These Rules: Any provision of these rules not governed by the city code may be temporarily suspended by a vote of a majority of the Commission.

8.2 Amendment of These Rules: These rules may be amended or new rules adopted by a majority vote of all members of the Commission, provided that the proposed amendments or new rules shall have been introduced into the record at a prior Commission meeting.

**Public Participation:
Tips for Talking with the Commission**

Public Comments

The following guidelines are intended to promote an orderly system of holding a public meeting and to give every person an opportunity to be heard.

- The Planning Commission welcomes participation in all public meetings. Arrangements for a sign language interpreter, hearing assistance, and other assistance can be made by calling the City at (509) 565-5000.
- When you feel strongly about a public issue or local concern, the Commission encourages you to share your information and thoughts with them. If you are unable to attend a meeting or would rather not give testimony at the meeting, you are encouraged to send/fax a letter or e-mail that would be made a part of the official record. Mail your letter to the Planning Commission c/o Planning Department at 124 S Lefevre Street, Medical Lake, WA 99022. The fax number is (509) 565-5008. E-mails may be sent to city@medical-lake.org
- To speak during the Commission meeting under Public Comments you should sign up in advance. You will be asked to speak from the podium and to state your name, if you are a resident of Medical Lake, and topic for the record. You may speak on any City item and/or concern not scheduled for a public hearing.
- If you want to speak on the topic at a public hearing scheduled for that evening, you must comment during the public hearing portion of the meeting.
- When you speak with the Commission, step up to the podium and identify yourself by stating your name, if you are a resident of Medical Lake, and topic. Be sure to **speak into the microphone clearly and** address your comments to the Chair.
- During the ~~Public Comment~~Interested Citizen portion of the Commission meeting, your individual comments are limited to five (5) minutes and the total time for all public comments is limited to thirty (30) minutes. These are guidelines to help Commission members hear as many different viewpoints as possible in the limited time available. If you are speaking for a group, you must tell the Commission how the group developed the position you are presenting.
- If previous speakers have already made the comments you wish to make, feel free simply to identify yourself and indicate your agreement with what has already been said.

**Suggested Presentation Model for
Precise, Well-Organized Proposals**

- **Point.** What is the idea you wish to present? Begin with an “I statement” outlining your idea, such as, “I am here to (support/oppose)...”
- **Reason.** Why you are making this point. This is an important step so the listener does not make assumptions about your motives.
- **Example.** Brief and relevant example to clarify and make your point concrete.
- **Summary.** What condition will be changed or improved if your point is adopted?
- **Action.** (If appropriate, depending on the situation.) What needs to be done and who will do it.

Public Hearings

A public hearing offers you a formal opportunity to give your views to the Commission on the subject of the hearing.

- To give testimony, step up to the podium and identify yourself by stating your name and if you are a resident of Medical Lake for the record. When you talk to the Commission during a public hearing, Commission members, staff, and the audience will remain silent. After the last person has spoken, the hearing will be closed. The Commission will then discuss and will often make a decision on the issue.
- The audience may not comment during the Commission's deliberations unless a Commission member requests more information from a citizen.
- Again, you are also encouraged to submit your written communications on the subject to the Planning Commission care of the Planning Department by 2:00 p.m. on the day of the meeting so they can be included in the record and distributed to the Commission.



5/28/2026 Planning Commission Meeting

To: Planning Commission
From: Elisa Rodriguez, Senior Planner
TOPIC: Periodic Update: MLMC amendments regarding Subdivisions

Requested Action:

Provide feedback and guidance on potential amendments regarding subdivisions to the Medical Lake Municipal Code (MLMC).

Key Points:

Land divisions are governed primarily by RCW 58.17, which establishes the legal framework for dividing land into lots, tracts, or parcels, while delegating substantial regulatory authority to local governments. This means that although state law defines overall requirements and procedures, cities and counties adopt ordinances that control the specific standards for lot size, infrastructure, design, and approval processes.

Land divisions are categorized based on the number of lots created. A "subdivision" (commonly referred to as a long plat) involves the division of land into five or more lots and requires a more extensive review process. A "short subdivision" (also called a short plat) involves four or fewer lots, and is typically subject to a streamlined administrative review. Washington law also authorizes an alternative land division mechanism called a binding site plan. This is often used for commercial, industrial, or multifamily development.

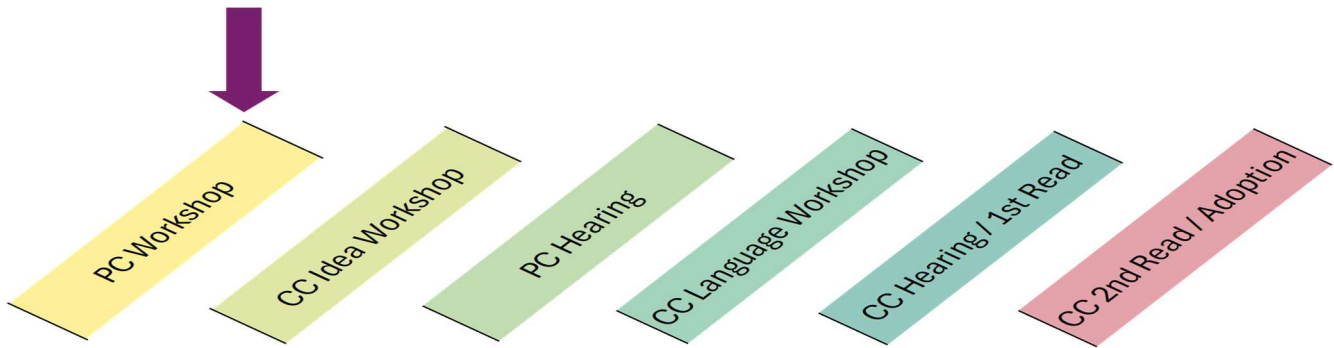
The subdivision process generally requires a two-step approval. Applicants first submit a preliminary plat, which illustrates the proposed layout of lots, streets, and infrastructure. The preliminary proposal requires public notice and a public hearing. The Planning Commission evaluates whether the proposal meets statutory and local requirements related to public health, safety, and welfare, such as adequate access, utilities, drainage, and environmental considerations, and makes a recommendation to City Council. If approved, the applicant must then satisfy any imposed conditions and submit a final plat. This is detailed and legally binding map which must be approved by the City and recorded with the county auditor before lots can be sold or developed.

Short subdivisions follow a similar but simplified process, typically handled administratively without a public hearing. Even so, they must comply with applicable zoning, infrastructure, and planning requirements.

Background Discussion:

MLMC Title 15 – Subdivisions, was adopted in 1999 and has not been revisited since. As with much of the municipal code, there is opportunity to streamline subdivision regulations, making them user friendly for both City staff and applicants. In addition, street design regulations are both in Title 15 and in Title 11 – Streets and Sidewalks. Consolidating this information will lead to a clearer code. Furthermore, street classifications are detailed in Title 11 and need to be updated to be consistent with the updated Comprehensive Plan.

This workshop is the first step in a 6-meeting process for adopting amendments to the municipal code.



Public Involvement:

A public hearing will be held with both the Planning Commission and the City Council. In addition, language will be provided on the City website for review and comment by the public.

Next Steps:

After a workshop with the City Council on June 16, 2026, amendment language will be provided to the Planning Commission prior to the public hearing on June 25, 2026. At that meeting, the Planning Commission will be expected to make a recommendation to the City Council.



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To: Planning Commission
From: Elisa Rodriguez, Senior Planner
TOPIC: Periodic Update: DRAFT Transportation Master Plan

Requested Action:

Provide feedback and guidance on the DRAFT Transportation Master Plan

Key Points:

A DRAFT Transportation Master Plan is attached. City staff have worked closely with the consultant through multiple iterations of this document. Staff has reviewed this version and identified some minor typographical issues along with one notable correction needed: the reference to a "South UGA Area" in Chapter 6. The City does not currently have, nor is it proposing, a south UGA area as depicted.

At this stage, your review is critical from both a technical and broader policy perspective. Following input from Planning Commission and City Council, staff will incorporate feedback into a final draft, which will then be presented through the required public hearing process.

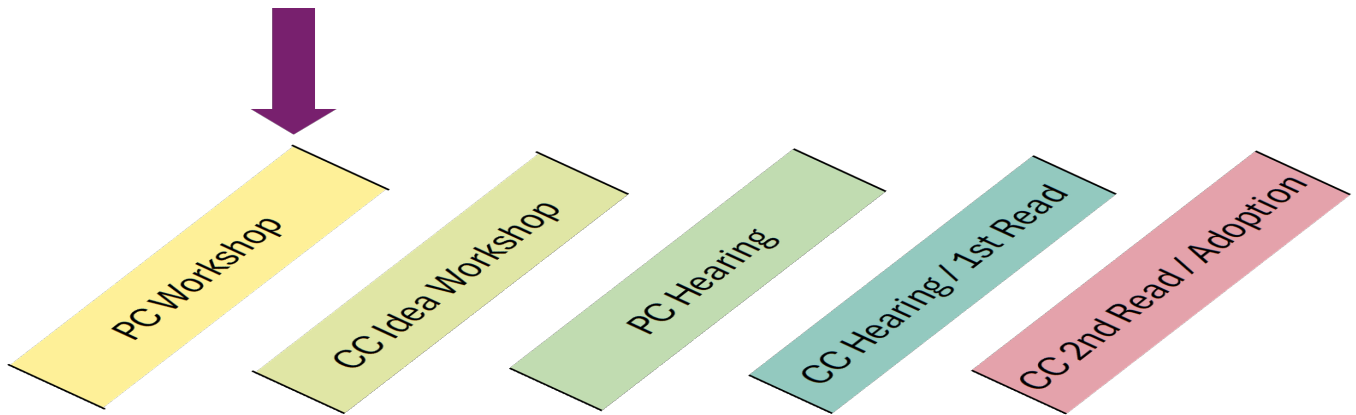
The Transportation Master Plan establishes a long-term framework for developing and maintaining a safe, efficient, and well-connected transportation system in Medical Lake. It enables the City to identify current and future needs, prioritize infrastructure investments, and coordinate improvements with anticipated growth and development. By evaluating traffic patterns, roadway conditions, and safety data, the plan supports targeted improvements that reduce accidents and enhance safety for drivers, pedestrians, and cyclists. In addition, having an adopted plan provides a framework for decision making and strengthens the City's ability to compete for state and federal funding, ensuring that local resources are used more effectively. The plan also promotes mobility and connectivity by supporting a balanced transportation network that includes vehicles, walking, biking, and regional connections. The Transportation Master Plan informs both the Capital Improvement Plan and the Comprehensive Plan.

Background Discussion:

There is no evidence the City of Medical Lake has ever had a stand-alone transportation plan. There has been a transportation element in the Comprehensive Plan at least since the first GMA compliant plan was adopted in 1997.

The level of technical analysis required for a transportation plan is beyond the City's in-house capacity. Therefore, using Periodic Update grant money, the City contracted with Ardurra to perform the necessary analyses and produce a Transportation Plan.

This workshop is the first step in a 5-step adoption process for the Transportation Master Plan.



Public Involvement:

The concepts and strategies of Transportation Master Plan are based on the information gathered in outreach activities throughout 2025. Public Hearings will be held by the Planning Commission and the City Council. In addition, the draft is on the City website for review and comment by the public.

Next Steps:

The Planning Commission is scheduled to hold a public hearing at the June 25, 2026 meeting to consider a recommendation to the City Council for adoption.

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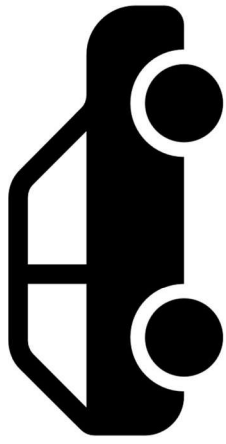
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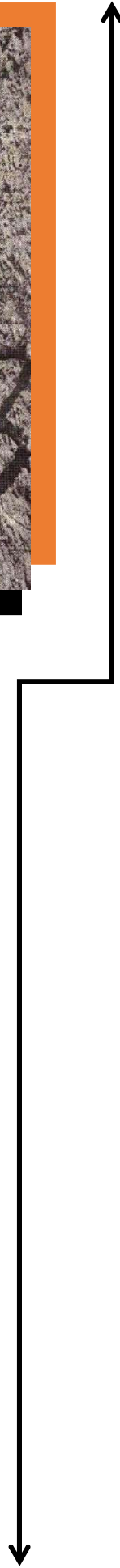
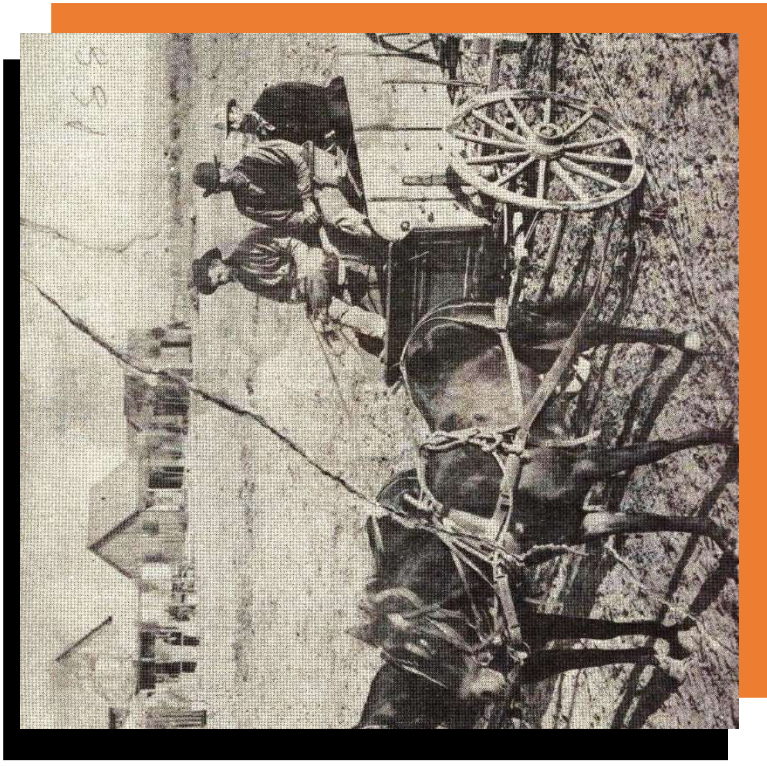
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CHAPTER 1

INTRODUCTION



Chapter 1

Medical Lake, Washington has experienced a steady rate of population growth during the City's 135-year history. The city has grown from 617 people in 1890 to 4,900 people in 2025; an average 1.55% annual growth rate in population over time. However, there have been decades with strong gains, 30% increases have occurred, as precipitated by events like the construction of Eastern State Hospital in 1891 or the development of Fairchild Air Force Base in 1942. More recently, the early 2000's saw a significant increase in population with the construction of large housing developments.

City leadership desires and is promoting continued growth in the community. They are working to advance projects that increase water and sewer capacity, this will allow for housing and commercial/retail business development. In addition, leadership is promoting the family-friendly feel of a small and enjoyable downtown environment complimented by bike and pedestrian improvements to enhance primary routes with multimodal enhancements, designating some roads as complete streets. Leaders postulate that a walkable and bikeable City, supported by Spokane Transit Authority (STA) services, will support travel alternatives, reducing reliance on personal autos, to minimize travel demand, promote healthy lifestyles, provide context sensitive street appeal, and diminish environmental impacts.

A leading example includes the recently finalized Lefevre Street (SR 902) Pedestrian and Bicycle project, Hancock Street to Brooks Road. City officials collaborated with the Transportation Improvement Board (TIB) of Washington to upgrade 0.55-miles of sidewalk, lighting, planter boxes, bike lanes (coming this year), and trees in the downtown core. This has enhanced streetscapes and active transportation facilities, which are widely used by citizens who can walk or bike to work, or for those who enjoy active movements in the Medical Lake central business district for recreational purposes.

With growth, City leaders understand the potential does exist to increase vehicle travel demand. However, it is understood the practical capacity of arterial streets and collectors is likely sufficient to support reasonable growth trends over the next 25-plus years. Yet, a few pivotal junctions and select street segments may experience capacity issues. With that understanding, the City would like to focus on transportation endeavors that improve multimodal networks, like Lefevre Street, to improve travel options and the community-focus of Medical Lake, as well as affecting environmental benefits. Again, the City recognizes the great benefits offered by Spokane Transit Authority (STA); they wish to incorporate bus facilities into street designs, where appropriate and as supported by STA.

At the direction of the Medical Lake City Council and City Leaders, the Medical Lake Transportation Master Plan (TMP

or Plan) recommends multimodal strategies and solutions for the City. The Plan recommends active transportation and transit solutions to build mobility options and help diminish impact on the operation of key intersections and roadways. The Plan provides goals and policy advice to help promote active mobility and complete streets objectives. The intent of the Plan is to present a network strategy for assuring safe, practical, and context sensitive movements for all modes of travel as based on the consideration/review of current and forecast travel conditions.

1.1 PURPOSE & STUDY AREA

The Transportation Master Plan was developed in compliance with “best” Complete Street practices, pursuant to Title 8 of the Medical Lake Municipal Code (MLMC). Also, the Plan recognizes the guidance provided with Revised Code of Washington (RCW) Chapters 47.04.320 and 47.24.06. The Plan works to recommend multimodal projects relevant to and supportable by funding agencies like TIB and the Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT), as it pertains to complete streets, transit, and active transportation.

This Plan recommends mobility and multimodal solutions for addressing travel demand issues in Medical Lake over two horizons; the year 2050 and a full-build scenario. Improvements for the 2050 scenario are referred to as “short-term” and are meant for the 6-Year Medical Lake

Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). The horizon is 2032, recognizing Council will adopt this plan by years end, and TIP updated and finalized by June of 2026.

At the request of City leaders, a full-build land use scenario was developed. The purpose of this analysis is to identify where roadway capacity constraints may emerge over the long term, enabling City leaders to plan for potential right-of-way needs and building setbacks when reviewing land use proposals or advancing street improvement projects for 2032 or 2050.

Traditional capacity and unique multimodal measures of effectiveness were employed to help identify projects and quantify how residents will interact with the street network. These analyses were used to develop solutions for the year 2032, 2050, and long-term conditions for Medical Lake.

STUDY AREA

Medical Lake is situated in West Plains region of Spokane County about 14 miles southwest of the City of Spokane; aligned roughly midway between Interstate-90 (I-90) and U.S. Highway 2 (US 2). Access to/from the City is provided by State Route 902 (SR-902), Brooks Road, Lake Street, and Espanola Road/San Salvador Street. Fairchild Air Force base is 3.9 miles to the north; Airway Heights is 8.3 miles northeast. The City has commercial centers on Lake Street and Lefevre Street. Residential areas are aligned throughout the community. Streets are arranged mostly in a grid network; however,

newer neighborhoods have been laid out with limited through streets, the balance as dead-end streets with cul-de-sacs. SR 902 separates newer residential developments from rest of Medical Lake.

Arterials and collectors support most city commute needs as shown in Exhibit 3.1. A summary of these federally classified roads include:

- Arterials:
 - State Route 902 (East city limit to Lefevre)
 - Lefevre Street
- Major Collectors:
 - Brooks Road
 - Howard Street (Brooks Road to 4th Street)
 - 4th Street (Jefferson to DSHS campus)
 - Jefferson Street (4th Street to Lake Street)
 - Lake Street
 - Fancher Road
 - State Route 902 (Waterfront Park to South city limit)
- Minor Collectors:
 - San Salvador Street
 - Barker Street (Lefevre Street to Stanley Street)
 - Stanley Street (SR 902 to Campbell Street)
 - Campbell Street (Lefevre Street to Stanley Street)

The Plan was developed per directives of the City Council and staff, but it is recognized that other authorities have

influence within Medical Lake's municipal boundaries. The Plan will be shared for review and comment by agencies such as Spokane County, WSDOT, and STA. **Exhibit 1.1** displays municipal boundaries and what will constitute the study area for the Plan.



LEGEND

CITY URBAN BOUNDARY

WASHINGTON EASTERN RAIL

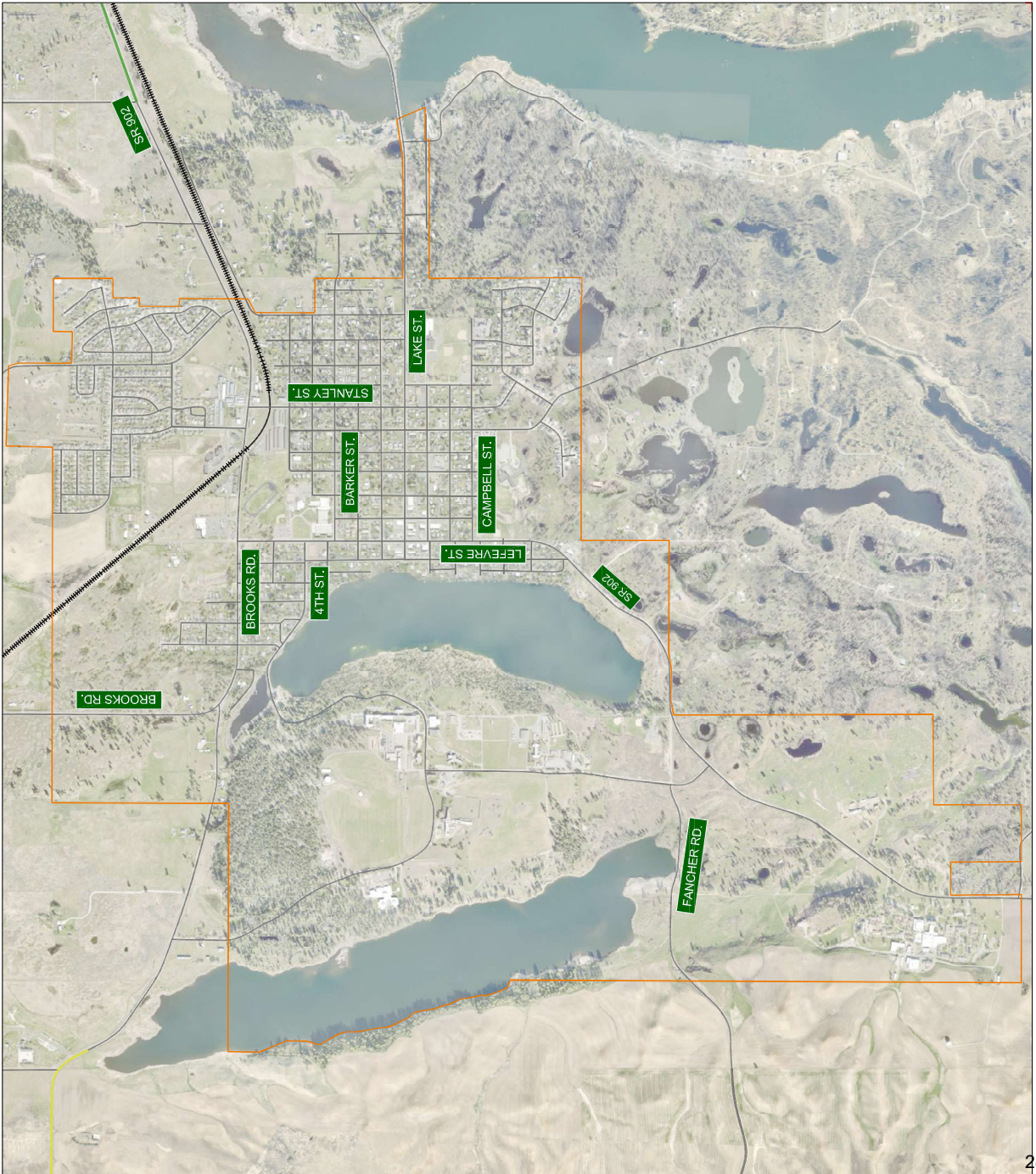


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CITY AREA AND BOUNDARY

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CHAPTER 2

GOALS & POLICY



Chapter 2

City officials are working on the 2026 to 2046 update to the Medical Lake Comprehensive Plan. This Transportation Plan highlights key objectives, goals and policies, which will guide development of the multimodal transportation network for the City. This section highlights the conclusions that will feed into the Transportation Element of the Comprehensive Plan.

2.1 CITY BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

The context of the overarching visions of Medical Lake must be understood when developing this Transportation Master Plan. Through coordination with City leaders and the public, staff created a Vision Statement that supports development of the Comprehensive Plan. This statement is as follows:

The Comprehensive Plan endeavors to shape the City into the kind of place worth living, working, learning, and playing in all seasons of life by:

- *Nurturing Medical Lake's small-town charm and community spirit while honoring its history.*
- *Integrating the natural and built environment in a thoughtful and sustainable manner.*
- *Creating safe, walkable neighborhoods with accessible parks and housing for all.*
- *Establishing equitable access to resources, strong social connections, and a healthy environment.*

- *Encouraging a thriving economy through community partnerships and recreational tourism, with a focus on downtown revitalization.*

The statements of "Creating safe, walkable neighborhoods with accessible parks and housing for all" and "Establishing equitable access to resources, strong social connections, and a healthy environment" guide development of this Transportation Master Plan. The goals and policies identified, and many of the improvements highlighted by the Transportation Improvement Program, were developed to encourage a multi-modal network that provides access to community resources, connects citizens, and promotes healthy lifestyles.

In addition, City leaders created a foundation document for the Comprehensive Plan through prior development of a 2025 Strategic Plan that sets goals and objectives for managing the City. The Strategic Plan guides "the important work of staff, citizen advisory boards, and Council as we strategically and collectively achieve the stated vision, mission, and values;" resulting to the following target as it relates to transportation:

Multi-modal connections into and throughout the community. Advancing safe and reliable multi-modal transportation that facilitates the safe, efficient movement of people, goods, and services.

The transportation strategic objectives that support this statement and the subsequent development of the Comprehensive and Transportation Master Plans were identified from the Strategic Plan. A summary of these select statements (from a range of objectives) include:

4.1 Integrated Multi-modal Transportation Network -

- 4.1.1. Have convenient, attractive, and visible pedestrian and bicycle access to community facilities and neighborhoods, making the trail system one of the state's best.
- 4.1.2. Use and maintain the transportation system effectively for all motorized and nonmotorized transportation modes within the city and between Medical Lake and neighboring communities.
- 4.1.3. Improve pedestrian and vehicular safety along city streets, especially SR-902, and enhance SR-902's ability to serve commercial land uses.
- 4.1.4. Improve aging and/or missing transportation infrastructure with safe accommodations for people and vehicles.
- 4.1.5. Improve safety for all travel modes in an attractive and distinctive streetscape and public realm.

4.2 Access to Transit -

- 4.2.1. Make public transportation available to all city residents and workers.
- 4.2.2. Improve transit availability and increase ridership.

2.2 GOALS, OBJECTIVES, AND POLICIES

The Strategic Plan and the draft vision statement for the Comprehensive Plan demonstrate the desire to improve mobility and safety along SR 902 and provide multimodal enhancements throughout the community. The following Goals and Policies were developed to meet the visions and objectives identified in these documents in coordination with City leaders.

Goal 1: A Safe, Low-Risk, and Human-Centered Transportation System

Create and maintain a transportation system that protects the lives and well-being of all users—including pedestrians, bicyclists, transit riders, motorists, and people with mobility challenges—through safe-systems design, proactive planning, and a commitment to reducing accidents.

Policy 1: Prioritize Vulnerable Users

Design and operate streets to protect the safety of people walking, rolling, biking, and using mobility devices, especially near schools, parks, downtown, transit stops, and along the State Route 902 corridor.

Policy 2: Adopt Safe-Systems and Complete Streets Principles

Design streets, crossings, and public spaces using safe-systems and complete-streets principles to reduce conflict points, slow vehicle speeds where appropriate,

improve crossings, and create safer conditions for all modes and ages.

Policy 3: Reduce Collisions

Focus investments and interventions on State Route 902 corridor and the intersection of Stanley and Lake Streets to reduce the likelihood and severity of collisions.

Goal 2: A Connected, Accessible, and Seamlessly Navigable Transportation System

Create a transportation system that provides convenient, and complete access for all people—regardless of age, ability, or mode—through a well-connected network of streets, sidewalks, trails, and transit that links homes, jobs, parks, schools, commercial centers, community services, and regional destinations.

Policy 1: Build a Complete, Connected Multimodal Network

Develop and maintain a network of walking, rolling, biking, and transit facilities that offer continuous, direct, and barrier-free connections between key destinations, including beginning and end of trip facilities.

Policy 2: Prioritize Accessibility for All Users

Ensure that transportation facilities meet ADA standards, support mobility-assistive devices, and remove barriers that limit access for seniors, youth, and individuals with disabilities.

Policy 3: Strengthen Local and Regional Connectivity

Enhance connections between neighborhoods and public services, parks, schools, transit stops, and commercial areas.

Policy 4: Enhance Wayfinding and Network Legibility

Provide clear signage, route information, and intuitive street and trail design that make the transportation network easy to navigate for residents and visitors.

Policy 5: Address Gaps and Barriers Proactively

Identify and fix sidewalk gaps, missing crosswalks, inaccessible transit stops, disconnected trail segments, and poor street connectivity.

Goal 3: A Mobility-Focused, Efficient, and Reliable Transportation System

Provide a transportation system that enables efficient, reliable, and seamless mobility for all users.

Policy 1: Improve Network Efficiency Across All Modes

Enhance the performance of the street, trail, and transit networks through system management, connectivity improvements, and multimodal planning.

Policy 2: Enhance Regional Mobility

Collaborate with regional partners to improve mobility between Medical Lake, Fairchild Air Force Base, and other West Plains job and commercial centers.

Goal 4: A Transportation System That Strengthens Community and Economic Vitality

Develop and maintain a transportation system that supports a thriving local economy, strengthens community identity, and enhances access to businesses, jobs, public services, and cultural destinations, while fostering vibrant, connected neighborhoods and commercial districts.

Policy 1: Support Local Business Districts Through Transportation Investments

Prioritize transportation improvements that enhance access, visibility, and circulation for local businesses.

Policy 2: Strengthen Community Identity Through Street Design

Use street design, public spaces, signage, and landscaping to reinforce community character, support placemaking, and create attractive gateways and corridors.

Policy 3: Promote Tourism Through Mobility Enhancements

Improve transportation access to parks, trails, historical sites, and regional attractions to support tourism, recreation, and local spending.

Policy 4: Integrate Transportation and Land Use to Foster Vibrant, Walkable Places

Coordinate transportation planning with zoning and development patterns to encourage mixed-use,

walkable centers that attract businesses and enhance community vitality.

Goal 5: A Healthy, Sustainable, and Equitable Transportation System

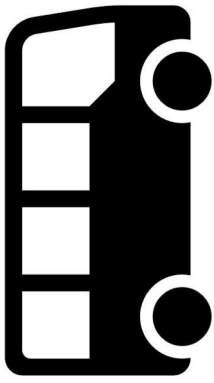
Create a transportation system that supports public health, reduces environmental impacts, and provides equitable and sustainable travel options for all residents—walking, biking, transit, and driving—while reducing greenhouse gas emissions and promoting active lifestyles.

Policy 1: Promote Active Transportation

Prioritize walking, rolling, and bicycling through infrastructure and land-use decisions that encourage daily physical activity and reduce dependence on single-occupancy vehicles.

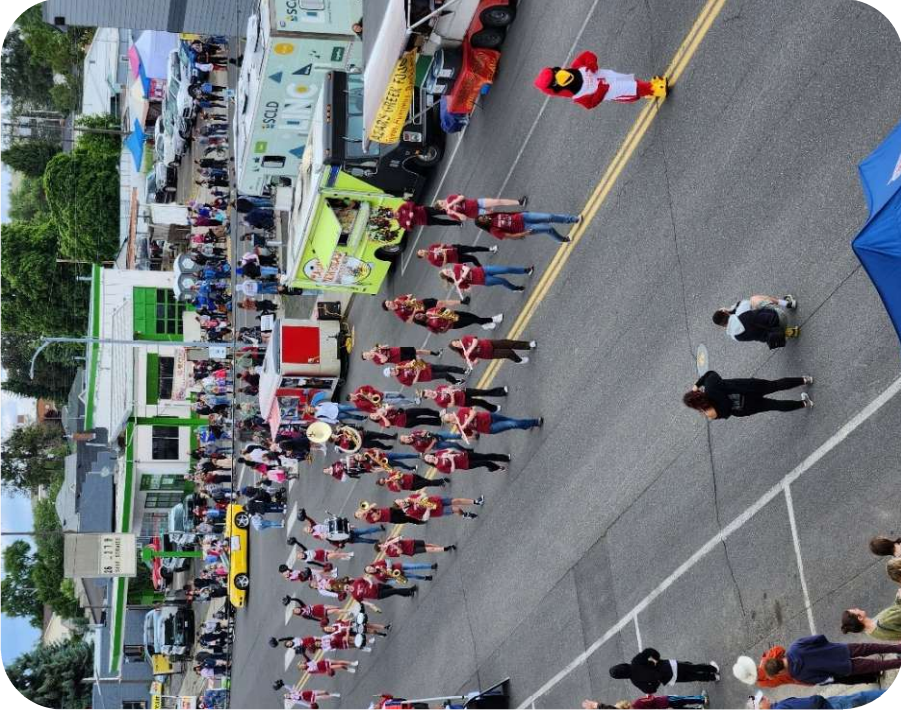
Policy 2: Reduce Transportation-Related Emissions

Support low-carbon mobility options—including transit, EV infrastructure, and compact development patterns—to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, air pollution, and climate impacts.



CHAPTER 3

EXISTING CONDITIONS



Chapter 3

This section documents current travel conditions within the City and provides a basis for gauging the impact of future changes, as precipitated by land use development with associated traffic increases.

3.1 DEMOGRAPHICS

Demographics were found using U.S. Census Bureau Data, available through American Community Survey, Decennial Census¹. Also, the 2046 Medical Lake Land Capacity Analysis was used to augment population and land use discussions.

POPULATION

Medical Lake was confirmed to have a current population of 4,874 people in 2020 by US Census. The 2046 Medical Lake Land Capacity Analysis confirms a 2023 population of 4,195, representing nearly 1% growth over 3-years. The Land Capacity analysis indicates the population of Medical Lake will increase to 5,159 persons by 2046, over a 5% increase over 23 years. This equates to 0.24% growth annually.

Relevant to the future condition's discussion, confirming the growth in population is important as it assures associated traffic gains will also occur. With that said, while population forecasts are useful for confirming that growth is anticipated by City leaders, per Chapter 4, land use forecasts provide the basis for estimating forecast travel demands.

This is mentioned to indicate that, even if population growth trends vary from what has been discussed, this will not have a bearing on the conclusions derived for this Plan. Land use is the basis for forecasting, and traffic impacts are related to development growth regardless of forecast year.

Current and future populations summaries are as follows:

- **2020:** 4,874 residents, Census
- **2023:** 4,915 residents, Land Capacity Analysis
- **2032:** 5,022 residents, Estimated from Annual Growth
- **2046:** 5,195 residents, Land Capacity Analysis
- **2050:** 5,245 residents, Estimated from Annual Growth

Medical Lake and the surrounding area are comprised of a single census tract. A tract is a geographic area for which the Census Bureau defines demographics, like population, housing, age, ethnicities, etc. Census Tract 139 encompasses the City of Medical Lake. This is shown by **Exhibit 3.1** on the next page. Key year 2024 census for Medical Lake is below:

- 19.1% are age 19 and under
- 15.8% are age 65 and older
- 49.2% are female persons
- 15.8% have a disability
- 8.4% of persons are in poverty
- 87.9% are White
- 6.2% are Hispanic or Latino
- 4.1% are Black

1. <https://data.census.gov/all?q=Medical+Lake+city,+Washington>

ECONOMIC

Economic demographics were studied to identify commute times, degree of vehicle dependency, and network use. Commute data helps provide an understanding of how residents are moving in the network, given employment data. This also provides insight into how the community is traveling in the system (travel mode). Salary data supports deductions regarding need for travel options. **Table 3.1** shows key economic factors identified from Medical Lake 2024 Census data.

Table 3.1. Economic Demographics	
Category	Population Percentage
Employment:	
Employed	56.7%
Unemployed	0.7%
Not in Labor Force	43.3%
Commuting:	
Drives Alone	76.5%
Carpools	7.4%
Public transit	3.0%
Walked	2.1%
Work from Home	10.9%
Error / Not Known	0.3%
Income per Household:	
Less than \$10,000	4.0%
\$10,000 to \$14,999	7.1%
\$15,000 to \$24,999	3.2%
\$25,000 to \$34,999	7.0%
\$35,000 to \$49,999	4.8%
\$50,000 to \$74,999	17.6%
\$75,000 to \$99,999	15.5%
\$100,000 to \$149,999	29.3%
\$150,000 to \$199,999	10.8%
\$200,000 or more	0.8%
Source: United States Census Bureau	

from home, 7.4% commute by carpool, 3.0% use transit, and 2.1% walk or bike to work.

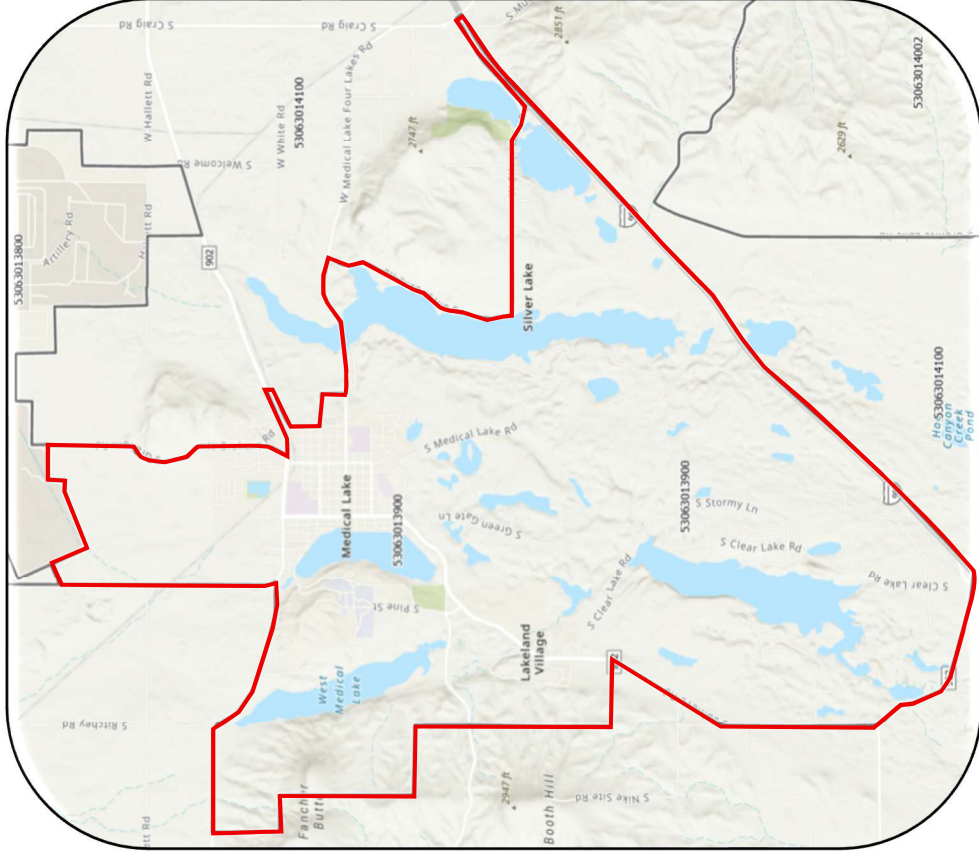


Exhibit 3.1. Medical Lake Census Tract 139 (Boundary Red Line)

A conclusion offered from Census data is an apparent reliance on personal automobiles. Increased multimodal infrastructure options could offer the benefit of improved health and/or reduced costs of autos. An extension of multimodal facilities would also reduce travel demand on roads, resulting in a reduction of infrastructure maintenance. This reliance on personal autos will continue with growth and development unless multimodal projects are advanced. Providing accessible, connected multimodal networks is a focus of this Plan, per the direction of City officials, to address commute imbalances. The focus is on pedestrian, bicycle, and transit facilities to help redirect citizens away from single-use automobiles.

HOUSING

The US Census provides household data that may be used as an additional economic indicator, and this also provides growth details for Medical Lake. This data includes the number of homes, household types, and average housing size. **Table 3.2** summarizes key 2024 housing demographics for the city.

Data indicates 2,055 existing households have an average household size of 2.13 persons per home. With that said, there are 1,195 families in Medical Lake with an average size of 2.93 persons per family. The proportion of families having dependents older than 60 and younger than 18 are 30.7% and 21.7%, respectively.

The data indicates most residents own their homes (68.9%) with others as renters (31.1%). Most dwellings are single family homes (67.6%) with the next segment including multifamily units (26.6%) like town homes, apartments, or condominiums. The balance (5.8%) are mobile homes.

Table 3.2. Housing Demographics

Category	Percentage of Population
Household:	
Total households	2,055
Average household size	2.13
Families:	
Total families	1,195
Average family size	2.80
Household Type:	
Households with one or more people under 18 years	21.7%
Households with one or more people 60 years and over	30.7%
Householder living alone	36.5%
Units:	
1-unit structures	63.9%
2-or-more-unit structures	30.2%
Mobile homes and all other types of units	5.9%
Tenure:	
Owner-occupied housing units	66.1%
Renter-occupied housing units	33.9%
Source: United States Census Bureau	

Collectively, a conclusion can be derived from housing data that enforces household income determinations. There is a need for multimodal infrastructure to provide travel choice;

this is evidenced by households with young or elderly drivers. There is also a high percentage of renters correlating with a high percentage of multifamily units and mobile homes; these are also strong indicators for the need for active transportation and transit accommodations.

TRANSPORTATION

With housing and economic demographics established, the US Census provides travel characteristic information for the City of Medical Lake. Demographic data relates to commute times, which infers where people are working in relation to dwellings within Medical Lake.

The average commuter has a 21.4-minute commute (one-way). Of commuters, 29.0% of residents work in Medical Lake, the near areas of the West Plains, and at Fairchild Air Force Base; supported by commute lengths of 14 minutes or less. About 70% work outside of the city, defined by commutes that exceed 15 minutes, traveling to and from areas such the City of Spokane, City of Spokane Valley, and other areas of Spokane County. Roads with the most demand during the commute peak hours (in traveling to/from Medical Lake) include SR-902, Brooks Rd, I-90, US-2, and Craig Road.

3.2 STREET NETWORK

The street network within Medical Lake is primarily aligned as a grid system, which is an efficient way of moving residents between land uses. Contrarily, while providing residential appeal, cul-de-sacs and curved streets can have dead ends

and are often disconnected. This creates longer travel distance between major streets and destinations. A grid system with more connecting streets should be implemented to promote multimodal mobility. A network with dead ends, long blocks, and horizontal curves should be limited as to not reduce mobility. The City prefers an enhanced network approach. In fact, dead end streets (cul-de-sacs) are limited by MLMC, allowed only with permission of the Public Works Director.

Most of the City's older neighborhoods, including the downtown and business districts, follow a traditional street grid that provides multiple access points, short blocks, and no dead-end streets. In contrast, some newer residential areas were built with cul-de-sacs, curvilinear streets, and limited connectivity. The City is now moving away from this development pattern, consistent with MLMC standards, to reduce barriers to mobility and strengthen the overall transportation network.

I-90 and US 2 are the major Highways that access this region; of which, Medical Lake capitalizes on regional access mostly from I-90. State Route 902 is the highest utilized route to access the City from I-90; this route loops through the City to connect with I-90 at the Cheney-Medical Lake Interchange (Exit 264) and the Medical Lake Interchange (Exit 272).

San Salvador Road (Española Road), Brooks Road, Fancher Road, and Lake Street (Medical Lake / 4-Lakes Road) are secondary routes to/from the City. They extend into Spokane

County, and in the case of Brooks Road, extend north to provide access to/from US 2. Dominant travel patterns/commutes include:

- City of Spokane by SR 902 east to I-90 and Exit 272.
- West Plains industry by SR 902 east.
- Fairchild Air Force Base by Brooks Road to US 2 or SR 902 to Craig Road.
- Airway Heights via SR 902 to Craig Road or Hayford Road.
- Western Washington via SR 902 to Exit 264 or Brooks Road to US 2.

INVENTORY

Roads are classified to understand how each serves local, regional, and State mobility. Federal Functional Classification (FFC) is the designation used by the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) to classify roads, and this has been adopted by Washington State and most local agencies. Medical Lake's FFC map is shown in **Exhibit 3.2**.

Compliance with the FFC is imperative for funding requests, as grants require class designations to be eligible for award. Classes include interstates, highways, principal and minor arterials, major and minor collectors, and local streets, often with urban or rural distinction. Class definitions are noted by mobility and accessibility characteristics that define as found on the FHWA website:

https://www.fhwa.dot.gov/planning/processes/statewide/related/highway_functional_classifications/section03.cfm.

A description of functional classifications is as follows:

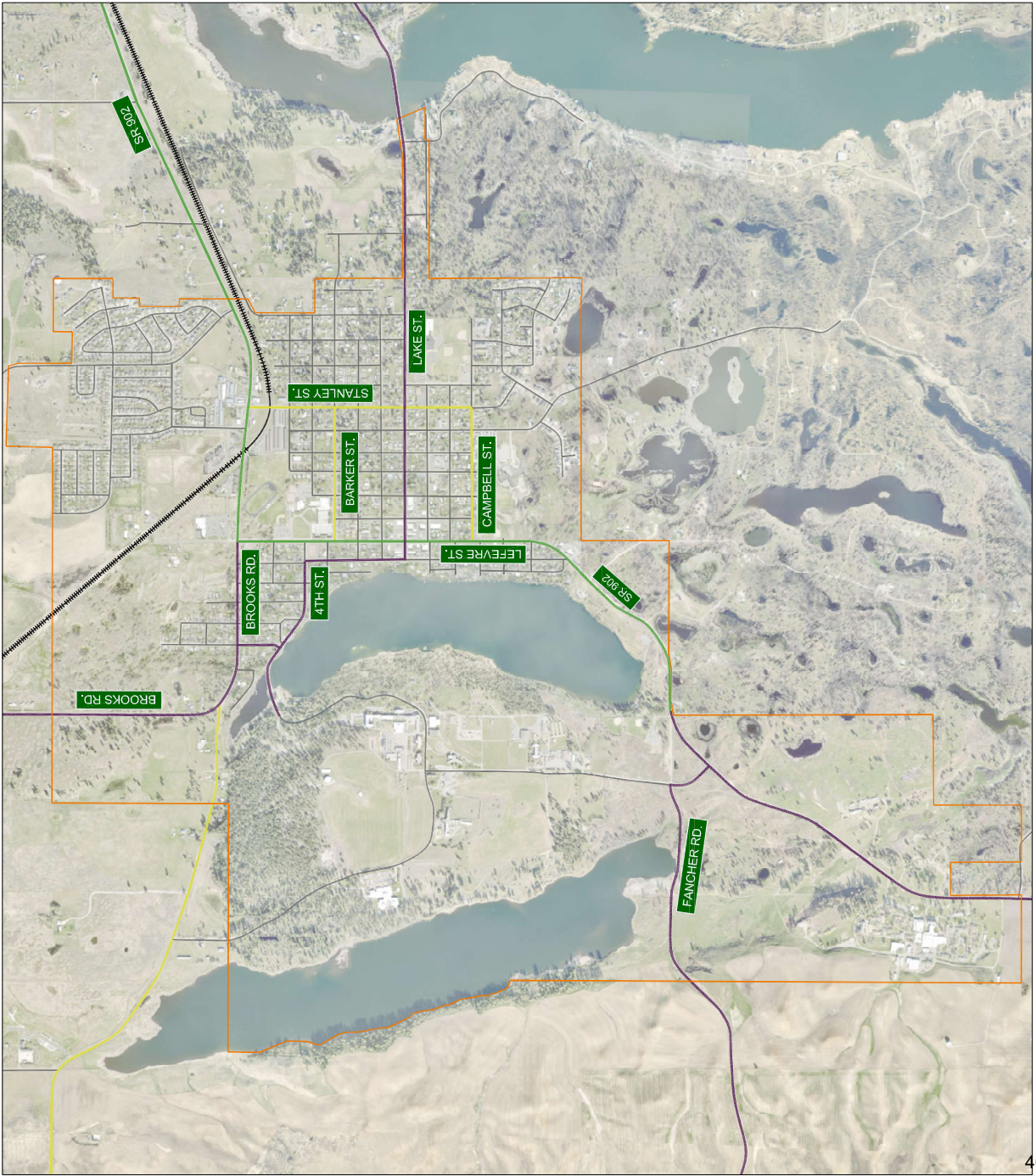
Principal Arterial. Streets and roads connecting primary community centers with major facilities. Principal arterials serve through traffic with limited direct access to abutting land uses.

Minor Arterial. Streets and roads connecting community centers to principal arterials, with partially controlled and infrequent access to abutting land uses.

Collector. Streets and roadways connecting residential commercial centers and residential neighborhoods with smaller community centers and facilities as well as access to minor and principal arterials. Through traffic is a lesser priority and access to abutting land uses is a priority.

Local Street. Streets and roadways providing access to abutting land uses as well as principal, minor and collector arterials. Through traffic is not a priority.

Access Street. Perform a variety of functions with the primary purpose of providing access to abutting land uses. Through traffic is not encouraged and buses and heavy trucks are not recommended except as needed for commercial or industrial uses. Also serve as easements for utilities and open spaces between buildings and as an element to the urban environment.



LEGEND

	PRINCIPAL ARTERIAL
	MINOR ARTERIAL
	MAJOR COLLECTOR
	MINOR COLLECTOR
	LOCAL STREET
	CITY URBAN BOUNDARY
	WASHINGTON EASTERN RAIL

Exhibit
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EXISTING FEDERAL FUNCTIONAL CLASSIFICATIONS (FFC)

CITY OF MEDICAL LAKE
TRANSPORTATION MASTER PLAN
MEDICAL LAKE, WASHINGTON



Medical Lake uses a statutory speed limit of 25 mph unless posted otherwise per MLMC Ordinance 8.08. A summary of classifications, speed limits, and other road characteristics is summarized with **Table 3.3**. Note there are no principal arterials within the City.

Table 3.3. Road Data

Functional Class and Street	Alignment/Limits (North to South & West to East)	No. Lane	Speed (mph)	Parking
Minor Arterial				
SR 902	Lefevre St to City Limit	2	30	No
SR 902 (Lefevre St)	Brooks to Waterfront Park	2	30	Yes*
Major Collector				
W 4 th Street	Howard St to Jefferson St	2	20 - 25	Yes
Brooks Road	City limits to Lefevre St	2	30	No
Howard Street	Brooks Rd to W. 4 th St	2	25	No
Jefferson St	W. 4 th St to Lake St	2	20 - 25	No
Lake Street	Lake St to City Limit	2	20 - 25	Yes*
SR 902	Waterfront Park to City Limit	2	30	No
Fancher Road	City Limit to SR 902	2	25 - 30	No
Minor Collector				
Barker Street	SR 902 to Stanley St	2	20	No
Campbell Street	SR 902 to Stanley St	2	20 - 25	No
Road/San Salvador Street	City Limit to Brooks Rd	2	30	No
Stanley St	SR 902 to Campbell St	2	25	No

* Parking allowed in designated areas

3.3 TRAFFIC COUNTS & CAPACITY

This Plan focuses on the safety and multimodal elements of the street network. Available average daily traffic (ADT)

counts were assembled for baseline information, and for a high-level capacity analysis. Counts were collected from WSDOT for functionally classified SR 902.

CAPACITY METHODOLOGY

Street capacity review for this Transportation Master Plan measures current and forecast average daily traffic (ADT) volumes against levels-of-service (LOS) thresholds shown in the 2020 Quality/Level-of-Service Handbook (Florida DOT, 2020). The methods presented by this handbook use street cross-section (i.e., number of lanes), speed, class, and travel assumptions to quantify conditions. The fundamental capacity methods are based on the regionally and locally accepted/endorsed methods of the Highway Capacity Manual (HCM); this FDOT resource presents an approach which simplifies capacity results for use in planning analyses. Further definition and description of LOS are included as **Appendix B**.

Thresholds used for this Plan are based on the FDOT category that pertains to “State Signalized Arterials” in a suburban environment. Per FDOT methodology, these volumes are reduced by 10% in application for town streets. However, an adjustment of 15% was applied to establish capacity for three and five-lane sections. The resulting LOS capacity thresholds used for the City are shown in **Table 3.4**.

Table 3.4. Street Capacity Thresholds

Functional Class	Arterial	Collector	Local	Alley
Number Lanes	Average Daily Traffic			
- Two lanes	13,300	6,600	2,000	200
- Three lanes	15,300	7,600	NA	NA
- Four lanes	29,200	13,100	NA	NA
- Five lanes	33,600	15,100	NA	NA

The volumes above are thresholds that suggest a practical capacity limit; over which, the roadway will not function well. An additional metric is the volume-to-capacity ratio.

A volume-to-capacity (V/C) assessment is performed by dividing the count or forecast volume with the applicable threshold above. When using this metric, a V/C ratio of 0.79 or less indicates practical street capacity is available. An assessment of 0.80 to 0.99 is noted as “approaching standard.” Finally, V/C noted at 1.0 or higher should be identified as surpassing available street capacities.

The City does use level of service (LOS) as the rating system for the capacity of roads. LOS “D” is a reasonable and an achievable standard for the City of Medical Lake’s principal arterial roadways. The thresholds prior relate to the LOS C standard for arterials and collectors. If the V/C above are below the approaching threshold condition, a LOS A or B equivalent is reached, 0.79 or less. If the V/C of 0.80 to 0.99 occurs, a LOS C equivalency is reached. Exceeding 1.0

indicates the LOC C standard is not met; possibly triggering need for mitigating improvement measures.

VOLUMES AND CAPACITY REVIEW

The traffic counts identified prior were reviewed against FDOT capacity thresholds relating to V/C and LOS requirements. Again, SR 902 counts were identified from WSDOT GIS for the year 2023. These counts are recent enough for capacity analysis. A summary of the volume, capacity threshold, a V/C calculation, and an equivalent LOS grade is provided with **Table 3.5** for the typical weekday.

Table 3.5. Existing Street Capacity Analysis

SR 902 Location	ADT* Volume	LOS Threshold	V/C Calculation	Equivalent City LOS
East City Limit	8,765	13,300	0.66	≤ LOS B
Stanley Street	6,390	13,300	0.48	≤ LOS B
Lefevre Street	5,790	13,300	0.44	≤ LOS B
Lake Street	4,630	13,300	0.35	≤ LOS B
Jefferson Street	2,765	13,300	0.21	≤ LOS B

* Parking allowed in designated areas

As shown, an equivalent LOS B or better is noted for SR 902 from Lefevre Street to the eastern City limits. The conclusion is also confirmed for Lefevre Street to the southern City limit. The determinations are made as V/C are all below 0.79.

3.4 FREIGHT

WSDOT officials specify five tonnage classes for roadways in the State ranging from T5 with 20,000 tons in 60 days to T1 with

over 10,000,000 tons per year. The truck routes in and around Medical Lake with tonnage class listings as follows:

- T3 (300,000 to 4,000,000 tons/year) – SR 902 (Lefevre Street), Brooks Road, and San Salvador/Espanola Road.
- T5 (20,000 to 105,000 tons/year) – Fancher Road

The Washington Eastern Gateway rail line is aligned through the north City limits, owned by WSDOT. This line extends from Coulee City to Cheney spanning the Cities of Hartline, Almira, Wilbur, Creston, Davenport, and Reardon. There is a transfer location in Cheney where access is secured to the Burlington Northern-Santa Fe and Union Pacific rail lines, respectively.

This is a R3 rail line, supporting 300,000 to 4,000,000 tons/year. A map of freight and rail routes are shown with **Exhibit 3.3**, as distinguished by routes by tonnage class.

3.5 SAFETY

Collision histories were reviewed for all roads in Medical Lake, including intersections, driveways, and mid-block locations. Collisions were reviewed for a timeline ranging from January 1, 2020, to December 31, 2024. Collision data was sourced through a records request of the WSDOT safety office. Raw Collision data is provided in Appendix C.

A total of 83 recorded collisions occurred in the 5-year study period, an average of 17 incidents a year. When reviewing collision data, it is important to note an incident may involve

two or more vehicles, but this is reported as one accident. Thus, it should be noted that there were 151 vehicles involved in 83 reported collisions within the City of Medical Lake.

Overall, 33% of collisions involved injuries (27-incidents). Three (3) incidents included a serious injury. There were no fatalities noted from collision data. No pedestrian or bicycle-related incidents were reported. Per WSDOT data, 57% of collisions (47 incidents) occurred at intersections. 7% of collisions (6-incidents) were noted at driveways. 36% of collisions (30-incidents) occurred between intersections and driveways.

Collision types and occurrence summaries are as follows:

- 39% right angle; a right-turn vehicle and a through vehicle collide at an intersection or driveway.
- 29% object; vehicle collides with an object, a parked vehicle, or runs off road.
- 18% same direction sideswipe; vehicle strikes another in an adjacent lane traveling same direction.
- 6% left angle; left-turn vehicle tees into another going straight or turning left opposite direction.
- 5% opposite sideswipe; through vehicle hits another through vehicle traveling opposite direction.
- 2% Animal Strike; vehicle hits a wild or domesticated animal large enough to cause vehicle damage.

Accidents were shown graphically by **Exhibit 3.4** for years 2020 to 2024 for Medical Lake.



LEGEND

	T-3 TRUCK ROUTE
	T-5 TRUCK ROUTE
	CITY URBAN BOUNDARY
	WASHINGTON EASTERN RAIL - R-3 RAIL ROUTE

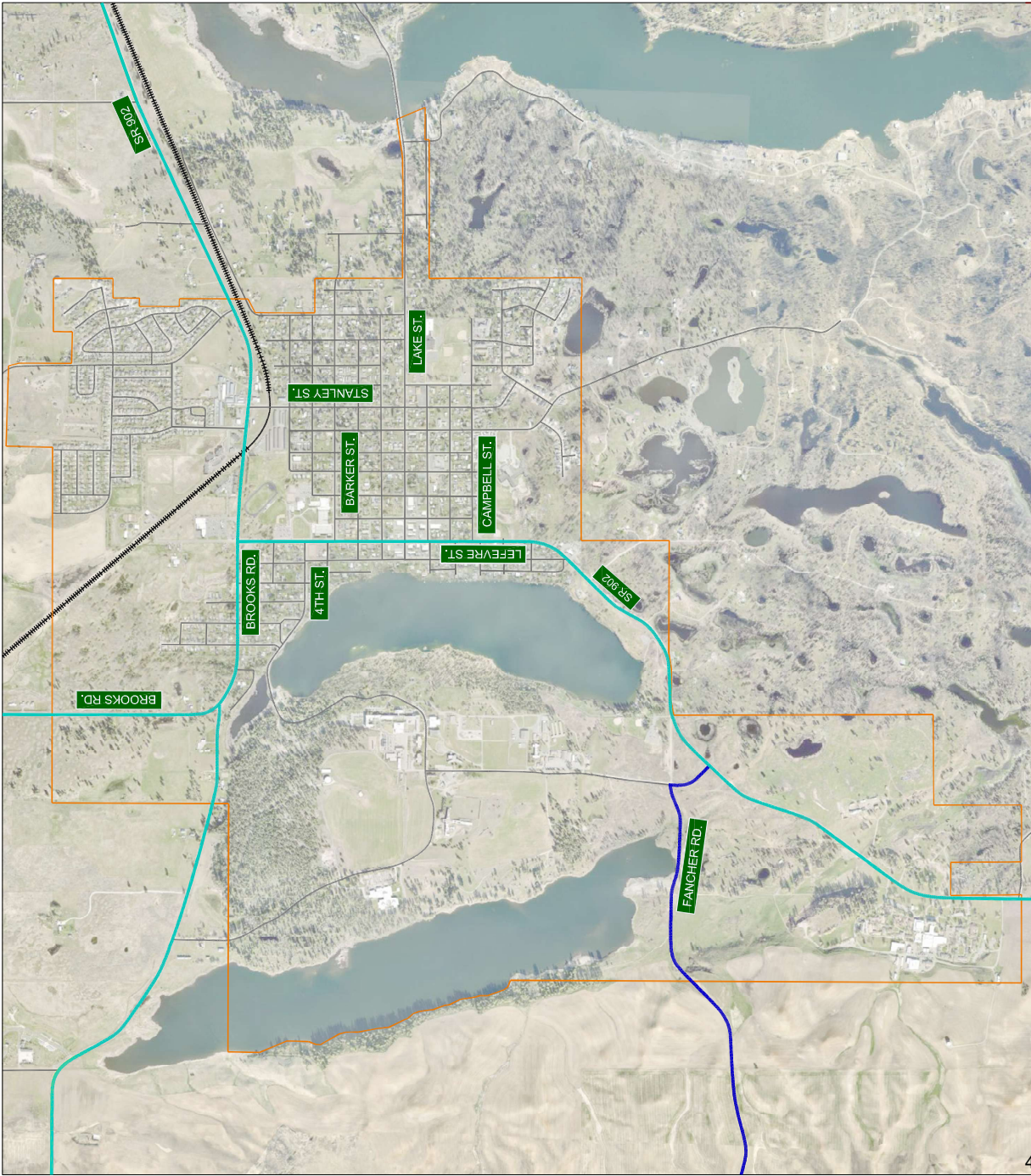







Exhibit
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MEDICAL LAKE FREIGHT MAP

CITY OF MEDICAL LAKE
TRANSPORTATION MASTER PLAN
MEDICAL LAKE, WASHINGTON



LEGEND

	CITY URBAN BOUNDARY
	WASHINGTON EASTERN RAIL
	DAMAGE ONLY OR MINOR INJ.
	SEVERE INJURY
	SRTC HIGH INJURY NETWORK

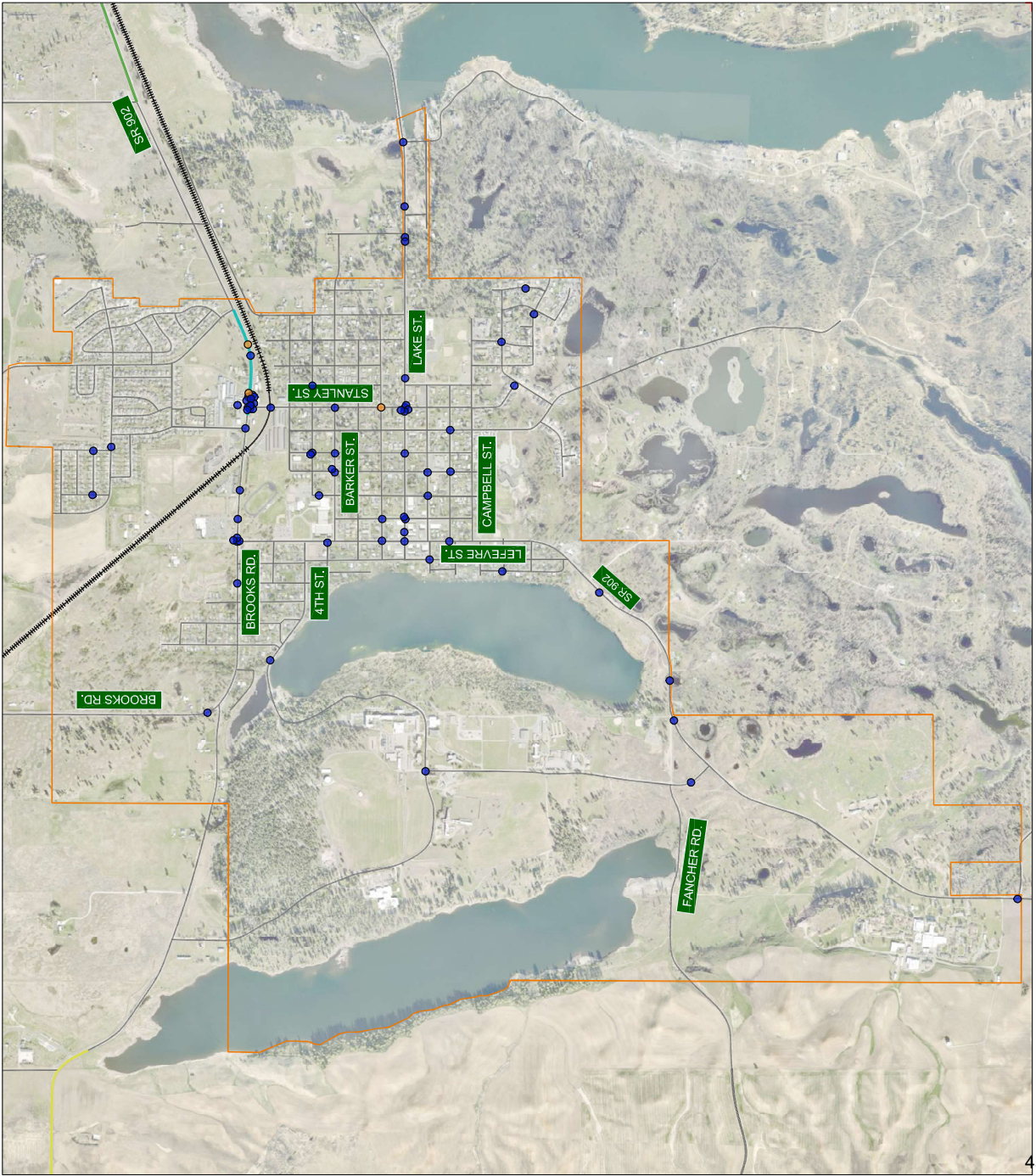


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5-YEAR COLLISION (2020-24)
HISTORY MAP



CITY OF MEDICAL LAKE
TRANSPORTATION MASTER PLAN
MEDICAL LAKE, WASHINGTON

FOCUS AREA

Intersections are typically the focal point of incidents within a community. As indicated, 57% of recorded City collisions occurred at intersections. Collision data was reviewed to identify high incident intersections in the City. A summary of recorded incidents is shown with **Table 3.6** (page 22).

Table 3.6. Summary Intersection Collisions		
Intersections	Total	Avg
Lake & Stanley	13	2.6
SR 902 & Stanley North	5	1.0
SR 902 & Lefevre	5	1.0
Barker & Brower	2	0.4
Fellows & Walker	2	0.4
SR 902 & Stanley North	1	0.2
Barker & Stanley	1	0.2
Fellows & Prentis	1	0.2
Fellows & Barker	1	0.2
Grace & Washington	1	0.2
Herb & Hallett	1	0.2
Herb & Brower	1	0.2
Lake & Walker	1	0.2
Lake & Broad	1	0.2
Lake & Freeman	1	0.2
Maple & Spruce	1	0.2
Broad & Ladd	1	0.2
Stanley & Ladd	1	0.2
Stanley & SR 902	1	0.2
Grant & Evergreen	1	0.2
Jefferson & Hancock	1	0.2
William & Connie Ray	1	0.2
SR 902 & Hancock	1	0.2
SR 902 & Lake	1	0.2
SR 902 & Ladd & First	1	0.2
SR 902 & Third	1	0.2
Totals	47	9.4

Policy on Geometric Design of Highways and Streets (7th Edition, AASHTO) were used as guidance for safety and capacity project proposals, highlighted by the future conditions discussion.

Lake Street / Stanley Street, 13-Incidents

Data indicates 12 of the 13 collisions were right angle, the primary contributing factors include “Did not grant right-of-way to other vehicle” or “disregard traffic sign.” From the field review and consideration of data, it seems that drivers do not expect a two-way stop at this location. In addition, clear sight lines are limited in three of four corners.

Drivers commuting Stanley Street stop and roll forward, not expecting moving traffic and having a blocked view of approaching vehicles. Conversely, moving eastbound and westbound drivers, also with limited sight lines, do not anticipate vehicles pulling forward into the intersection. The result is an incident.

Improvement options to incrementally help address the incident issue:

- Add cross traffic (MUTCD W2-1) and street name (W16-8P) signs on Lake Street in advance of Stanley Street letting drivers know there is cross traffic ahead.
- Add stop signs (MUTCD R1-1) to convert into an all-way stop. This could be blinking solar lights if the City wished



to increase visibility. Advanced “stop ahead” signs (MUTCD W3-1) can be used to notify drivers of the all-way stop. The signs would replace those noted above.

- Install a compact urban roundabout with pedestrian and bicycle treatments, spitter islands with crossing refuge, and a mountable-center island.

SR 902 & Stanley Street North, 5-incidents

WSDOT data indicates 4 of 5 collisions were same direction sideswipes. Contributing circumstances include “Following too closely,” “Did not grant right-of-way to other vehicle,” and “Exceeding reasonable safe speed” were identified for 4 out of the 5 collisions as well.

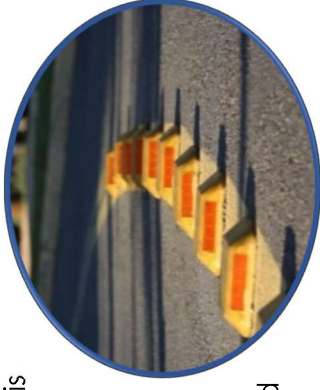
A field visit and data suggest there is a geometric issue staging incidents between the westbound through and right-turn vehicle movements. The causal factor of incidents is not as apparent as the prior issue. However, a narrow westbound through-lane matched with a right turn lane having a shorter than MUTCD-recommended taper, given posted speed, and with location of the driveway in the turn lane, may contribute to the collision issue.

Incremental improvements to help address the issue include:

- Reflective pavement markers could be used to clearly separate through and right-turn lanes at the junction.
- Relocate drive west and lengthen the taper of the right-turn lane, as possible; the AASHTO recommended

transition rate is 165-feet, but this will not be fully achievable given built environment.

- Install a compact urban roundabout with pedestrian and bicycle treatments, spitter islands with crossing refuge, and a mountable-center island.



SR 902 & Lefevre Street, 5-incidents

WSDOT data indicates all incidents involved “Entering at angle” with the contributing circumstances “Did not grant right-of-way to other vehicle” and “Exceeding reasonable safe speed.”

As before, WSDOT data and a field visit do not indicate a strong causal factor. However, this is a large intersection, and the westbound SR 902 movement does not stop (free movement). These factors likely lead to confusion over driver right-of-way.

Potential remediations to incrementally help address the collision issue include:

- Add a stop sign (MUTCD R1-1) on the westbound approach to convert into an all-way stop. Advanced “stop ahead” signs (MUTCD W3-1) should be used to notify approaching drivers of the



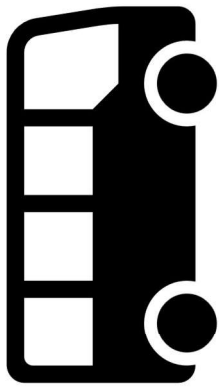
all-way stop. Solar stop signs with flashing lights can be used if the City wishes to promote higher visibility.

- Install a compact urban roundabout with pedestrian and bicycle treatments, splitter islands with crossing refuge, and a mountable-center island.

SRTC High Injury Network

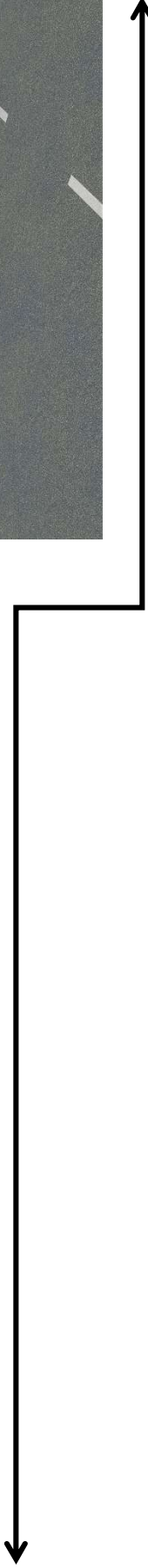
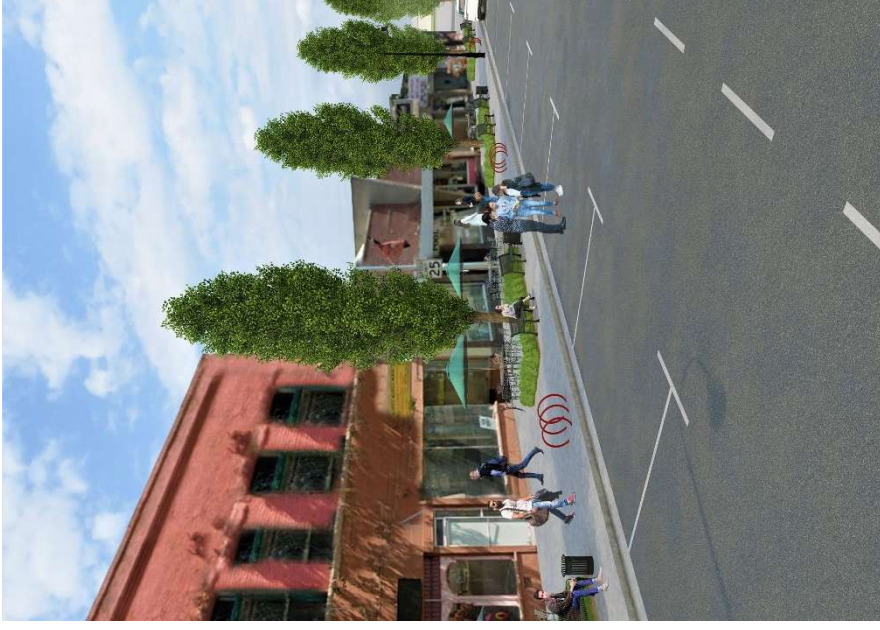
The Spokane Regional Transportation Council (SRTC) reviews collision data for Spokane County. Through this regional review, the SRTC has identified SR 902 as a part of the high injury network (HIN) for a segment extending from south Stanley Street to Graham Road. An HIN determination was based on eight collisions identified from a review of 2018 to 2022 collision data.

There are two incidents that occur in this segment with the 2020 to 2025 data used by this Plan. This is a reduction from the SRTC data. The conclusion from this comparison is that this is a “watch” segment of the corridor; meaning the City should monitor collision data for this area. If the incident trend goes up, then remediations can be considered. In the interim, no recommendations are provided.



CHAPTER 4

FORECAST CONDITIONS



Chapter 4

This section summarizes forecast transportation conditions for roadways identified for analysis by City officials. Provided is a description of the forecast land use assumptions, developed traffic forecasts, capacity conditions, and recommended road and intersection improvements.

4.1 TRAFFIC FORECASTS

Travel forecasts were generated from land uses assumptions documented by the Medical Lake Land Capacity Analysis, refined in coordination with City officials. The Land Capacity Analysis (LCA) indicates there are 150-acres of undeveloped or underdeveloped residential and commercial properties in corporate limits. These were assumed for future land use development with this Transportation Plan.

In addition, City staff has proposed three urban growth area expansions for future development, anticipating the growth areas above will be absorbed in the indefinite future. A summary of these locations include:

1. **North Growth Area**
90-acres, north City limits between Washington Eastern Rail and Graham Road.
2. **East Growth Area**
100-acres, south of Lake Street and east of Sherman Avenue to Silver Lake.

3. **South Growth Area**
40-acres, east of Lefevre Street to Green Gate Lane at southern limits of City.

Further, the LCA indicates Medical Lake is expected to gain an additional 204 single family homes and 89 multi-family units, based on the current zoning ordinance. Minimal commercial growth is anticipated; a 5,000 square-foot retail pad was assumed in coordination with City officials. These comprise year 2050 development forecasts.

Full build land uses were developed per discussion with City staff. Full growth includes the occupancy of 150-existing acres and 230-expansion acres; total growth of 380-acres. Including year 2050 development assumptions, full build represents the construction of 615 single family units, 1,035 apartments and townhomes, and 27,000 acres of commercial/retail area.

A 550-student elementary school was also assumed on a 10.3-acre site owned by the school district; just north of the City wastewater treatment plant and west of Tara Lee Avenue. The full-build scenario is to test system capacity, not predict the need in a certain year.

A summary of land use assumptions for year 2050 and the full build condition is summarized as follows:

Year 2050 Land Use Assumptions

- Single Family Homes, 204 homes

- Multifamily (Apartments & Townhomes), 89 units
- Shopping center/Commercial, 5,000 square feet (s.f.)

Full Build Assumptions

- Single Family Homes, 615 homes
- Multifamily (Apartments & Townhomes), 1,035 units
- Shopping Center/Commercial, 27,000 s.f.
- 550-Student Elementary School

These are land uses for new construction and not businesses or residences that exchange hands and/or are reoccupied. In most situations, such an exchange results in the roughly equal generation of trips and there is minimal need for reconciliation for a study like this Transportation Master Plan.

LAND USE ALLOCATION

The location and allocation of land uses are driven by parcel location, land use type, and density assumptions (i.e., housing units and building area), as developed in coordination with City officials. Residential and commercial land uses were organized into 23 aggregated transportation analysis zones (TAZs) which help simplify the presentation of data and help with the assignment of forecast trips onto the street network.

Exhibit 4.1 shows the City TAZ's; also listed is a development assumption for each zone. The following TAZ's are noted as the urban growth areas specified prior.

1. North Growth Area – TAZ #5
2. East Growth Area – TAZ #24
3. South Growth Area – TAZ #15

TRIP GENERATION

Residential and commercial trip generation was forecast using the *Institute of Transportation Engineers (ITE), Trip Generation Manual* (11th Edition, 2018). Trip Generation is a nationally recognized and locally accepted approach for forecasting traffic for a range of commercial, retail, residential, and institutional land uses. The ITE provides rates and equations that forecast trips for different land uses based on variables such as building area or the number of dwellings.

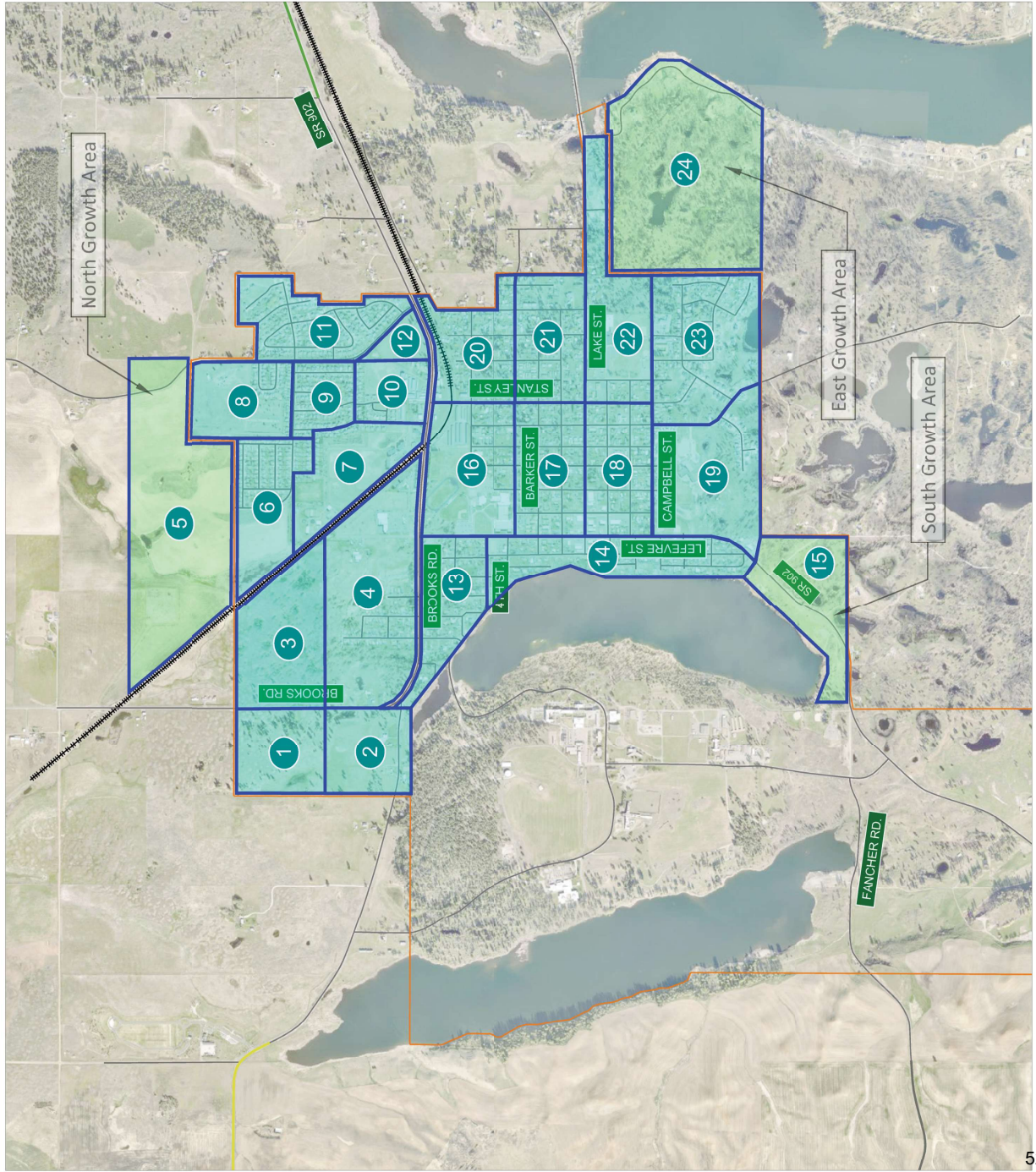
ITE Land Use Codes 210 and 220 were used to forecast trips for single family homes and multifamily units, respectively. The multifamily land use includes apartments and townhomes for this Transportation Master Plan; this traditionally is a general land use that has wide application. Commercial trips were forecast using Land Use Code 822, which is small-venue retail comparable to "strip" style shops, services, and restaurants) within a small footprint building or buildings). Code 520 was used to predict trip generation for an elementary school.

Trip generation was forecast for the weekday and PM peak hour, periods of travel relevance for Medical Lake. Forecasts were prepared for year 2050 and the full-build condition. Trip generation summaries are provided by **Table 4.1** (page 30).



LEGEND

	CITY URBAN BOUNDARY
	TAZ BOUNDARY
	TAZ AREA
	UGA TAZ AREA



TAZ UNIT ASSIGNMENTS

TAZ	Year 2050		Full Build		School (Students)
	Single Family (Units)	Multi-Family (Units)	Commercial (Square-Feet)	Multi-Family (Units)	
1	0	0	0	0	0
2	0	0	0	0	0
3	0	0	0	0	0
4	12	0	5,000	12	265
5	50	0	0	375	0
6	0	0	0	0	0
7	0	0	0	0	0
8	50	0	0	50	0
9	0	0	0	0	0
10	0	0	0	0	0
11	0	0	0	0	0
12	0	0	0	0	0
13	15	0	0	15	0
14	5	0	0	5	0
15	25	30	0	80	50
16	2	0	0	2	0
17	2	0	0	2	0
18	3	0	0	3	0
19	2	30	0	3	115
20	1	0	0	1	0
21	4	0	0	7	0
22	5	0	0	4	0
23	3	0	0	4	0
24	25	30	0	50	510
Totals	204	60	5000	616	1135
					27000

Exhibit
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CITY TRANSPORTATION
ANALYSIS ZONES

CITY OF MEDICAL LAKE
TRANSPORTATION MASTER PLAN
MEDICAL LAKE, WASHINGTON



Table 4.1. Year 2050 & Full-Build Trip Generation

Land Use	ITE Code	Units	Weekday Trips		PM Peak Hour		
			In	Out	In	Out	Total
Year 2050 Trip Generation							
Single-Family Homes	210	204 homes	1,915	123	71	194	
Multifamily Homes	220	89 units	600	28	17	45	
Commercial / Retail	822	5,000 s.f.	270	17	16	33	
		Trip Totals	2,785	168	104	272	
Full Build Trip Generation							
Single-Family Homes	210	616 homes	5,805	366	215	581	
Multifamily Homes	220	1,035 units	6,975	332	196	528	
Commercial / Retail	822	27,000 s.f.	1,470	89	89	178	
Elementary School	520	550 students	1,250	40	48	88	
		Trip Totals	15,500	827	548	1,375	

* Source ITE Trip Generation Manual, 11th Edition

As shown, 2,785 weekday trips are forecast for 2050 with 272 trips generated during the weekday PM peak hour. Peak hour trips comprise 9.8% of weekday trips with the 25-year horizon. Expected with full build of the City, approximately 15,500 trips are projected during the weekday with 1,375 trips generated during the PM peak hour. PM peak hour trips comprise 9% of daily trips with the long-range analysis horizon.

Note this project was initiated prior to the recent release of the 12th Edition of the Trip Generation Manual. A conversion from the 11th Edition was not made as work had been performed. However, trip generation forecast with Land Use Codes 210, 220, 520, and 822 did not differ notably between the 11th and 12th Editions. Thus, the source of trip forecasts is

inconsequential within the scope of the land uses reviewed for this Plan

TRIP ASSIGNMENT

Given the scope of this study was limited to a few major City streets, a hand-forecasting method was used for this Plan. It was confirmed with City officials that development of a travel demand model was unnecessary, being beyond the scope of what the City was looking to accomplish for this project, given:

- 1) the understanding that capacity was not going to be the primary issue for this project and 2) the City's wish to focus primarily on multimodal needs and issues for this Plan.

TAZs were aggregated into areas of Medical Lake that share cohesion in terms of accessibility. These are land use areas that use the same roads for commute purposes around town and to/from the area. Peak hour and daily traffic counts were reviewed and compared to confirm how travelers access the City. Trip distributions were derived from count comparisons; a summary of assignment routes with a percentage assumption of approaching and departing distributions include:

- SR 902 east of City limits, 65%
- San Salvador Street/Espanola Rd west of City limits, 15%
- SR 902/Lefevre Street south of City limits, 10%
- Lake Street east of City limits, 5%
- Brooks Road north of City limits, 5%

The trips of each aggregate area were assigned to/from these routes based on travel distance, meaning the shortest route

between the area and the commute route. This process was used to assign trips for year 2050 and the full build condition for the typical weekday. The only diversion from the distributions above where for school trips, assuming a higher number of trips traveling directly to/from the City versus travel easterly along SR 902 with the full build condition.

TRAVEL FORECASTS

Forecasts reflect the combination of land use trip assignments with baseline traffic. Baseline growth includes traffic increases resulting from influences outside of the City, yet commuting through or accessing areas in Medical Lake. An increase of commuters traveling from origins outside the City to Eastern State hospital is an example of how baseline growth occurs.

Historical traffic counts were reviewed for four locations along SR 902, and three locations along Lefevre Street. These counts, available from WSDOT, were reviewed from 2012 and 2024. A linear regression analysis indicates traffic increasing at a rate of 1.0 to 1.8% annually in this period, a weighted average of 1.26% per year between all count locations.

The forecasting objective was to address baseline traffic with understanding that land use trip assignments would comprise most future traffic growth. As such, a 1% baseline growth rate was compounded annually and applied to ADT counts to generate a 28% adjustment by year 2050. This growth was also used for the full-build condition, given the conservative nature of the baseline forecasting process.

The trip assignments developed for year 2050 and the full-build condition were developed based on the distributions noted prior. They were added to baseline forecasts to generate total forecasts. The forecasts process is shown with **Table 4.2** for the weekday. Also shown are elements that comprise forecasts, including counts, baseline growth, and land use trips.

Table 4.2. Year 2050 & Full-Build Traffic Forecasts

SR 902 Location	Year 2050 Condition			Year 2050 Forecasts
	Existing ADT	Baseline Growth	ADT Assignment	
East City Limit	8,765	2,475	1,825	13,065
Stanley Street	6,390	1,805	1,445	9,640
Lefevre Street	5,790	1,635	760	8,590
Lake Street	4,630	1,710	695	7,035
Jefferson Street	2,765	780	635	4,180
SR 902 Location	Full Build Condition			Full Build Forecasts
	Existing ADT	Baseline Growth	ADT Assignment	
East City Limit	8,765	2,475	6,430	17,670
Stanley Street	6,390	1,805	5,650	13,845
Lefevre Street	5,790	1,635	3,780	11,205
Lake Street	4,630	1,710	3,030	9,370
Jefferson Street	2,765	780	2,755	6,300

A review of year 2050 forecasts shows volumes along SR 902 / Lefevre Street are projected to experience a 50% (+/-) gain over counts, an average of the five locations shown. This is a 1.6 to 1.7% annual growth rate with a 1.64% weighted annual average. The conclusion is that forecast 25-year growth will

exceed 12-year historical figures, 1.26% versus 1.64% annually. This represents an increased annual growth rate for Medical Lake streets, confirming land use gains will have an impact, but not to an unreasonable extent as less than a 0.4% difference is noted between forecast and historical growth.

Full build forecasts are 100% higher than ADT counts, an approximate average of locations. The timeline for growth to materialize is unknown given this is a full development scenario. However, it would require 54 years for growth to be achieved using the historical growth rate of 1.26%, for comparison, and 42-years with 1.64% annual land use growth.

4.2 FORECAST PERFORMANCES

Year 2050 and full-build forecasts were reviewed against the FDOT capacity thresholds disclosed with section 3.3; also, V/C were calculated. Again, the V/C ratio of 0.79 or less indicates practical street capacity is available, 0.80 to 0.99 is noted as “approaching standard,” and 1.0 or higher is an indication of surpassing available street capacities.

The City has a LOS D standard for Medical Lake’s principal arterial roads and LOS C for arterials and collectors. If the V/C above are below the approaching threshold condition, a LOS A or B equivalent is reached, 0.79 or less. If the V/C of 0.80 to 0.99 is calculated, a LOS C is achieved. Above 1.0 indicates the LOC C standard is not met, precipitating need for improvement. A summary of forecast conditions, capacity

thresholds, a V/C calculation, and an LOS determination is provided with **Table 4.3** for the typical weekday.

Table 4.3. Street Capacity Thresholds

SR 902 Location	Year 2050 Condition			Equivalent City LOS
	ADT Volume	LOS Threshold	V/C Calculation	
East City Limit	13,065	13,300	0.98	LOS C
Stanley Street	9,640	13,300	0.72	≤ LOS B
Lefevre Street	8,590	13,300	0.65	≤ LOS B
Lake Street	7,035	13,300	0.53	≤ LOS B
Jefferson Street	4,180	13,300	0.31	≤ LOS B
Full Build Condition				
East City Limit	17,670	13,300	1.33	≥ LOS D+
Stanley Street	13,845	13,300	1.04	≥ LOS D
Lefevre Street	11,205	13,300	0.84	LOS C
Lake Street	9,370	13,300	0.70	≤ LOS B
Jefferson Street	6,300	13,300	0.47	≤ LOS B

As shown, a LOS C condition is noted on SR 902 at the east City limits; this is where traffic is highest in Medical Lake. LOS C is allowed for an arterial per City criteria. Though approaching standard, V/C has not yet reached 1.0 and is acceptable per standard convention. All remaining locations are well within allowable standards by year 2050. The data suggests that long-term improvements could be considered for SR 902, though not immediately given vehicle capacity needs alone.

The long-term analysis confirms this supposition. V/C and LOS surpass limits for most of SR 902, with a high LOS, and V/C that

exceed the LOS C threshold to Stanley Street, then a high LOS C grade to Lefevre Street. This confirms the possible need for long-term capacity projects.

INTERSECTION CONSIDERATIONS

Note from forecast conditions, that volumes decrease between road segments at intersections (between ADT counts). This occurs because turning vehicles depart and enter routes at intersections. This may suggest need for mobility improvements at major intersections, given they support high turning volumes and/or are a junction between functionally classified roads.

The PM peak hour is the most frequently reviewed period in the region for intersection capacities; travel demands are highest during this time versus other times of the typical weekday. The LOS capacity analysis was performed for four of the highest-volume intersections in the City, SR 902 with Lefevre Street, Stanley Street North, Stanley Street South, and Graham Road.

Turning movement counts were available from the West Plains Subarea Transportation Plan, Phase II (S3R3 & Ardurra, 2025) for Lefevre Street and Graham Road with SR 902. These counts were used for the capacity analysis. Turning movements were not available for the Stanley Street intersections. As such, counts were estimated for the north and south legs of Stanley Street given review of volume changes between the Lefevre and Graham intersections as it relates to residential densities and commercial site locations on SR 902. The result is actual or

estimated counts which should be sufficient for helping to confirm the need for potential intersection improvements along SR 902, the busiest road in Medical Lake.

As with roadway volumes, intersection traffic was forecast to year 2050 and a full-build condition based on prior methods; baseline growth applied to counts and peak hour volumes assigned to streets to generate forecast volumes. A summary of the turning movements for these intersections, existing and forecast conditions, is shown with **Exhibit 4.2** (Page 34).

An LOS analysis was performed using Synchro Software Suite (Cubic, 2025); which gauges capacity using the prevailing and accepted methods of the Highway Capacity Manual (TRB, 7th Edition, 2022). An LOS D standard is typical for a City like Medical Lake; this has been used as the threshold for this Transportation Master Plan.

A summary of LOS for study intersections under both forecast Plan conditions is shown with **Table 4.4** (Page 35) with summary results provided for the existing year 2050, and full-build conditions during the PM peak hour.

Exhibit 4.2. Current & Forecast Intersection Turn Movements

Existing Conditions																			
SR 902 / Lefevre Street / Brooks				SR 902 / Stanley Street N				SR 902 / Stanley Street S				SR 902 / Graham Road							
57	108	51		32	135	103		0	0	0		55	184	129					
	IN	OUT		IN	OUT	OUT			IN	OUT		IN	OUT	OUT					
17	32	8		14		18						19		36					
	SBR	SBT	SBL		SBR	SBT	SBL		SBR	SBT	SBL		SBR	SBT	SBL				
150	OUT	19	EBL	TEV =	WBR	57	IN	213	OUT	EBL	IN	241	274	48	EBL				
361	142	EBT	EBT	530	WBT	156	470	470	222	EBT	580	182	514	600	EBT				
211	IN	50	EBR	EBR	WBL	85	OUT	257	IN	35	EBR	WBL	59	OUT	273	326	IN		
	NBL	NBT	NBR		NBL	NBT	NBR		NBL	NBT	NBR		NBL	NBT	NBR				
	53	27	135						31		51								
	OUT		IN		OUT		IN		OUT		IN		OUT		IN				
	167	382	215		0	0	0		94	176	82		0	0	0				
	TEV =				530				580				717						
	WBR	5	IN	170	170	OUT	46	EBL	WBR	182	514	600	EBT	WBR	81				
	WBT	80	455	455	239	EBT			WBL	59	OUT	273	326	IN	WBL				
	WBL	85	OUT	285	IN	EBR									WBL				
	IN	170	170	OUT	46	EBL									WBL				
	OUT	19	EBL	TEV =	WBR	57	IN	213	OUT	EBL	IN	241	274	48	EBL				
	IN	50	EBR	530	WBT	156	470	470	222	EBT	580	182	514	600	EBT				
	OUT	19	EBL	EBR	WBL	85	OUT	257	IN	35	EBR	WBL	59	OUT	273	326	IN		
	IN	50	EBR		NBL	NBT	NBR		NBL	NBT	NBR		NBL	NBT	NBR		NBL	NBT	NBR
	80	35	195						31		51								
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	250	560	310		0	0	0		94	176	82		0	0	0				
	TEV =				780				890				1105						
	WBR	5	IN	255	255	OUT	75	EBL	WBR	275	760	905	400	EBT	WBR	135			
	WBT	115	650	650	320	EBT			WBL	140	OUT	345	470	IN	0	EBR			
	WBL	135	OUT	395	395	IN										WBL			
	IN	255	255	OUT	75	EBL										WBL			
	OUT	70	EBR		NBL	NBT	NBR									WBL			
	80	35	195						45		75								
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	250	560	310		0	0	0		225	345	120		0	0	0				
	TEV =				780				890				1105						
	WBR	5	IN	255	255	OUT	75	EBL	WBR	275	760	905	400	EBT	WBR	135			
	WBT	115	650	650	320	EBT			WBL	140	OUT	345	470	IN	0	EBR			
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	250	560	310		0	0	0		225	345	120		0	0	0				
	TEV =				780				890				1105						
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Table 4.4. Intersection Levels-of-Service, PM Peak Hour

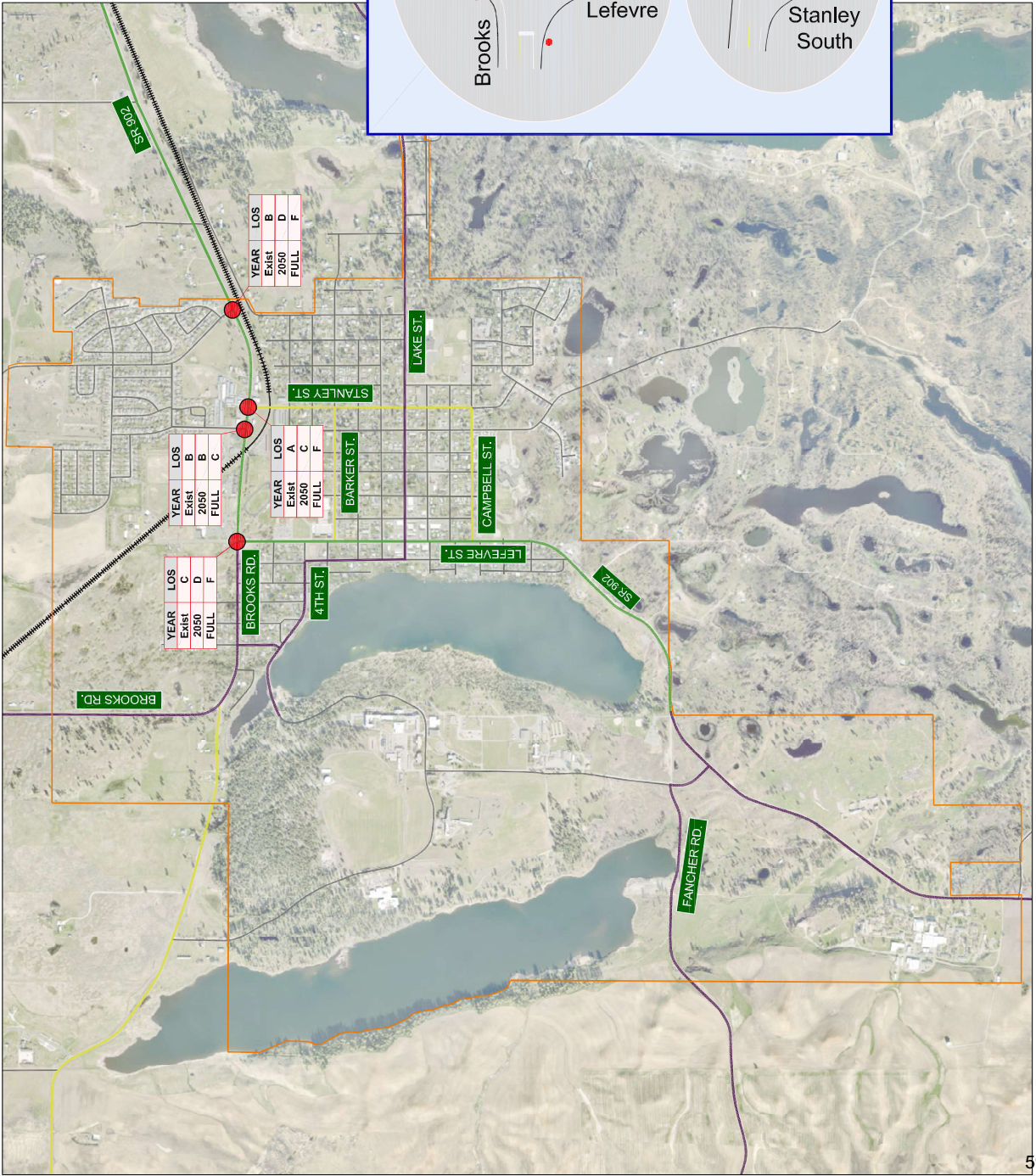
SR 902 Location	LOS	Control Delay	V/C Calculation
Existing Condition			
SR 902 / Lefevre St / Brooks Rd*	C	16.3	0.22
SR 902 / Stanley Street North	B	11.3	0.06
SR 902 / Stanley Street South	A	7.4	0.04
SR 902 / Graham Rd	B	14.3	0.13
Year 2050 Condition			
SR 902 / Lefevre St / Brooks Rd	D	32.4	0.50
SR 902 / Stanley Street North	B	14.1	0.15
SR 902 / Stanley Street South	C	17.6	0.32
SR 902 / Graham Rd	D	27.3	0.39
Full Build Condition			
SR 902 / Lefevre St / Brooks Rd	F	> 150.0	1.05
SR 902 / Stanley Street North	C	20.2	0.32
SR 902 / Stanley Street South	F	113.8	0.99
SR 902 / Graham Rd	F	>150.0	1.46

The intersection LOS analysis complements the street capacity analysis. No current issues are identified for the Medical Lake intersections of focus as LOS C or better is achieved with lane V/C below 0.79 limits. The year 2050 analysis for the PM peak hour indicates that deficiencies will evolve with growth, but the LOS D standard is still maintained at Plan intersections with V/C within lane targets. The analysis does confirm that issues would evolve over time, between year 2050 and with the full-build of the City. PM peak hour results are forecast at LOS F with high lane V/C for three out of the four study intersections.

Although turn movement counts were not available to assess LOS conditions on Lefevre Street/SR 902 south of Brooks Road, there are no issues expected through the City to Fancher Connection Road. This supposition is supported by two points. First, there are no arterial capacity issues identified with the forecast year 2050 and full-build conditions, LOS B is shown with Table 4.3.

Second, forecast ADT along the corridor falls in the 4,000 to 7,000 ADT range by year 2050, and 6,000 to 9,000 ADT range with full-build. Note, existing counts range between 6,000 and 9,000 ADT for SR 902 between Lefevre Street and the east City limit under existing conditions; these volumes are comparable with forecast conditions for Lefevre Street south of Brooks Road. As there are no intersection LOS failures noted for the SR 902 intersections with Lefevre Street, Stanley Street North, Stanley Street South, and Graham Road under the current condition, there are no LOS issues anticipated for the Lefevre Street intersections compared with forecast conditions given comparable ADT.

For convenient review, summary intersection configurations, controls, and resulting LOS has been provided with **Exhibit 4.3**. Summaries are shown for the existing and future conditions. LOS summary worksheets are attached as Appendix D.



LEGEND

	PRINCIPAL ARTERIAL
	MINOR ARTERIAL
	MAJOR COLLECTOR
	MINOR COLLECTOR
	LOCAL STREET
	CITY URBAN BOUNDARY
	WASHINGTON EASTERN RAIL
	STUDY INTERSECTION
	LOS TEXT BOX

EXISTING INTERSECTION CONFIGURATIONS

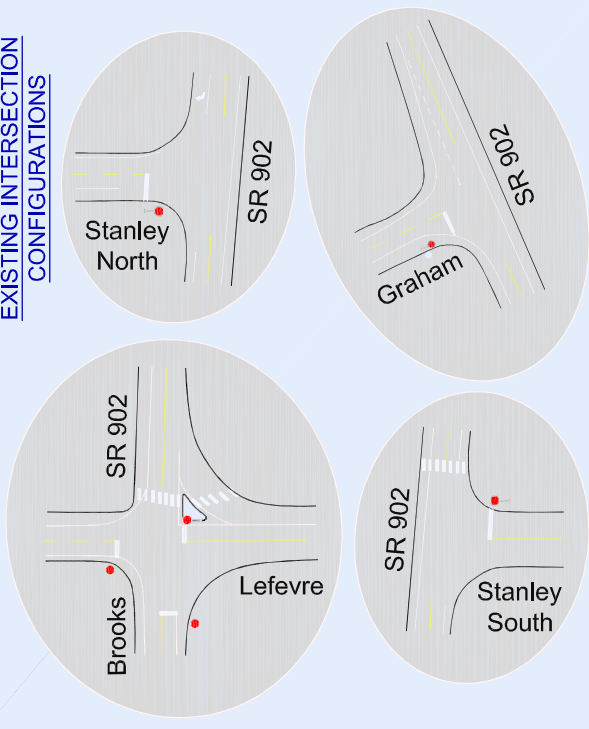


Exhibit
4.3
INTERSECTION CONFIGURATION AND LOS RESULTS

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TRANSPORTATION MASTER PLAN
MEDICAL LAKE, WASHINGTON



4.3 ROADWAY IMPROVEMENTS

Medical Lake benefits from having no evident capacity issues identified from the current or year 2050 conditions. Roadway improvements are suggested only in the long-term to provide capacity for full-build, this is forecast after the year 2050 horizon year. This allows City officials time to plan, secure funding, and deploy improvements. The balance of Section 4.3 recommends projects to address long-term capacity needs for City roadways.

To be clear, this does not relate to safety mitigations and active transportation improvements. Also, as highlighted next, there are City collectors and arterials that do not conform with current Medical Lake design standards.

ROADWAY IMPROVEMENTS

Summarized are roadway improvements; recommended for deployment as funding opportunities arise organically given no capacity need is urgent. With that said, the importance of pedestrian and bicycle activities may advance the need for multimodal/complete street and safety improvements, regardless of capacity performance results. Discussion on project timing is provided in Chapter 6, the Capital Facilities summary of this Transportation Master Plan.

Roadway Public Works Design Standards

Chapter 11.20 and Chapter 15.20 of Medical Lake Municipal Code (MLMC) provide partial guidance on design standards

for City streets. Although both Chapters identify complete street policy, this Plan recommends that the City could benefit from a more extensive Public Works standard. These standards provide a heightened level of detail regarding the design of City collector and arterial roads and intersections, addressing requirements relating to, but not limited to:

- Design reports, studies, and documentation,
- Plan set requirements,
- Signing and striping details,
- Pavement and surfacing design,
- Cul-de-sac, alley, private street, and driveway details,
- Private development and frontage expectations,
- Intersection control and geometric design guidance,
- Landscaped areas that act as buffers to pathways, trails and sidewalks, with curb and gutter details,
- Planned unit development standards,
- General street lighting, signal, and PHB/RRFB guide, and
- Complete street guidelines.

Complete streets advancement is a directive that comes from City leadership. To that end, although lacking definition on specifics, this Plan offers complete streets and multimodal improvements recognizing that Public Works Standards would follow to provide design details and clarify construction cost estimates beyond what is highlighted in Chapter 6.

SR 902 Complete Street

As indicated, a recommendation of this Plan is for City officials to define new street design standards that include guidance on the advancement of multimodal and/or complete street facilities, in addition to traditional capacity and pavement thickness details, as associated with functional classes. These determinations will influence the recommendations of this Plan particularly from a right-of-way and cost perspective. However, for the sake of Chapter 6.0 TIP recommendations, arterials and collectors were assumed to have widening modifications with active transportation adaptations identified by Chapter 5.

This section recognizes potential capacity improvement may be needed to support vehicle mobility within the City. SR 902 was noted to have a practical capacity impact; conditions that approach standard by year 2050 and exceed standard with full buildout of Medical Lake.

The full-build condition suggests a four or five lane roadway may be needed to address long-range capacity concerns. This Transportation Master Plan does not advocate this level of lane widening. Travel demand forecasts are conservative, meaning higher end. Also, the timing of such need was noted as indefinite, meaning the timeline for forecasts in excess of 18,000 ADT is unknown and are not likely to occur for nearly 50-years, if at all. As such, the strategy of this Plan is to recommend that right-of-way and setbacks be preserved with development, as possible, for the possibility of a four or

five lane road. In the interim, more sensible improvements are suggested, with the intersection control improvements noted subsequently, to promote acceptable capacity levels that address need indefinitely.

To that end, expansion of SR 902 includes a center, two-way left-turn lane recommended from Lefevre Street to Graham Road. Per Table 3.4, this will elevate the capacity limit of the street to 15,300 ADT; given increased capacity provided for vehicles turning to/from the Highway. This will promote capacity through the year 2050, given a threshold of 15,300 ADT, plus provides room for 40% of full-build volumes following year 2050 (2,200 additional ADT, after year 2050 with the forecast of 13,065 ADT.

Recommendation (Long-Term): Add a center, two-way left-turn lane along SR 902 extending from Lefevre Street to the east City limit.

Functionally Classified Streets

Although developed to the prevailing standard of the time, most Medical Lake arterials and collectors were improved with only partial multimodal accommodation. Principally, this included features like sidewalk along a single side of a street or a paved road with wide shoulders; most roadways lack gutter and curb sections except along a few sections with sidewalk. Also, it appears that most developed sidewalk was not buffered or offset from existing curb, as typical with the prevailing complete street guidelines applied.

As indicated, a recommendation of this Plan is for City officials to define new street design standards that include guidance on the advancement of multimodal facilities and complete streets. As it pertains to capacity details, road mobility can be improved with definition of curb and gutter sections, along with the improvement of pavement to a depth standard.

The active mobility element is discussed in Chapter 5. This section recommends the City develop an approach to improving arterials and collectors throughout town, focusing on providing curb and gutter with improved pavement sections, as warranted. The priority of these improvements is as follows:

- ◆ SR 902, Lefevre Street to east City limits; improvements were better described prior.
- ◆ Lefevre Street, Hancock Street to Jefferson Street (match current TIB project)
- ◆ Lake Street, Sherman Street to Freeman Drive
- ◆ Jefferson Street, W 4th Street to Lake Street
- ◆ W. 4th Street, North Trail Head to Jefferson Street
- ◆ Howard Street, Brooks Road to W. 4th Street
- ◆ Brooks Road, San Salvador Street to Lefevre Street
- ◆ Stanley Street, Percival Street to Campbell Street
- ◆ Barker Street sidewalk (South side), Lefevre Street to Stanley Street
- ◆ Campbell Street, Lefevre Street to Stanley Street

Recommendation (Long-Term): Deploy complete street improvements to bring roadways to standards developed by City officials; focusing on arterials followed by major and then minor collectors.

SR 902 Intersections

The forecast conditions analysis indicates LOS D conditions for the SR 902/Lefevre Street/Brooks Street and SR 902/Graham Road intersections by year 2050 and LOS F under the full build condition. In addition, the SR 902/Stanely Street intersection is also forecast to degrade to LOS F under the full-build condition. The conclusion from the analysis is that intersection control improvements should be considered for deployment in the future; this will improve the capacity/function of intersections, and for SR 902 overall.

There are three principal approaches to increasing capacity at intersections: geometric improvements (adding turn lanes), signalization, and the deployment of a roundabout. Of these approaches, the roundabout provides the highest degree of strategic benefit to the City and WSDOT.

A roundabout improvement provides capacity comparable to a signal, yet minimal delay is experienced as traffic moves without interruption. As indicated in Section 3.5, two of these intersections have high collision rates. A roundabout offers the best safety benefit of the three improvement options. Lastly, the roundabout provides the best integration with complete streets and (arguably) provides the best protection bicycle and pedestrian movements/crossings.

The shorter-term improvements noted with Section 3.5 are still recommended; these are low-cost measures to help preserve safety until roundabouts can be developed. Roundabouts are ultimately recommended for the SR 902 intersection with Lefevre Street, Stanley Street South, and Graham Road. The design of roundabouts would accommodate the three-lane, complete street section recommended prior. However, they would also be designed so they could be constructed without street improvements, if/when warranted.

These would be single-lane roundabouts provided with splitter islands on the north-south legs of the intersection, and with elongated splitters or minor chicanes on the east-west legs. All legs to the intersection would be designed with crossings, islands would be designed with refuges. If the City were to select bike-lanes for application along SR 902, as a complete street, then transitions to/from the roadway to the pedestrian crossings could be developed. Pathways would simply tie into crossings, if selected as the element of the complete street.

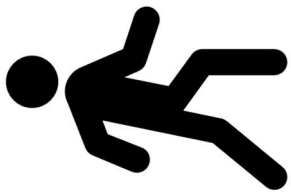
Recommendation (Long-Term): Deploy a single-lane, multimodal roundabout at the intersections of SR 902 and Lefevre Street, Stanley Street South, and Graham Road.

Lake Street / Stanley Street

As indicated, short-term improvements are recommended in Section 3.5 to help preserve safety at this highest incident intersection within the City. Although capacity has not been

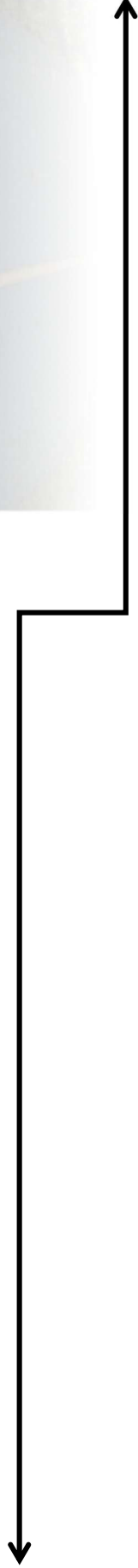
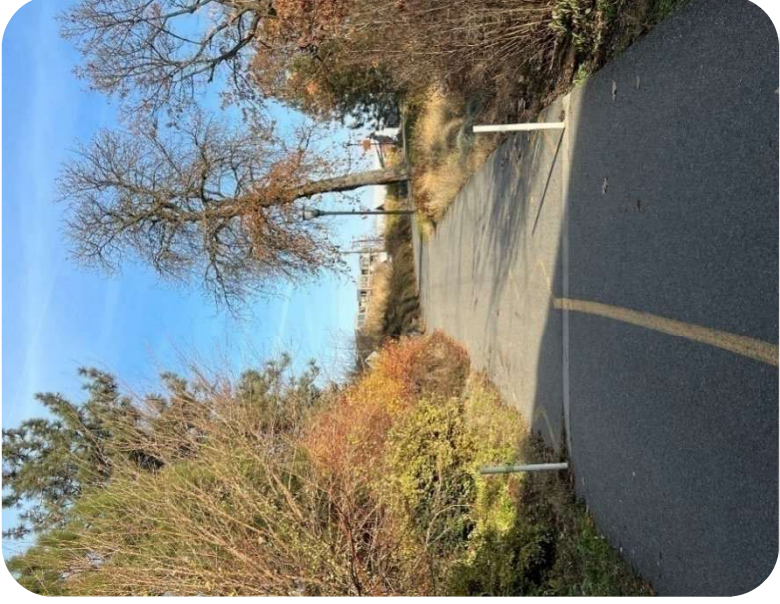
quantified, and it is unlikely that LOS is an issue at the junction, this is also a good roundabout candidate given the safety and complete street integration reasons mentioned earlier. This would negate sight-distance issues, given right-turns only occur at these junctions, and provide a traffic calming effect for the community.

Recommendation (Long-Term): Deploy a single-lane, multimodal roundabout at intersection of Lake Street and Stanley Street.



CHAPTER 5

MULTIMODAL DISCUSSION



Chapter 5

This section summarizes the multimodal review. Presented are a discussion of bike, pedestrian, and transit conditions within the City with recommendations for improvement.

5.1 ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION

The goals and policies presented with Section 2 strongly focus on improving active mobility and transit networks via application of bike lanes, shared use paths, trails, separated sidewalks, and transit connections. Multimodal solutions offer a cost-effective option to single-occupancy vehicle use. They are key to helping cities like Medical Lake promote small-town values, improve health, and improve livability.

SIDEWALK

Research provided with *Economic and Health Benefits of Walking, Hiking, and Bicycling on Recreational Trails in Washington* (Washington Recreation and Conservation, 2019) found the presence of sidewalk is the chief factor in determining a person’s willingness to walk. There is a lack of continuity regarding sidewalk along arterials and collectors. This can be detrimental to active mobility in the City. The lack of sidewalk is a theme in the older, developed areas of the County overall, and not just Medical Lake. Past agency standards did not consistently require sidewalks, so they were not provided on many streets, historically.

The *Pedestrian Safety Guide and Countermeasure Selection* guide of the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) shows the types of sidewalks needed in varied transportation and land use settings. Guidance is shown with **Table 5.1** below.

Roadway Classification and Land Use	Sidewalk/Walkway
Rural Highways (< 400 ADT)	Shoulders preferred, with minimum of 0.9 m (3 ft).
Rural Highways (400 to 2,000 ADT)	1.5-m (5-ft) shoulders preferred, minimum of 1.2 m (4 ft) required.
Rural/Suburban Highway (ADT > 2,000 and less than 1 dwelling unit (d.u.) / .4 hectares (ha) [1 d.u. / acre])	Sidewalks or side paths preferred. Minimum of 1.8-m (6-ft) shoulders required.
Suburban Highway (1 to 4 d.u. / .4 ha [1 to 4 d.u. / acre])	Sidewalks on both sides required.
Major Arterial (residential)	Sidewalks on both sides required.
Urban Collector and Minor Arterial (residential)	Sidewalks on both sides required.
Urban Local Street (residential – less than 1 d.u. / .4 ha [1 d.u. / acre])	Sidewalks on both sides preferred. Minimum of 1.5-m (5-ft) shoulders required.
Urban Local Street (residential – 1 to 4 d.u. / .4 ha [1 to 4 d.u. / acre])	Both sides preferred.
Local Street (residential – more than 4 d.u. / .4 ha [4 d.u. / acre])	Sidewalks on both sides required.
All Commercial Urban Streets	Sidewalks on both sides required.
All Streets in Industrial Areas	Sidewalks on both sides preferred. Minimum of 1.5-m (5-ft) shoulders required.

Table 5.1. FHWA Sidewalk Needs by Roadway Type

Any arterial or collector is recommended by the FHWA as needing sidewalks along both sides of urban and suburban streets in Medical Lake. Share-use paths or separated sidewalk are recommended on roads with greater than 2,000 ADT, sidewalks or wide shoulders are supportable on roads with less than 2,000 ADT.

Exhibit 5.1 shows existing sidewalk sections within Medical Lake. As shown, sidewalk is aligned along one or both sides of streets within more newly developed areas, and in districts City officials have made a priority for pedestrian circulation. Older street segments tend to lack sidewalk, the function of historical design standards from a time when sidewalk was not a priority along low volume roads.

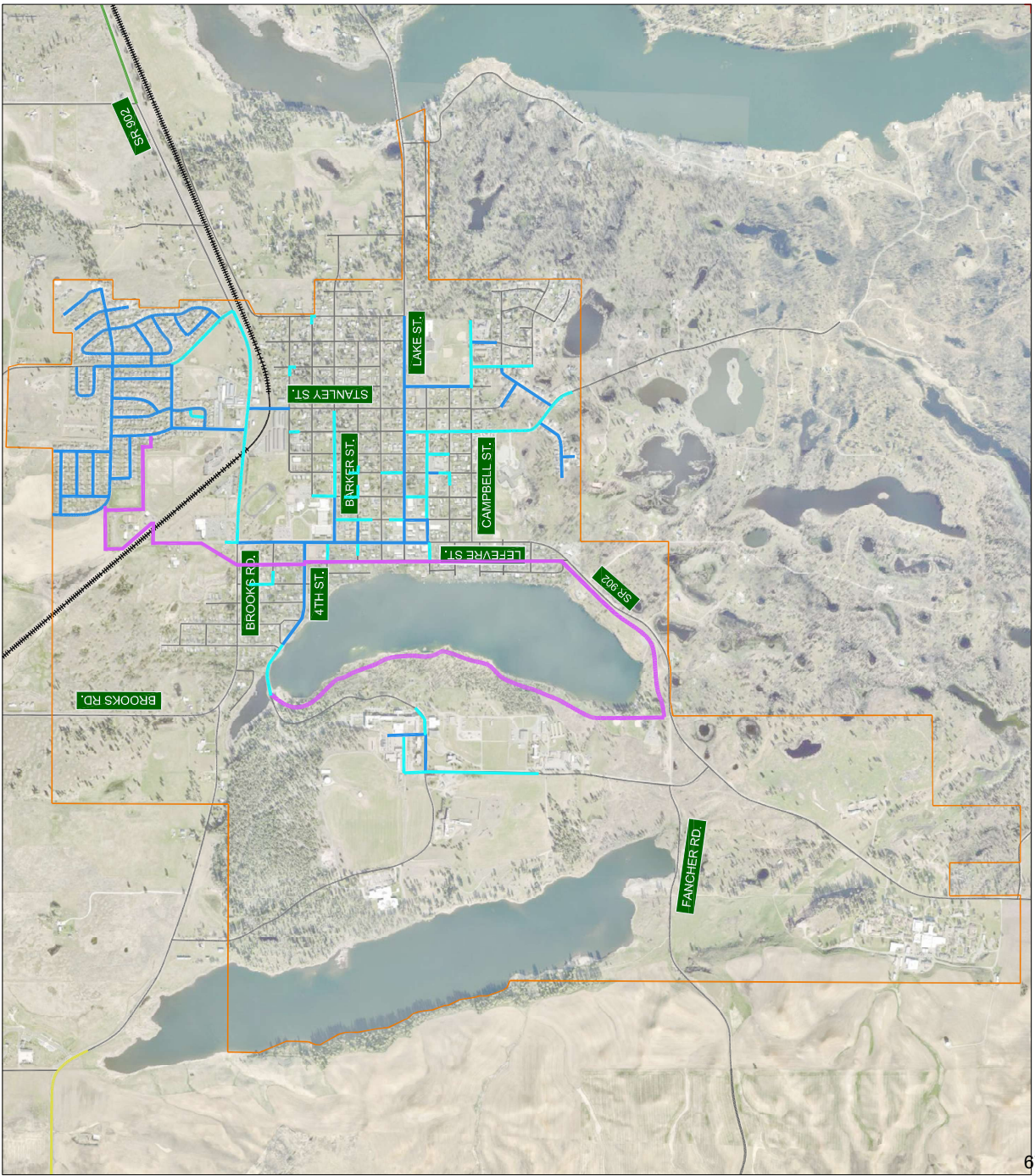
This Transportation Master Plan confirms the need to extend sidewalks or paths along city streets. Planning,

design, and construction should be prioritized for classified streets (arterials and collectors), higher volume local streets, and local streets that provide pedestrian and bike connections to City services like schools, retail, businesses, etc. Also, streets that support travel between functionally classified roads.

The decision between sidewalk or pathways should consider whether the route would also serve cyclists, precipitating the need for a shared use path on at least one side of the road. With this premise, a summary of the streets that should be considered a priority for sidewalks are noted below. This

should be reviewed in coordination with the pathway versus bike lane discussion shown with the following section.

- Arterials
 - Lefevre Street (SR 902),
 - Sidewalk Infill Both Sides, SR 902 to Jefferson St
- Collectors
 - Brooks Road
 - Sidewalk North Side, San Salvador to Lefevre
 - Howard Street
 - Sidewalk both sides, Brooks to 4th Street
 - Jefferson Street
 - Sidewalk infill both Sides, 4th St to Lake
 - Stanley Street South
 - Sidewalk both Sides, Percival to Campbell
 - San Salvador Street
 - No Sidewalk Recommended, Rural Section
 - Barker Street
 - Sidewalk both Sides, Washington to Stanley
 - Lake Street
 - Sidewalk Both Sides, Sherman to Freeman
 - Campbell Street.
 - Sidewalk both sides, Lefevre to Stanley
- Priority Locals and Future Collectors
 - Jefferson Street
 - Sidewalk both sides, Brooks to Lefevre



LEGEND

	CITY URBAN BOUNDARY
	WASHINGTON EASTERN RAIL
	SIDEWALK BOTH SIDES
	SIDEWALK ONE SIDE
	SHARED USE PATHWAY

Exhibit
5.1

EXISTING SIDEWALK FACILITIES



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- o Barker Street
 - Sidewalk south side, Washington to Stanley
 - Sidewalk both sides, Stanley to Sherman
- o Sherman Street/Henderson Street
 - Sidewalk both sides, Lake to SR 902
- o Graham Road
 - Sidewalk west side, Kathy Lee to SR 902

PATHWAYS AND BIKEWAYS

Exhibit 5.2 shows the dedicated bicycle network of Medical Lake. The bike network is comprised of shared use pathways, dedicated bike lanes, and routes where shared interaction of bicycles and vehicles has been assigned.

The success of a pathway system is typically in the number of people observed using the pathways, trails, and bike lanes on a regular basis, and in all seasons. The reasons for this are not only that it links neighborhoods to destinations, but also pathways and bike lanes protect pedestrians and bicycles from moving vehicles.

Research from FHWA confirms that separated paths, either standalone or alongside major roads, are what encourage bicycle activity. **Exhibit 5.3** shows bicyclists affirm a 51 to 56% comfort factor with a shared use path, trail, or side path. The level of comfort of cyclists reduces with proximity to vehicles; buffered bike lanes and typical on-street bike lanes result in a 5 to 9% comfort level. Shared vehicle lanes and shoulder cycling precipitate a 4% to 7% comfort level.

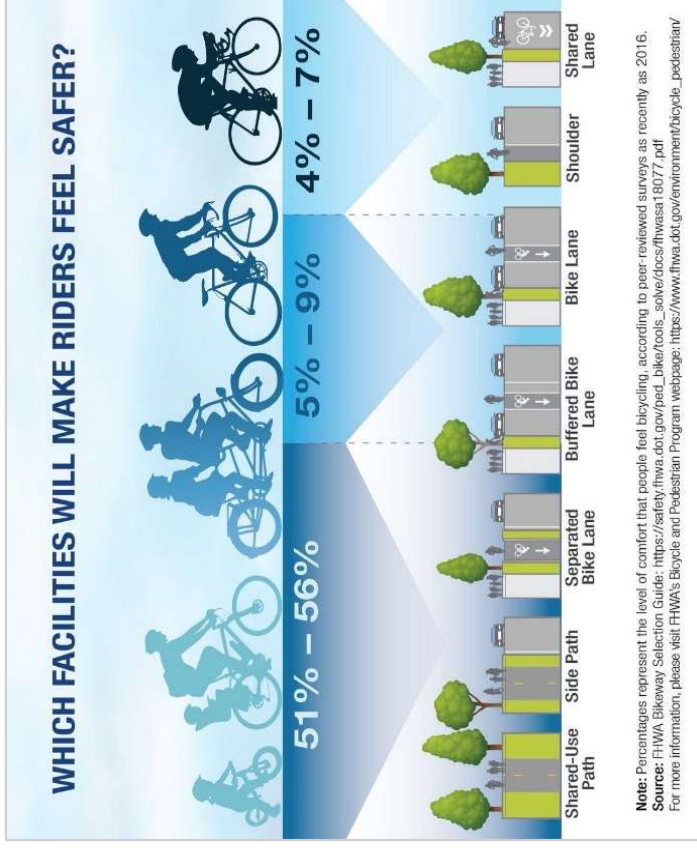
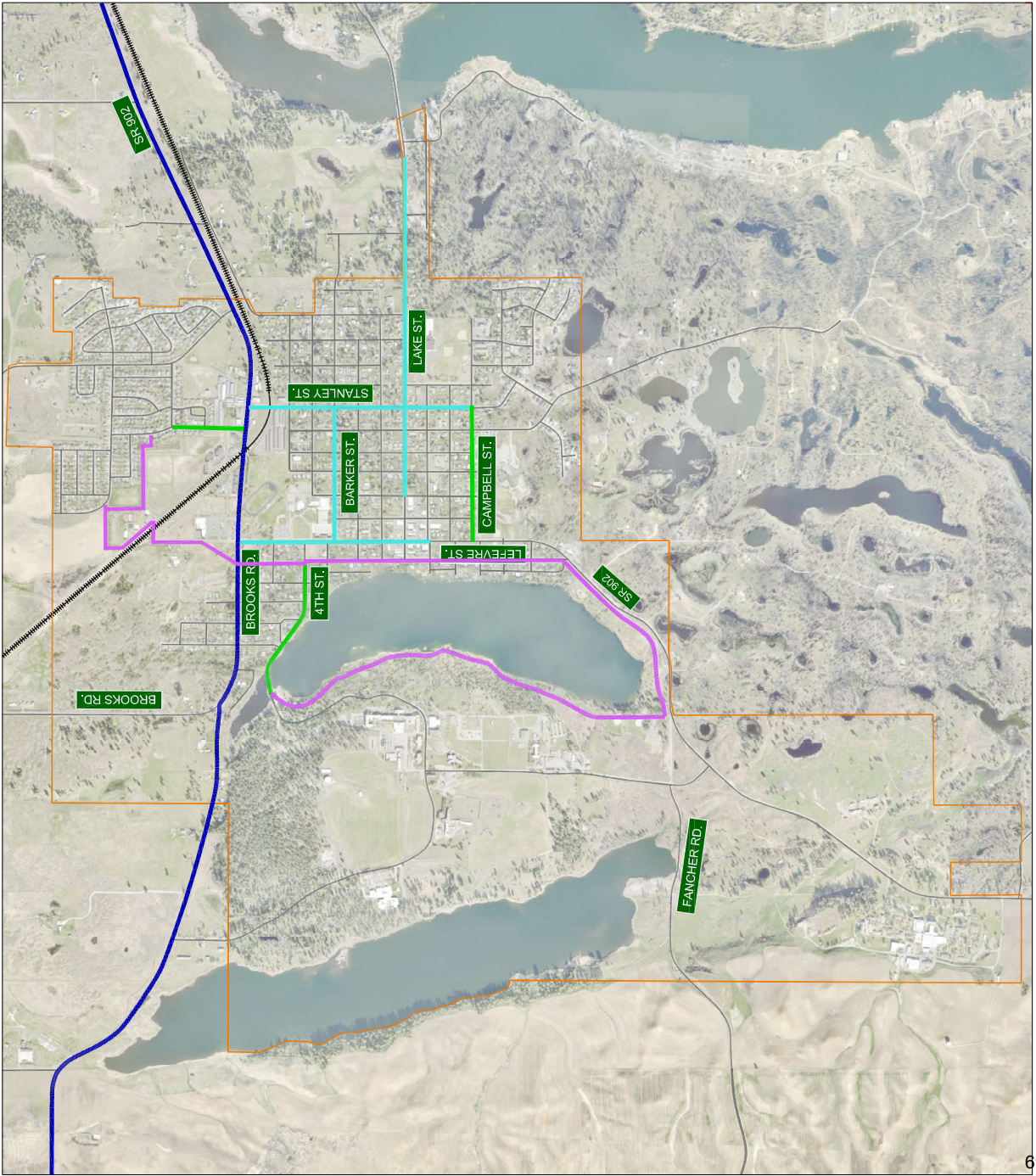


Exhibit 5.2. FHWA Safe Facilities Results

The conclusion is that, while providing bike lanes or shared lanes does encourage some use, the separation of cyclists from traffic using buffered or separated bicycle lanes or pathways is what will optimally encourage bicycling within the community.



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	CITY URBAN BOUNDARY
	WASHINGTON EASTERN RAIL
	SHARED ROADWAY
	BIKE LANES
	BIKE LANE, ONE SIDE
	SHARED USE PATHWAY

Exhibit
5.3

EXISTING BICYCLE FACILITIES

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For this reason, the active element of this Transportation Plan recommends buffered bike lanes or off-street shared-use pathways, trails, and side paths along major routes to link people to their destinations. Buffered bike lanes refer to the use of street parking to separate bikes from moving vehicles. The Bikeway Selection Guide (FHWA, 2019) offers direction on the selection of bicycle facilities when considering volume and speed conditions. **Exhibit 5.4** (next page) for Medical Lake streets. A street with a posted speed limit of 35 mph and higher and/or with traffic volumes of 7,000 or higher should be planned as a separated facility. Per this guidance, SR 902 should be developed with a shared use path, side path, or separated bike lane to address the needs of cyclists.

Bike lanes in streets are supported with speed limits between 25 and 35 mph, and with traffic volumes between 3,000 and 7,000 vehicles per day. However, given the comfort level of cyclists with on-street facilities, attempts should be made to separate or buffer these facilities, as much as possible.

Below thresholds of 3,000 trips per day, a street is a candidate for a shared lane per the matrix below. However, a shared lane is not an optimal solution per the cyclist comfort level discussions provided prior. For streets with reduced volumes, in-street bike lanes would be a more optimal solution compared with in-lane sharing.

Several sidewalk routes noted prior, could be enhanced for bicycle improvements, new or revised facilities provided with or in-lieu of sidewalk.

A summary of bicycle improvement considerations is below. These would be provided as a part of complete street improvements highlighted subsequently.

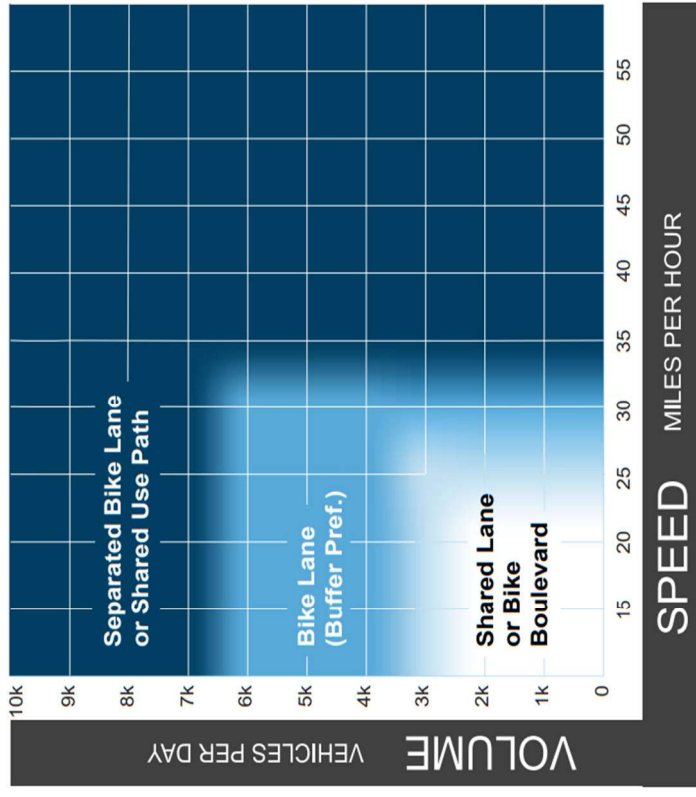


Exhibit 5.4. FHWA Facility Selection Matrix

- Arterials
 - Lefevre Street (SR 902)
 - Bike lanes, Hancock to Jefferson.
 - SR 902
 - Shared-use path south side, Lefevre to Graham.

- Collectors
 - Brooks Road
 - Pathway south side, San Salvador to Lefevre
 - Howard Street
 - Bike lanes, Brooks to 4th Street
 - Jefferson Street
 - Bike lanes (both sides), 4th St to Lake
 - 4th Street,
 - Pathway south side, North Trailhead to Jefferson
 - Barker Street
 - Bike lanes, Stanley to Sherman
 - Lake Street
 - Bike lanes, Sherman to Freeman
 - Campbell Street
 - Bike lanes, Lefevre to Stanley
- Priority Locals and Future Collectors
 - Jefferson Street
 - Bike lanes both sides, Brooks to Lefevre
 - 4th Street
 - Pathway south side, North Trail Head to Jefferson
 - Barker Street
 - Path or Bike Lanes, Stanley to Sherman
 - Sherman Street/Henderson Street
 - Bike lanes or pathway, Lake to SR 902
 - Stanley Street North
 - Bike lanes, Tara Lee to SR 902

- Graham Road
 - Bike lanes or Path, City Limit to SR 902

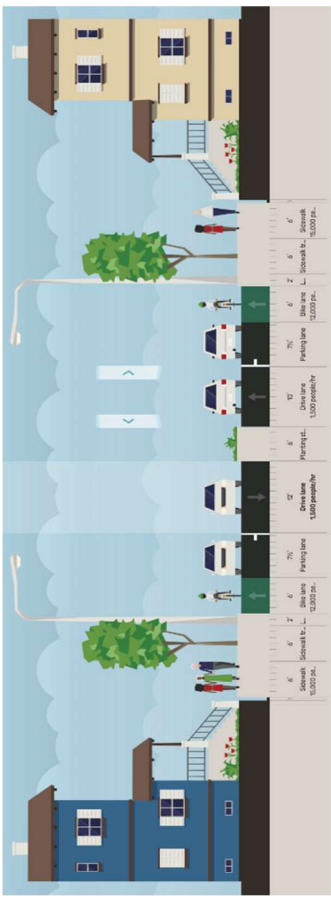


Exhibit 5.5. Sample Complete Street Cross Section w/Parking Lanes as Buffers from Bike Lanes

As indicated, streets in core residential areas, pathways and bike lanes are recommended to include “buffered” areas to protect pedestrians and cyclists. This includes landscaped area projection for sidewalk and pathways, or a parking lane aligned between the bike and vehicle through lanes. From a practical standpoint, the recommendation is a complete street like what the City leaders completed with TIB for Lefevre Street. This recommendation is reinforced in capacity discussions. **Exhibit 5.5** provides an example of a complete street section for highlighted roadways in Medical Lake.

CROSSINGS

There are several crossings throughout the City; the emphasis of this section is on highlighting any improvements that may be needed for junctions between two classified roadways, or a classified roadway with a major local street. Lastly, primary routes to/from Medical Lake schools were examined to determine whether crossing improvements may promote student safety at key intersections.

Potential crossing treatments were reviewed in coordination with A Guide for Improving Pedestrian Safety at Uncontrolled Crossing Locations (FHWA, 2018). This provides guidance on treatment options given variables of speed and daily vehicle volume data. The guidance is shown with **Exhibit 5.6** (right).

To be clear, this is a guide, and this Transportation Master Plan follows FHWA advisements for most intersections. However, there were key locations where enhanced treatments were recommended. As justification, the FHWA guide was based largely on analysis of larger metropolitan areas; areas where drivers and pedestrians are accustomed to wider streets with higher travel demands. The citizens from Medical Lake will have different perceptions of roadway geometry and traffic volumes; criteria should be tempered situationally to be of relevance to this community. This is true especially of the higher volume roads, SR 902 and Lefevre Street.

Roadway Configuration	Posted Speed Limit and AADT								
	Vehicle AADT <9,000			Vehicle AADT 9,000-15,000			Vehicle AADT >15,000		
	≤30 mph	35 mph	≥40 mph	≤30 mph	35 mph	≥40 mph	≤30 mph	35 mph	≥40 mph
2 lanes (1 lane in each direction)	1 2 4 5 6	1 5 6 7 9	1 5 6 7 9	1 4 5 6 7 9	1 5 6 7 9	1 5 6 7 9	1 4 5 6 7 9	1 5 6 7 9	1 5 6 7 9
3 lanes with raised median (1 lane in each direction)	1 2 3 4 5	1 3 5 7 9	1 3 5 7 9	1 3 4 5 7 9	1 3 5 7 9	1 3 5 7 9	1 3 4 5 7 9	1 3 5 7 9	1 3 5 7 9
3 lanes w/o raised median (1 lane in each direction with a two-way left-turn lane)	1 2 3 4 5 6 7 9	1 3 5 6 7 9	1 3 5 6 7 9	1 3 4 5 6 7 9	1 3 5 6 7 9	1 3 5 6 7 9	1 3 4 5 6 7 9	1 3 5 6 7 9	1 3 5 6 7 9
4+ lanes with raised median (2 or more lanes in each direction)	1 3 5 7 8 9	1 3 5 7 8 9	1 3 5 7 8 9	1 3 4 5 7 9	1 3 5 7 9	1 3 5 7 9	1 3 4 5 7 9	1 3 5 7 9	1 3 5 7 9
4+ lanes w/o raised median (2 or more lanes in each direction)	1 3 5 6 7 8 9	1 3 5 6 7 8 9	1 3 5 6 7 8 9	1 3 4 5 6 7 9	1 3 5 6 7 9	1 3 5 6 7 9	1 3 4 5 6 7 9	1 3 5 6 7 9	1 3 5 6 7 9

Given the set of conditions in a cell,
 # Signifies that the countermeasure is a candidate treatment at a marked uncontrolled crossing location.
 ● Signifies that the countermeasure should always be considered, but not mandated or required, based upon engineering judgment at a marked uncontrolled crossing location.
 ○ Signifies that crosswalk visibility enhancements should always occur in conjunction with other identified countermeasures.*
 The absence of a number signifies that the countermeasure is generally not an appropriate treatment, but exceptions may be considered following engineering judgment.

1 High-visibility crosswalk markings, parking restrictions on crosswalk approach, adequate nighttime lighting levels, and crossing warning signs
 2 Raised crosswalk
 3 Advance Yield Here To (Stop Here For) Pedestrians sign and yield (stop) line
 4 In-Street Pedestrian Crossing sign
 5 Curb extension
 6 Pedestrian refuge island
 7 Rectangular Rapid-Flashing Beacon (RRFB)**
 8 Road Diet
 9 Pedestrian Hybrid Beacon (PHB)**

Exhibit 5.6. FHWA Crossing Treatment Matrix

Based on the preamble, a summary of the recommended treatments for key intersections is summarized as follows:

- Install or update with high visibility markings, install lighting, and provide advanced signs:
- Brooks Road / San Salvador Street
- Barker Street / Lefevre Street

- Howard Street / Brooks Road
- Howard Street / 4th Street
- Jefferson Street / 4th Street
- Lefevre Street / 4th Street
- Lefevre Street / Barker Street
- Stanley Street / Barker Street
- Sherman Street / Barker Street
- Jefferson Street / Lake Street
- Lefevre Street / Lake Street
- Sherman Street / Lake Street
- Lefevre Street / Campbell Street
- Stanley Street / Campbell Street

Install or update with high visibility markings, install lighting, provide advanced signs, and install pedestrian-actuated rapid rectangular flashing beacon (RRFB):

- Lefevre Street / Brooks Road / SR 902
- Stanley Street South / SR 902
- Stanley Street South / Lake Street

The last three intersections noted above are also candidates for intersection improvements, as described with the future condition's discussion. The installation of RRFBs would occur as an interim improvement until the City determines elevated intersection improvements are required.

5.2 CITY TRANSIT

Spokane Transit Authority (STA) operates the Medical Lake public bus system. Route 62 “Medical Lake” operates on an hourly rotation during weekdays between 5:30 AM and 11:30 PM. The route also operates hourly from 6:00 AM and 11:00 PM on Saturdays, and hourly on Sundays between 7:00 AM and 8:30 PM.

The Annual Route and Passenger Facilities Performance Report - 2024 Data (STA, 2024)* provides metrics regarding use of STA in Medical Lake. Key metrics are as follows:





- Route 61: Highway 2/Fairchild
- Annual Ridership – 47,062 passengers
 - Average Weekday Ridership – 147.2 passengers
 - Peak Boardings - 3 PM, 19 passengers
 - Peak Location, Medical Lake Center (54 in/out)

STA provides paratransit service comparable to fixed-route service. Origins and destinations must be in a three-quarter mile radius of a fixed route. This means many areas of the City are served by paratransit.

The route operates between Medical Lake and the West Plains Transit Center, where connections to Airway Heights, Cheney, Spokane, and other areas of Spokane County can be achieved. A route map is shown with **Exhibit 5.7**, highlighting notable stops.



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	CITY URBAN BOUNDARY
	WASHINGTON EASTERN RAIL
	STA ROUTE 62 STOP
	STA ROUTE 62

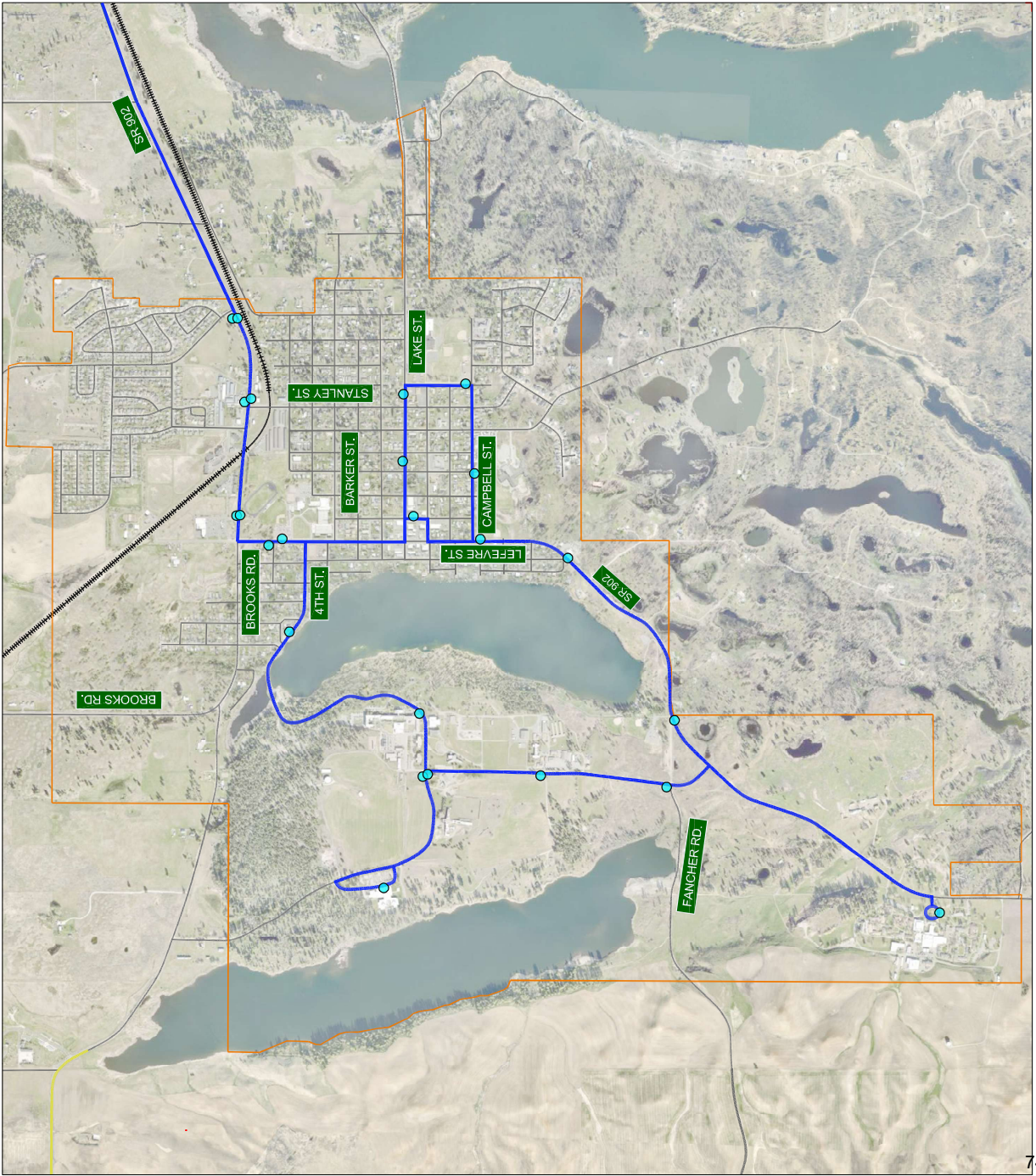


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STA BUS SERVICE AND STOPS

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RECOMMENDATIONS

STA services are provided in response to ridership demands, as determined by leadership. City of Medical Lake leaders can make route addition or change requests of the agency, but the decision is up to STA.

With that said, in line with multimodal goals of Medical Lake, City leaders can encourage STA ridership. The provision of facilities that help augment the access and convenience of public bus stops is a large factor. For instance, the extension of sidewalk, paths, and bike lanes is a key strategy. Additional ideas include, but are not limited to, the following actions:

- ◆ Amenities such as bike racks and shelters,
- ◆ Improving the lighting around the facilities,
- ◆ Improving the visibility of transit stops,
- ◆ Adding security cameras/surveillance systems,
- ◆ Education and promotion (benefits of transit),
- ◆ Preferred vehicle parking at stops, and
- ◆ Discounted passed or service subsidies.

Many solutions above require capital investment by the City to affect multimodal changes. For that reason, they are identified as long-term solutions with the proposed City TIP presented with Chapter 6.0.

Transportation Orientated Development

Transit-oriented developments (TODs) are a transportation demand management strategy that could be considered

by City leaders for Medical Lake. A TOD is a land use area, supported by policy, which maximizes the use of property in suburban or urban environment to promote walking, biking, and transit activities. Employment, recreation, and residential land uses are promoted in a focused area, which also has clear/direct access to Spokane Transit. A TOD reduces reliance on single occupancy vehicles, promoting healthy lifestyles, as active mobility can occur between land uses. Also, transit ridership increases as occupants can more easily access buses with commutes to/from the region.

STA leaders are working to initiate the first TOD developments along key corridors, like Division Street and Sprague Avenue within Spokane and Spokane Valley, respectively. However, there is opportunity to advance to a TOD center in Medical Lake. This has strong synergies with the multimodal vision of City leaders and offers many benefits for the community.

The benefits of a TOD center for the City of Medical Lake:

- ◆ Mobility and Access.
 - A range of travel choices are promoted beyond personal vehicles, including transit, walking, biking, and often micro-mobility.
 - Service, employment, and residential centers are within convenient/near walking, biking, and transit proximities, diminishing reliance on personal autos.
 - To that end, a TOD can reduce/eliminate need for an automobile.

- The TOD can reduce travel demand, as measured in diminished vehicle miles of travel (VMT).
- ◆ Land Use and Economics.
 - Private development can be stimulated, helping to promote works centers and access to service and retail services.
 - Apartments and townhomes are normally a key feature of a TOD, providing diverse and affordable housing options.
 - Costs for auto fuel and maintenance are eased, allowing citizens economic benefit.
 - Reduces road preservation costs for agencies due to reduction of vehicle friction.
- ◆ Sociability and Quality of Life.
 - Walking, biking, and micro-mobility are important accessibility features of a TOD, promoting health.
 - Harmful vehicle emissions are reduced, improving and reducing environmental impact.
 - Social interactions are improved, on transit and within service and retail hubs of TOD's.
 - Aesthetics like street art, landscaping, decorative lights, and parks are often developed within TOD's, augmenting appeal and a sense of community.
 - Historical or cultural centers can be a focal point of the TOD, enhancing community pride.

- Enhancing pride in one's community can increase cooperation and stewardship.

The TOD should be considered as a multimodal strategy for Medical Lake. As noted, this travel demand management strategy will help promote land use, economic, and quality of life benefits, as well as positive mobility and environmental outcomes.

Given STA Route 62 covers many areas within Medical Lake, there are several options the City can consider for a TOD. The downtown area and Harvest Food areas are two examples of deployment areas, though more examples do exist.

5.3 MEDICAL LAKE SCHOOL DISTRICT

Medical Lake school district has two elementary schools, a middle school, and a high school that services a geographic area extending from just north of U.S. Highway 2 to the north, I-90 to the south, Pine Street and Maple Street to the west, and Craig Road to the east. The District serves the City, areas of Spokane County, and Fairchild Air Force Base.

The District provides bus services to students located outside of an approximate mile circumference of the schools. There are three schools located in City limits, an elementary school located in and servicing Fairchild. **Exhibit 5.8** (next page) shows the limits of the school district.

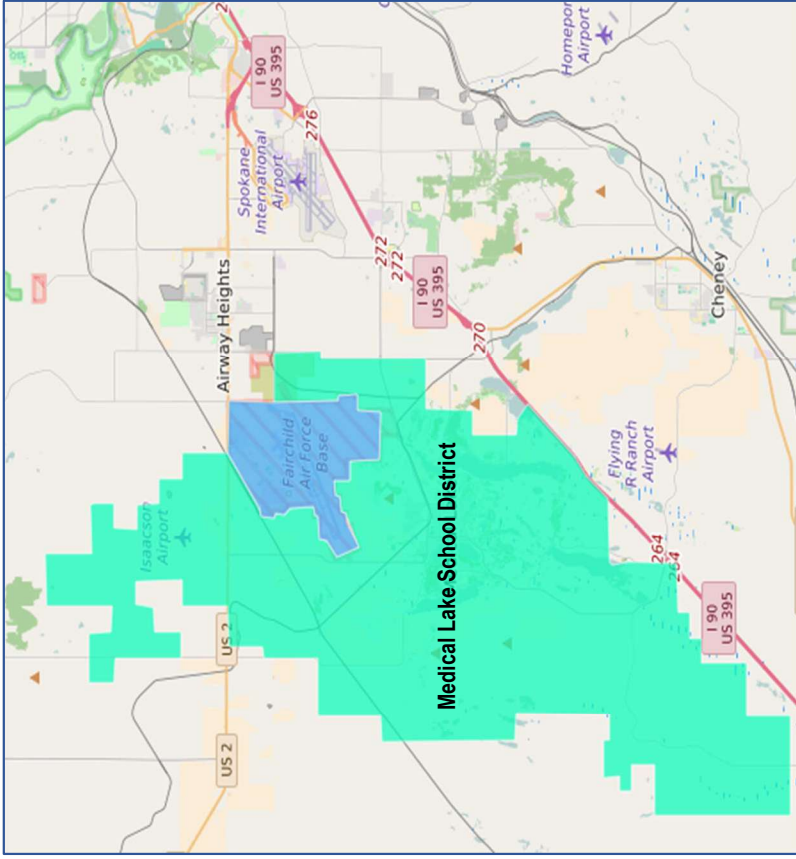


Exhibit 5.8. Medical Lake School District (Green)
 (Source: Zipdatamaps.com)

Lighting and visibility improvements may be considered for areas that may support the recurrent pickup and drop of students. However, many areas are outside of City control given they are in Spokane County or Fairchild Air Force Base authority. The City can coordinate with MLSD leadership and

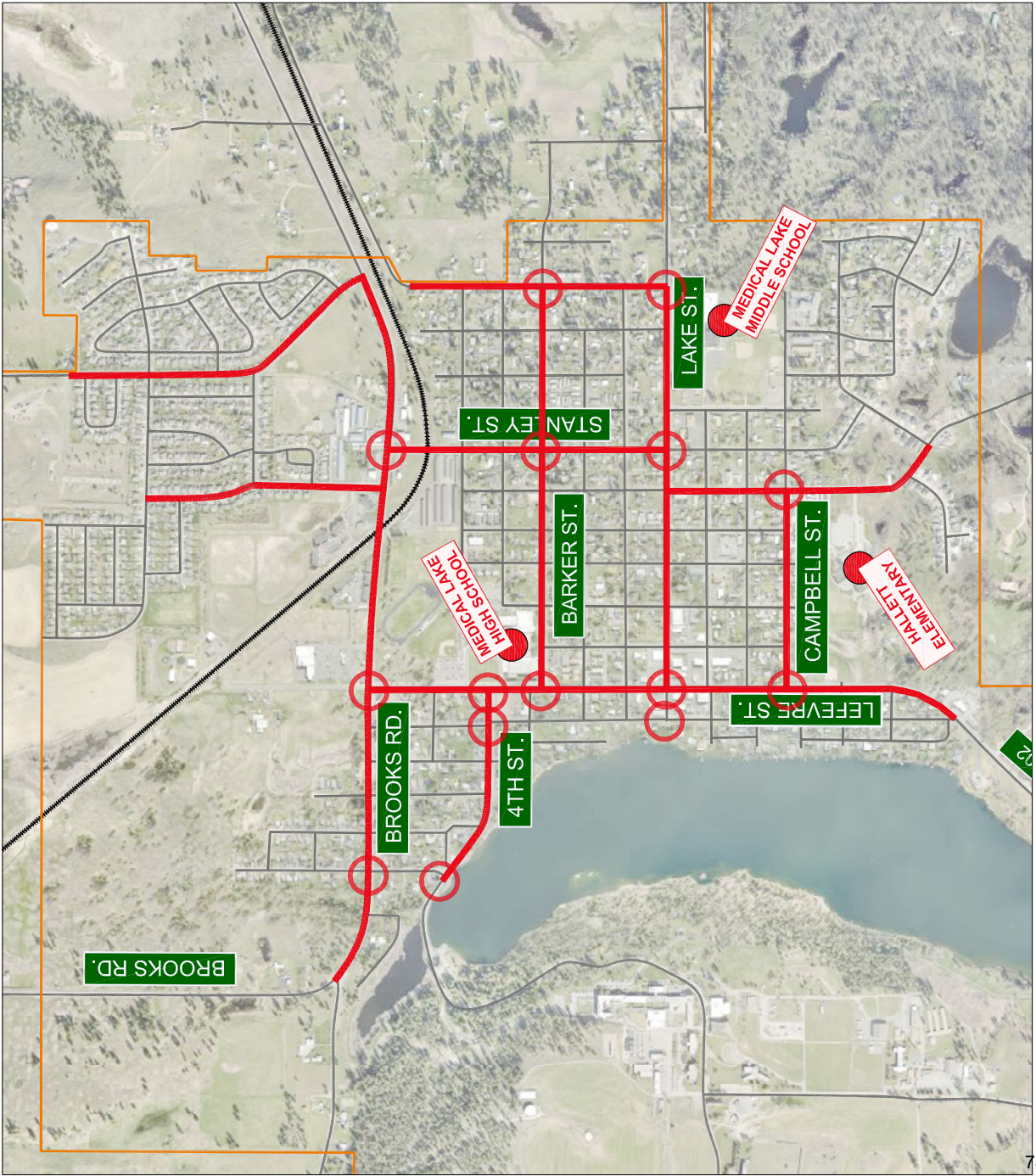
affected agencies for changes, strategies, or improvements outside of Medical Lake.

However, as indicated prior, there are students that walk to school within Medical Lake. There is a lack of sidewalk and bicycle accommodation along many routes for walking and bicycling students.

A Safe Routes to Schools analysis was provided to help confirm routes, many of them noted prior, for priority implementation of active mobility and safety improvements. The criteria for these routes were:

- The route has application for serving a large residential area of Medical Lake.
- The route provides duplication in supporting active movements for all citizens in Medical Lake (broader investment implications).
- The route captures students for up to an approaching mile of schools, this captures most routes in the City.

The results of this review are shown with **Exhibit 5.9**. This map shows roadways and intersections of emphasis for the safe mobility of students between schools and neighborhoods. There is much duplication in this and prior multimodal analyses, this affirms the investments can be made to serve complete purposes for the community.



LEGEND

	CITY URBAN BOUNDARY
	WASHINGTON EASTERN RAIL
	SCHOOL LOCATION
	SAFE SCHOOLS ROUTE
	SAFE SCHOOLS CROSSING

Exhibit
5.9

SAFE ROUTE ROADS AND INTERSECTIONS

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CHAPTER 6

TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM



Chapter 6

Chapter 6 summarizes the improvements recommended for the Transportation Master Plan. Short-term strategies and projects would be included in the 6-Year City Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). Long-Term projects would be those moved into the TIP for implementation over time. All of these projects could be included in the Capital Improvement Element of the Medical Lake Comprehensive Plan, which is currently being updated.

6.1 TIP COST ESTIMATES

Planning level construction costs were developed to support the development of the TIP. Costs are provided to help City officials plan for, secure, and allocate capital for right-of-way acquisition, design, and construction. Unit pricing was based on the recent bid estimates of projects in the region; the City of Spokane and the City of Airway Heights were primary examples used in material costs. The bid forms from agencies are typically downloadable from websites, or as available from past project work.

Materials include the cost of construction. Markups were applied to material costs for Washington taxes (9%); traffic control (3%); mobilization (7%); survey, design, permitting, bid documents, and administration (15%); construction survey and construction engineering (16%). This calculates to a 50% total markup on material/construction costs.

Short Term: Lake Street / Stanley Street

Option 1. Cross traffic (MUTCD W2-1) and street name (W16-8P) signs on Lake Street in advance of Stanley Street, two breakaway signs with poles and bases.

Material & Construction \$1,800
Project Markups \$900

Option 1. Project Estimate **\$2,700**

Option 2. Stop signs (MUTCD R1-1) to convert to an all-way stop. Advanced “stop ahead” signs (MUTCD W3-1) used to notify approaching drivers of the all-way stop.

Material & Construction \$3,760
Project Markups \$1,885

Option 2. Project Estimate **\$5,645**

Option 3. Solar-powered stop signs (MUTCD R1-1) to convert to an all-way stop. Advanced “stop ahead” signs (MUTCD W3-1) used to notify approaching drivers of the all-way stop.

Material & Construction \$16,585
Project Markups \$8,300

Option 3. Project Estimate **\$24,885**

Short Term: SR 902 & Stanley Street North

Option 1. Reflective markers on a 1-foot interval for length of right-turn lane line (150-feet), improving lane visibility.

Material & Construction \$2,250
Project Markups \$1,135

Option 1. Project Estimate **\$3,385**

Option 2. Driveway pushed 15 feet west, width reduced by 5-feet, and terminus pushed east 10-feet, prior to ADA ramp. This allows taper length to increase from 30 to 60 feet.

Material & Construction	\$87,380
<u>Project Markups</u>	<u>\$43,650</u>

Option 2: Project Estimate **\$131,030**

Short Term: SR 902 & Lefevre Street

Option 1: Stop signs (MUTCD R1-1) to convert to an all-way stop. Advanced “stop ahead” signs (MUTCD W3-1) used to notify approaching drivers of the all-way stop.

Material & Construction	\$3,315
<u>Project Markups</u>	<u>\$1,565</u>

Option 1. Project Estimate **\$4,700**

Option 2. Solar-powered stop signs (MUTCD R1-1) to convert to an all-way stop. Advanced “stop ahead” signs (MUTCD W3-1) used to notify approaching drivers of the all-way stop.

Material & Construction	\$16,585
<u>Project Markups</u>	<u>\$5,640</u>

Option 2. Project Estimate **\$22,225**

Short Term: Roadway Public Works Design Standards

Develop Public Works standards that provide guidance on the design of multimodal streets within Medical Lake.

Option 1. Project Estimate **\$10,000**

Short Term: Intersection Crossing Improvements

Section 5.1 recommends the improvement of 14 crossings in Medical Lake with high visibility markings, lighting, and signs.

In addition, three intersections were recommended with an RRFB set in addition to these measures. The City does not have the capital to provide all improvements at once unless a safety grant is obtained. As such, installation of 5-basic and 1-RRFB crossing is assumed every 6-years to address identified locations, 18-years needed to address all intersections.

The assumption for a basic location is two sets of signs assumed for main-line: two pedestrian crossing (W11-2) with diagonal arrow (W-16-7PL/R) signs. In addition, there would be two sets of signs with the pedestrian crossing (W11-2) and ahead signs (W16-P). All signs would have breakaway posts. Continental striping would be used on all approaches (4-crossings), and a streetlight is assumed for one corner with a candle strong enough to light the entire intersection.

Assumptions are the same at enhanced locations, just with the addition of an RRFB set to face traffic on the major street.

Material & Construction	\$17,110
<u>Project Markups</u>	<u>\$8,560</u>

Base Crossing Project Estimate **\$25,670**

Material & Construction	\$76,760
<u>Project Markups</u>	<u>\$38,385</u>

Base Crossing Project Estimate **\$115,145**

Short Term: SR 902 Complete Street, Lefevre to Graham

Widening includes the addition of a center lane with curb, gutter, and separated pathway south side (sidewalk, cu. The assumption adds 12-feet of pavement widening south from

the existing, southerly lane line. A 1.5-foot curb and gutter section would be provided, then a 6-foot separation to a 10-foot shared-use pathway extending 3,600-feet from Lefevre Street to Graham Road. Note there are cross-section widths that are moderately below typical WSDOT and AASHTO recommendations. This is to avoid the foundations of transmission power line poles located about 33-feet south of the southerly lane line.

Per County GIS, right-of-way is available to support widening. However, there is a BNSF rail line crossing of SR 902 about 300-feet west of North Stanley Street. The provision of a path on the south side of SR 902 would promote need for crossings. Long term, these would occur with roundabouts at Lefevre, Stanley Street, and Graham. In the interim, RRFB's could be deployed with advanced crossings notification signs.

Material & Construction	\$3,198,915
<u>Project Markups</u>	<u>\$1,599,415</u>
Project Estimate	\$4,798,330

Short Term: Lefevre Complete Street, Hancock to Jefferson

Per County GIS, there is an approximate 73-foot right-of-way from Hancock Street to California Street, narrowing to 63-feet for the remainder of the corridor to Jefferson Street. To minimize the need for property acquisition, a 73-foot cross section was used for to 1,550-feet starting at Hancock Street and then 63-feet for the remainder to Jefferson Street, about 650-feet. The difference between the two cross sections is the provision of parking lanes on both sides of the street.

The Hancock Street to California Street section includes 12-foot through lanes, and 8-foot parking lanes which protect 5-foot bike lanes. The project assumes widening from outside lane lines, no reconstruction. There would be 1.5-foot curb and gutter sections, the gutter pan providing an additional foot to the bike lanes on each side of the street. Lastly, 10-foot sidewalk would be aligned on each side of the road. Again, the 8-foot parking lanes would drop from California Street to Jefferson Street. Yet, bicycle protection is needed, so the parking lanes would narrow to a hatched 3-foot buffer area to separate through lanes from vehicle lanes.

A bicycle crossing would be located at Jefferson Street so path users located on the west side of Lefevre Street, south of this intersection, could access the northbound bike lane.

Material & Construction	\$2,544,805
<u>Project Markups</u>	<u>\$1,272,420</u>
Project Estimate	\$3,817,225

6.2 MEDICAL LAKE TIP

The 6-Year City of Medical Lake Transportation Improvement Program recommended for Medical Lake is summarized by following **Table 6.1**. Shown is the recommended project with a brief description, the action, and the project construction cost estimate. Where improvement options were presented, the least expensive project was selected for initial installation. In addition, the complete street projects were identified with phases given the time it takes to advance large projects.

Table 6.1. Medical Lake 6-Year TIP

Target Year and Project	Project Type	Project Cost
Year 2026		
Lake / Stanley: Install Cross-Traffic Signs	Design & Construction	\$2,700
SR 902 / Stanley N.: Install Reflective Markers	Design & Construction	\$3,385
SR 902 / Lefevre: Convert to All-Way Stop	Design & Construction	\$4,700
Basic Crossing Installation	Design & Construction	\$25,670
Year 2026 TIP Total		\$36,455
Year 2027		
Roadway Public Works Design Standards	Planning	\$10,000
SR 902 Complete Street; Multimodal Street	Planning & TIB Grant	\$32,000
RRFB Crossing Installation	Design & Construction	\$115,145
Year 2027 TIP Total		\$157,145
Year 2028		
SR 902 Complete Street; Multimodal Street	Design, Permits, & Plans	\$447,850
Basic Crossing Installation	Design & Construction	\$25,670
Year 2028 TIP Total		\$473,520
Year 2029		
SR 902 Complete Street; Multimodal Street	Construction	\$4,318,490
Lefevre Complete Street; Multimodal Street	Planning & TIB Grant	\$25,445
Basic Crossing Installation	Design & Construction	\$25,670
Year 2029 TIP Total		\$4,369,605
Year 2030		
Lefevre Complete Street; Multimodal Street	Design, Permits, & Plans	\$356,275
Basic Crossing Installation	Design & Construction	\$25,670
Year 2030 TIP Total		\$381,945
Year 2031		
Lefevre Complete Street; Multimodal Street	Construction	\$3,435,505
Basic Crossing Installation	Design & Construction	\$25,670
Year 2031 TIP Total		\$3,461,175

6.3 LONG-RANGE PROJECTS

Again, the strategy presented by this Transportation Master Plan is to advance multimodal facilities through the provision of widening with active facilities and/or complete street upgrades for City arterials, collectors, and major local streets. Improvements were identified for several streets in Medical Lake. A loose priority is inferred in Section 4.3. These projects would include some variation of sidewalk, buffered bike lanes, shared-use paths, parking, lighting, crossing, widening, and/or sign improvements.

Construction costs do change with time, as do the priorities of agencies and funding agents. As such, the detailed cost of long-range projects were not estimated for this Plan. However, some level of understanding is needed for to help with City planning functions. Thus, a range of project costs were developed based on the costs estimated from the TIP; the SR 902 and Lefevre Street projects. The result is a planning, design, and construction cost estimate range of \$1,300 to \$1,700 per linear road foot; \$7,000,000 to \$9,000,000 per mile. This does align with FHWA's year 2020 "Status of the Nation's Highways, Bridges, and Transit", which provides urban lane-mile costs for roads (planning level costs), when factoring in inflation (<https://www.fhwa.dot.gov/policy/23cpr/>).

These ranges were then applied to the priorities from Section 4.3 to give cost ranges to the City, for planning functions. For instance, a complete street has been recommended as a

priority for Lake Street, Sherman Street to Freeman Drive. This is measured at a horizontal distance of about 2,650-feet per Google Earth. Thus, a cost range of \$3.445 to \$4.505 million would be estimated for the project.

Again, this is just a tool provided as a resource for planning purposes until the next TIP update is provided, with refined construction costs provided by the City Engineer. All of the road improvements planning costs suggested below include a degree of widening with active mobility improvements.

The priority improvements for functionally classified roadways with cost ranges are as follows, these would be targeted for construction by year 2050 following TIP project construction:

- ◆ Lake Street, Sherman to Freeman (2,650 ft)
Cost Range: \$3.445 to \$4.505 million
- ◆ Jefferson Street, W 4th St to Lake (1,450 ft)
Cost Range: \$1.885 to \$2.465 million
- ◆ W. 4th Street, North Trailhead to Jefferson (2,120 ft)
Cost Range: \$2.756 to \$3.604 million
- ◆ Howard Street, Brooks to W. 4th St (610 ft)
Cost Range: \$0.793 to \$1.037 million
- ◆ Brooks Road, San Salvador to Lefevre (2,520 ft)
Cost Range: \$3.276 to \$4.284 million
- ◆ Stanley Street, Percival to Campbell (2,780 ft)
Cost Range: \$3.614 to \$4.726 million
- ◆ Barker Street, Lefevre to Stanley (2,000 ft)
Cost Range: \$2.600 to \$3.400 million

- ◆ Campbell Street, Lefevre to Stanley (2,000 ft)
Cost Range: \$2.600 to \$3.400 million

To be clear, these are the priority projects for the City over the next 25 years. They do not address all City multimodal needs; just those important to commutes and safety. The assumption is this plan would be updated in 5 to 10-years, the TIP and long-range list would be updated with revised project priorities provided with time.

There were local streets identified for improvements, some as a function of proposed functional class upgrades noted subsequently. These are widening with active improvement or complete street projects developed following 25-year projects, summarized below with preliminary project costs.

- Jefferson Street, Brooks to Lefevre (3,370 feet)
Cost Range: \$4.381 to \$5.729 million
- Barker Street, Stanley to Sherman (1,360 feet)
Cost Range: \$1.768 to \$2.312 million
- Sherman/Henderson, SR 902 to Lake (3,965 feet)
Cost Range: \$5.155 to \$6.741 million
- Stanley Street North, Tara Lee to SR 902 (2,000 ft)
Cost Range: \$2.600 to \$3.400 million
- Graham Road, City Limits to SR 902 (3,685 feet)
Cost Range: \$4.791 to \$6.265 million

Roundabout Intersections

Similarly, planning level construction cost estimates were also provided for roundabouts proposed at SR 902 with Lefevre

Street, South Stanley Street, and Graham Road; and for Stanley Street and Lake Street. Again, as this is a long-range review, a detailed cost estimate was developed for a typical single-lane roundabout for the City.

The design for this roundabout was modeled after Wellesley and A Street in the City of Spokane. This roundabout has an inscribed diameter of 125-feet, which is sufficient for school buses, city buses, and WB-50 trucks. A mountable center island is provided to accommodate WB-67 vehicles. Wider sidewalk was assumed in the roundabout for pedestrian and bike activities, with typical sidewalk in the approach. Bike lanes lead to transitions at the edges of the roundabout to the wide sidewalk. Landscaped buffers would be provided.

The footprint was assessed at locations mentioned, minor rights-of-way may be needed for intersection corners, which has been factored into costs. The roundabout assumes spitter islands with refuge. A resulting total cost estimate of **\$2 million** can be assumed per each of the SR 902 roundabouts. Scaling down, an estimate of **\$1.6 million** can be assumed for Stanley Street / Lake Street.

Exhibit 6.1 shows the type of roundabout that would be envisioned for these intersections, Wellesley Avenue and A Street in Spokane.

These are street projects that assume the road and sidewalk improvements discussed prior. Also highlighted are the



Exhibit 6.1. Wellesley Avenue & A Street Roundabout

bicycle recommendations emphasized for complete streets and intersections targeted for enhancement.

Improvement maps were created to help show the limits of the road and intersection projects discussed for the TIP and long-range plans. **Exhibit 6.2** shows 6-year improvements. **Exhibit 6.3** shows short-term improvements targeted for 6 to 20 years. Finally, **Exhibit 6.4** shows the longer-term projects anticipated for development after 20-years, as well as general alignments for UGA area (discussed Section 6.5).



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	6 YR IMPROVEMENTS
	6 YR INTERSECTION PROJECT

Summary of Proposed Improvements:

1. Lake/Stanley: Install Cross-Traffic Signs
2. SR 902/Stanley North: Install Reflective Markers
3. SR 902/Lefevre: Convert to All-Way Stop
4. High Visibility Crossing Improvements/Upgrades
5. RRFB Crossing Improvement w/Signs and Stripes
6. SR 902 Complete Street; Widening, Curb, Gutter, and Path
7. Lefevre Complete Street; Curb, Gutter, Sidewalk, and Direction Bike Lanes

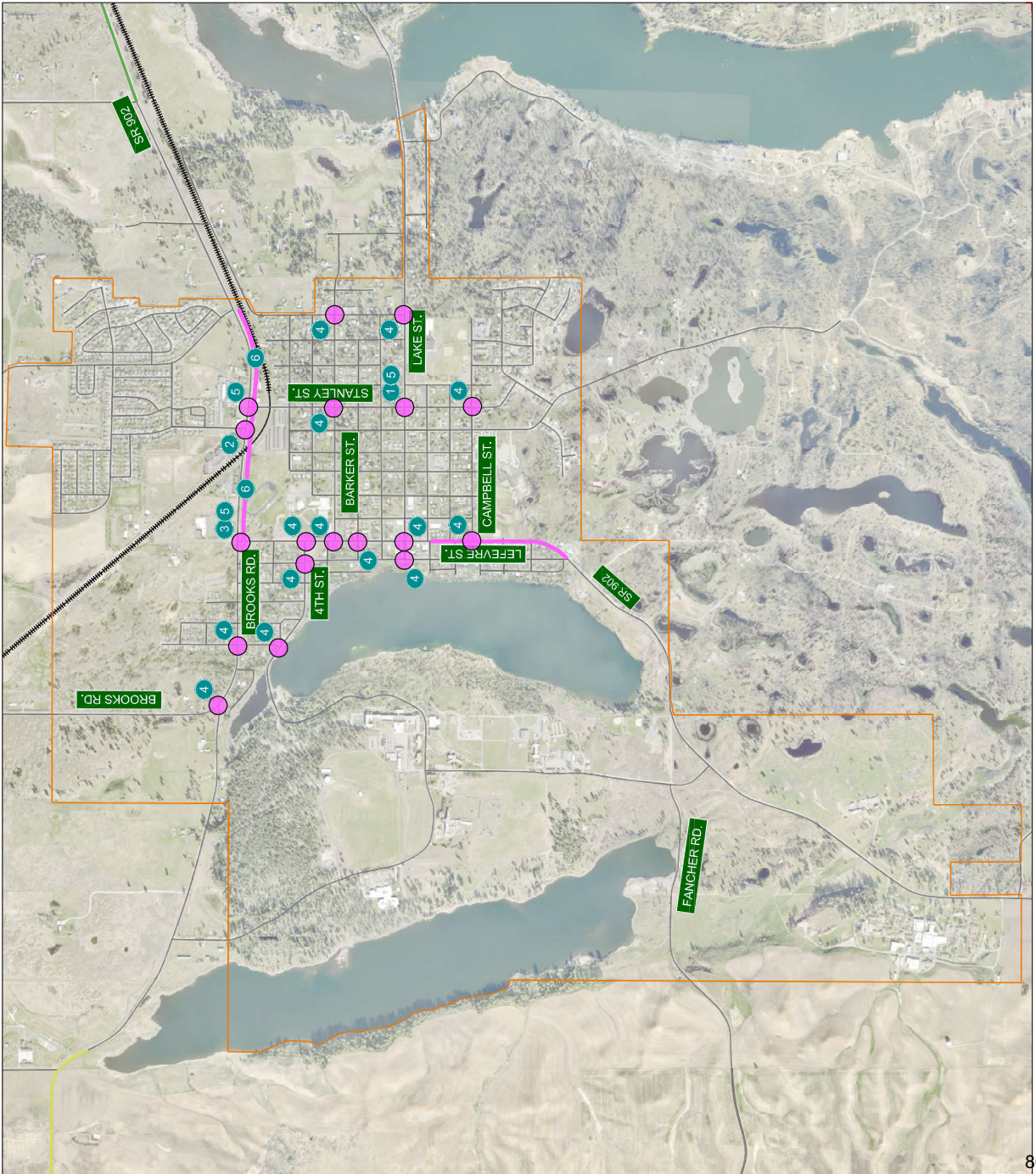


Exhibit
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**PROPOSED IMPROVEMENTS
SHORT-TERM, 6-YEAR**

**CITY OF MEDICAL LAKE
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MEDICAL LAKE, WASHINGTON**

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LEGEND

	6 - 20 YEAR ROAD PROJECTS
	6 - 20 YR INTERSECTION PROJ

Summary of Proposed Improvements:

8. Lake St, Sidewalk and Bike Lanes, Sherman to Freeman
9. Jefferson, Sidewalk and Bike Lane (Both), 4th St to Lake St
10. 4th St, Pathway South Side, North Trail Head to Jefferson
11. Howard, Sidewalk and Bike Lanes, Brooks to 4th St
12. Brooks, Sidewalk and Pathway, San Salvador to Lefevre
13. Stanley, Sidewalk, Percival to Campbell
14. Barker St, Sidewalk and Bike Lanes, Lefevre to Stanley
15. Campbell St, Sidewalk and Bike Lanes, Lefevre to Stanley

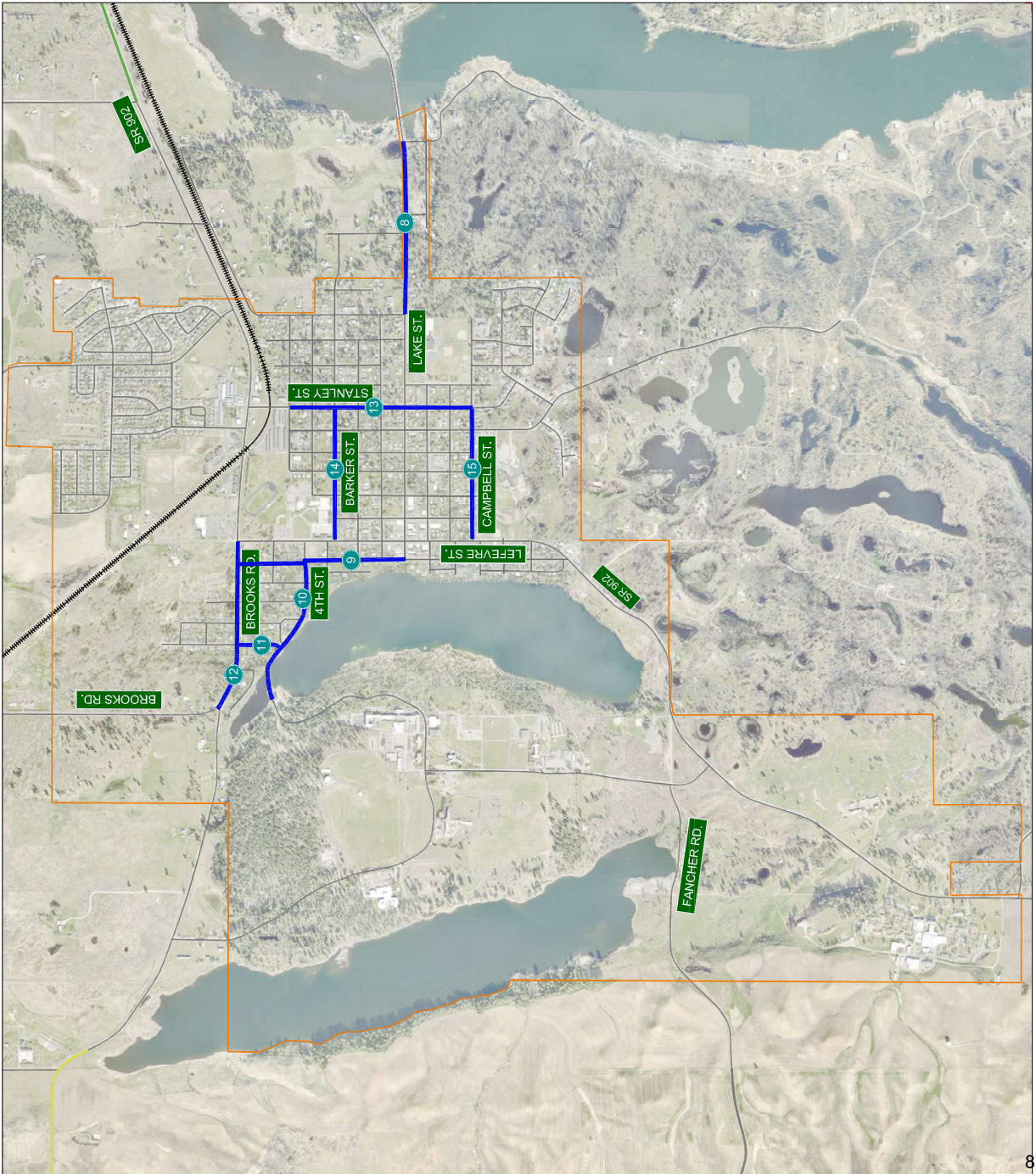


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PROPOSED IMPROVEMENTS
MID-TERM, 6 - 20 YEAR

CITY OF MEDICAL LAKE
TRANSPORTATION MASTER PLAN
MEDICAL LAKE, WASHINGTON

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	20 PLUS YR ROAD PROJECTS
	20 PLUS YR INTERSECTION PR

Summary of Proposed Improvements:

16. Jefferson St, Bike Lanes, Brooks to Lefevre
17. Barker St, Bike Lanes, Stanley to Sherman
18. Sherman/Henderson, Bike Lanes, SR 902 to Lake
19. Stanley, Bike Lanes, Tara Lee to SR 902
20. Graham, Bike Lanes or Path, City Limit to SR 902
21. Lefevre Street/SR 902 Roundabout
22. Stanley Street South/SR 902 Roundabout
23. Stanley Street/Lake Street Roundabout
24. Lefevre Street/SR 902 Roundabout
25. North Collector, Shoulders Road and Share Use Path, Brooks to Graham
26. South Collector, Shouldered Road and Shared Use Path, SR 902 to Hallet Road/Medical Lake Road
27. East Collector, Shouldered Road and Shared Use Path, Hallet Road/Medical Lake Road to Freeman Street

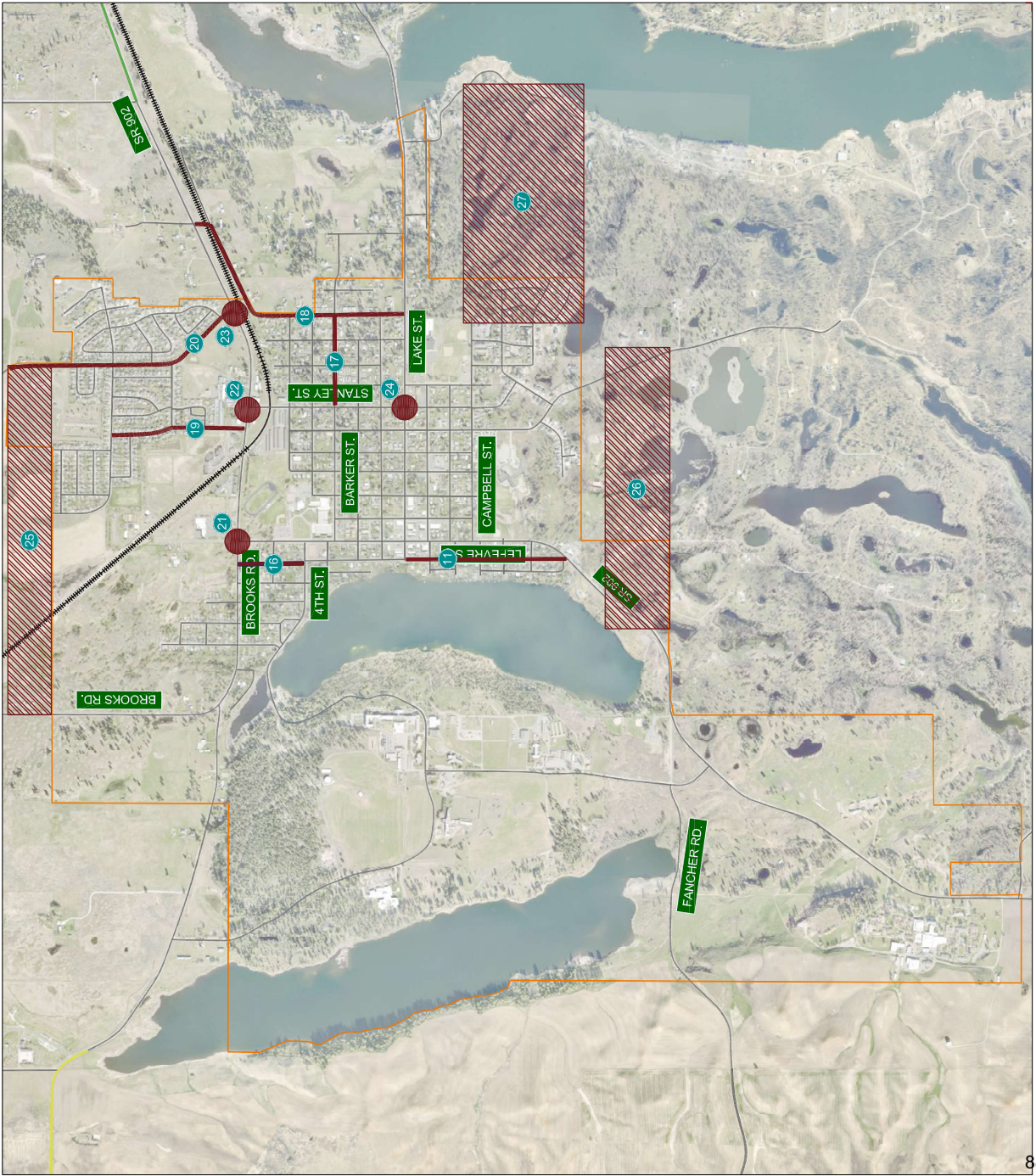


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PROPOSED IMPROVEMENTS
LONG-TERM, 20-PLUS YEAR

CITY OF MEDICAL LAKE
TRANSPORTATION MASTER PLAN
MEDICAL LAKE, WASHINGTON

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6.4 FUNCTIONAL CLASSIFICATION REVISIONS

As indicated, streets are classified to understand how each serves local, regional, and State mobility. For instance, a principal or minor arterial serves regional needs, moving high levels of traffic between smaller communities or areas of a large city. Conversely, a local street is intended to access residential or small commercial areas. A collector directs local trips from these residential areas to arterials or highways.

There distinctions between roadway classes are based on factors such as use and intent. As it pertains to Medical Lake, several streets have been identified throughout this Plan for increased multimodal use within Medical Lake within intention of access more expansive residential areas. To that end, this report recommends the City consider petitioning (applying to) WSDOT to elevate the classification of select roads and roadway segments to collectors.

Reclassifications can be proposed as either major or minor collectors, depending on the preference of City officials. Reclassifying roads will help the City achieve three primary measures for future development:

1. A higher and better, complete street design standard would therefore become applicable.
2. When accepted by WSDOT, the roads become eligible for grant funding support (local roads are not typically eligible for grant funds from Federal and State agencies).

3. A network is established that that development must adhere to when extending frontage and mitigating improvements as a function of entitlement processes.

Exhibit 6.5 shows and lists the proposed collector designation revisions for Medical Lake.

6.5 UGA ROADWAY ALIGNMENTS

As indicated, there are three UGA growth areas proposed within the City, the north, south, and east expansion areas. City officials requested a review of possible alignments to move traffic between established roadways to and through these areas.

A very preliminary review was performed, considering factors like topography, minimizing the number of owners that would be impacted by ROW/property, and attempting to minimize alignment through wetlands and sensitive areas. The general limits of these long-term future/possible, collectors are as follows, with basic design consideration.:

- North Collector
 - o Two lanes, wide shoulders and a shared-use path, Brooks Road to Graham Road.
- South Collector
 - o Two lanes, wide shoulders and a shared-use path, SR 902 to Hallen Road/Medical Lake Road.
- East Collector
 - o Two lanes with wide shoulders and a shared-use path, Hallett/Medical Lake Road to Freeman Site

6.6 INFLATION

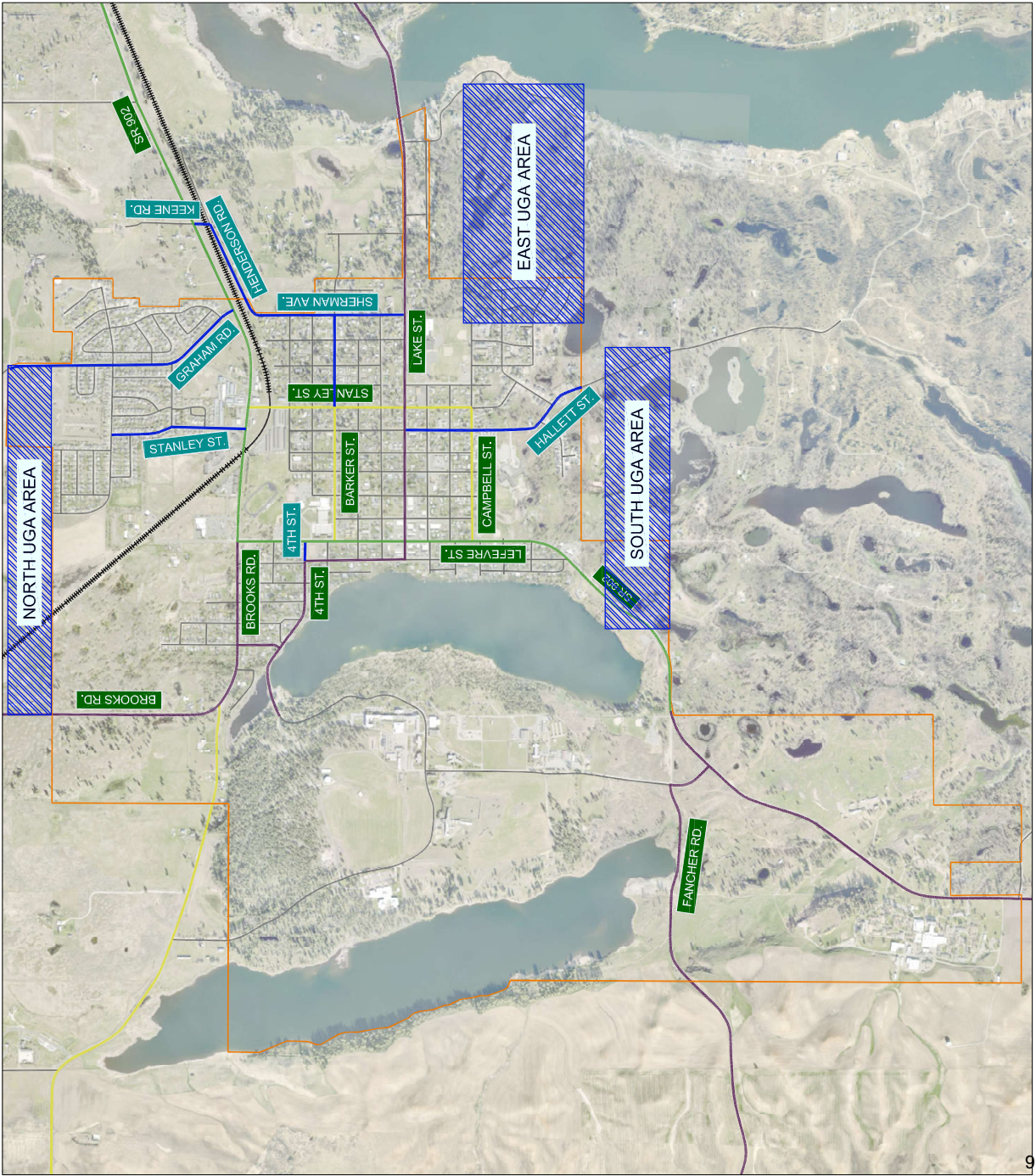
Inflation has been neglected to this point. The construction costs shown in Table 6.1 are conservative (high-end), so inflation was not addressed, the same with the long-range planning estimates. With that said, inflation is a very real issue for agencies to understand and reflect in project costs.

The recommendation is that any future update to the TIP or this Plan factor inflation, accounting for increasing prices. Per resources such as WSDOT's historical pricing index pages (unit bid history webpage) and Engineering News Record (<https://www.enr.com/>) inflation tables, a 2.8% inflation factor has been occurring within more recent histories. To ensure conservative results, a 3% annual adjustment should be used to estimate future costs.

Per the prior example, a cost range of \$3.445 to \$4.505 million was estimated to provide a complete street along Lake Street, Sherman Street to Freeman Drive. If a year 2036 cost estimate were to be developed, a 3% compounding of 10-years would be applied for a total adjustment factor of 1.344. This would be applied against former costs to develop a revised range of \$4.63 to \$6.055 million for year 2036. For convenience, an inflation adjustment summary is as follows:

2027 = 1.03	2035 = 1.305	2043 = 1.653
2028 = 1.061	2036 = 1.344	2044 = 1.702
2029 = 1.093	2037 = 1.384	2045 = 1.754
2030 = 1.126	2038 = 1.426	2046 = 1.806

2031 = 1.159	2039 = 1.469	2047 = 1.860
2032 = 1.194	2040 = 1.513	2048 = 1.916
2033 = 1.230	2041 = 1.558	2049 = 1.974
2034 = 1.267	2042 = 1.605	2050 = 2.033



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	PRINCIPAL ARTERIAL
	MINOR ARTERIAL
	MAJOR COLLECTOR
	MINOR COLLECTOR
	LOCAL STREET
	CITY URBAN BOUNDARY
	WASHINGTON EASTERN RAIL

	FUTURE COLLECTOR
	FUTURE COLLECTOR AREA

- Proposed Revision to Major or Minor Collector
- Hallett Street, Lake Street to City Limit
 - Stanley Street, Tara Lee Avenue to SR 902
 - Graham Road, Tara Lee Avenue to SR 902
 - Sherman Avenue, Henderson Rd to Lake St
 - Henderson Rd, Sherman Ave to Keene Rd
 - Keene Road, Henderson Road to SR 902
 - 4th Street, Jefferson Street to Lefevre Street
 - Barker Street, Stanley St to Sherman Ave

Exhibit
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PROPOSED FUNCTIONAL CLASSIFICATIONS

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MEDICAL LAKE, WASHINGTON



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	ALIGNMENT OPTION # 1
	ALIGNMENT OPTION # 2

Exhibit **6.6** PROPOSED ROAD ALIGNMENTS
NORTH UGA AREA

CITY OF MEDICAL LAKE
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MEDICAL LAKE, WASHINGTON





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	ALIGNMENT OPTION # 1		ALIGNMENT OPTION # 3		ALIGNMENT OPTION # 5
	ALIGNMENT OPTION # 2		ALIGNMENT OPTION # 4		

Exhibit **6.7** PROPOSED ROAD ALIGNMENTS
SOUTH AND EAST UGA AREAS
CITY OF MEDICAL LAKE
TRANSPORTATION MASTER PLAN
MEDICAL LAKE, WASHINGTON



Appendix A:
Glossary of Terms

This section of the Technical Appendix provides a glossary of terms.

- Access point - An intersection, driveway, or opening on a roadway that provides access to a land use or facility.
- All-way stop-controlled - An intersection with stop signs located on all approaches.
- Arterial - (General Definition) A signalized street that primarily serves through traffic and secondarily provides access to abutting properties.
- Average daily traffic (ADT) - The average 24-hour traffic volume at a given location on a roadway.
- Capacity - The number of vehicles or persons that can be accommodated on a roadway, roadway section, or at an intersection over a specified period. Capacity is also a term used to define limits for transit, pedestrian, and bicycle facilities. Concept typically expressed as vehicles per hour, vehicles per day, or persons per hour or per day.
- Collector street - (General Definition) A surface street providing land access and traffic circulation within residential, commercial, and industrial areas.
- Cycle - A complete sequence of cycle indicators.
- Cycle length - The total time for a signal to complete one cycle.
- Delay - The additional travel time experienced by a driver, passenger, or pedestrian.
- Demand - The number of users desiring service on a highway system or street over a specified time. Concept typically expressed as vehicles per hour, vehicles per day, or persons per hour or per day.
- Departing sight distance - The length of road required for a vehicle to turn from a stopped position at an intersection (or driveway) and accelerate to travel speed.
- Design Hour - The peak hour of traffic volumes/conditions; typically used in traffic studies, design analyses, and design. Typically recognized as the 85th percentile hours and often one of the peak/commute hours.
- Downstream - The direction of traffic flow.
- Functional class - A transportation facility defined by the traffic service it provides.
- Growth factor - A percentage increase applied to current traffic demands or counts to estimate future demands/volumes.
- Intersection Control Analysis - An intersection control analysis (ICA) is a traffic/transportation study used to recommend geometric and traffic control improvements for an intersection or intersections.
- Level of Service - The standard used to evaluate traffic operating conditions of the transportation system. This is a qualitative assessment of the quantitative effect of factors such as speed, volume of traffic, geometric

features, traffic interruptions, delays, and freedom to maneuver. Operating conditions are categorized as LOS A through LOS “F.” LOS A generally represents the most favorable driving conditions and LOS F represents the least favorable conditions.

- Mainline - The primary through roadway as distinct from ramps, auxiliary lanes, and collector-distributor roads.
- Major Street - The street not controlled by stop signs at a two-way stop-controlled intersection.
- Minor arterial - (General Definition) A functional category of a street allowing trips of moderate length within a small geographical area.
- Operational analysis - A use of capacity analysis to determine the level of service on an existing or projected facility, with known projected traffic, roadway, and control conditions.
- Peak Generator Hour - The single hour (or hours) in a day during which trip generation for a development or land use is highest.
- Peak hour - A single hour (or hours) in a day during which the maximum traffic volume occurs on a given facility (roadway, intersection, etc.). Typically, the peak hour is known as the “rush” hour that occurs during the AM or PM work commutes of the typical weekday. The absolute peak hour of the day can also be referred to as the design hour.
- Peak Generator Hour - The peak hourly volume generated by a particular development or land use. In the context of traffic reports, the generator hour can occur in the morning and afternoon, described as AM and PM peak generator hours, respectively.
- Peak hour factor - The hourly volume during the maximum-volume hour of the day divided by the peak 15-minute flow rate within the peak hour; a measure of traffic demand fluctuation within the peak hour.
- Principal Arterial - (General Definition) A major surface street with relatively long trips between major points, and with through-trips entering, leaving, and passing through the urban area.
- Queue - A line of vehicles, bicycles, or persons waiting to be served by the system in which the flow rate from the front of the queue determines the average speed within the queue. Slower moving vehicles or people joining the rear of the queue are usually considered a part of the queue.
- Roadside obstruction - An object or barrier along a roadside or median that affects traffic flow, whether continuous (e.g., a retaining wall) or not continuous (e.g., light supports or a bridge abutment).
- Road characteristic - A geometric characteristic of a street or highway, including the type of facility, number and width of lanes, shoulder widths and lateral clearances, design speed, and horizontal and vertical alignment.

- Roundabout - An unsignalized intersection with a circulatory roadway around a central island with all entering vehicles yielding to the circulating traffic.
- Shoulder - A portion of the roadway contiguous with the traveled way for accommodation of stopped vehicles, emergency use, and lateral support of the subbase, base, and surface courses.
- Stopping sight distance - The length of road needed for a moving vehicle to come to a complete stop prior to an obstruction sighted on the road.
- Traffic conditions - A characteristic of traffic flow, including distribution of vehicle types in the traffic stream, directional distribution of traffic, lane use distribution of traffic, and type of driver population on a given facility.
- Travel speed - The average speed, in miles per hour, of traffic computed as the length of the roadway segment divided by the average travel time of the vehicles traversing the segment.
- Travel time - The average time spent by vehicles traversing a highway segment, including control delay, in seconds per vehicle or minutes per vehicle.
- Trip Distribution and Assignment - The predicted travel patterns of vehicle trips as they approach and depart a land use. Distribution refers to the travel pattern, usually defined in percentages or fractions, and assignment refers to vehicle trip ends.
- Traffic forecast - The predicted traffic volume of the analysis horizon year or period. Most typically predicted for the weekday, AM peak hour, PM peak hour, or AM or PM peak generator hours of the typical weekday.
- Traffic impact analysis - A traffic impact analysis (TIA) is an engineering and planning study that forecasts the potential traffic and transportation impacts of a proposed development on an area, neighborhood, or community. Reports can also be referred to as a traffic impact study (TIS).
- Trip generation - The number of vehicle trips generated by a development or land use. Most typically predicted for the weekday, AM peak hour, PM peak hour, or AM or PM peak generator hours of the typical weekday.
- Two-way left-turn lane - A lane in the median area that extends continuously along a street or highway and is marked to provide a deceleration and storage area, out of the through-traffic stream, for vehicles traveling in either direction to use in marking left turns at intersections and driveways.
- Two-way stop-controlled - The type of traffic control at an intersection where drivers on the minor street or drivers turning left from the major street wait for a gap in the major street traffic to complete a maneuver. Typically, the minor approaches are stop-controlled.
- Unsignalized intersection - An intersection not controlled by traffic signals.

- Upstream - The direction from which traffic is flowing.
- Volume - The number of persons or vehicles passing a point on a lane, roadway, or other traffic-way during some time interval, often one hour, expressed in vehicles, bicycles, or persons per hour.
- Volume-to-capacity ratio - The ratio of flow rate to capacity for a transportation facility.
- Walkway - A facility provided for pedestrian movement and segregated from vehicle traffic by a curb or provided for on a separate right-of-way.

Appendix B:
HCM Methodology

All intersections capacity conditions were analyzed using the methodologies presented in the latest (7th) edition of the *Highway Capacity Manual (HCM)* updated in 2022. The concept of level of service (LOS) uses qualitative measures that characterize operational conditions within the traffic stream. The individual levels of service are described by factors that include speed, travel time, freedom to maneuver, traffic interruptions, and comfort and convenience. Six levels of service are defined for each type of facility for which analysis procedures are available. They are given letter designations A through F, with LOS A representing the best operating conditions and LOS F the worst. Each level of service represents a range of operating conditions; a description of each LOS grade is provided as follows:

LOS A represents uninterrupted travel operations. A roadway operating at LOS B may also be over-engineered, where resources could have been allocated to higher priority areas.

LOS B represents reasonably free-flow travel operations, unaffected by the presence of other vehicles. A roadway operating at LOS A may be over-engineered, where resources could have been allocated to higher priority areas.

LOS C represents stable travel operations and average speeds remain at or near free-flow conditions. This is an ideal LOS, requiring drivers to be vigilant for safety and representing appropriate infrastructure investment.

LOS D represents travel operations that are acceptable but are approaching instability. Speeds decrease and the roadway investment is serving an appropriate number of users.

LOS E represents travel operations that are unacceptable to the city. Traffic is unstable and flow, speed, and maneuverability are limited. LOS E may be mitigated with improvements that include traffic control measures, signal timing adjustments, or capacity improvements.

LOS F represents travel operations that are forced flow or breakdown conditions in queued traffic. Stop-and-go travel with long delays exists as vehicles shuffle through queues. Like LOS E, these conditions must be mitigated.

Levels of service for intersections are defined within ranges of average control delay experienced per vehicle, the number of seconds a vehicle can expect to wait due to the presence of a traffic control device. Signalized LOS is the function of control delay experienced by all vehicles at the intersection, as is LOS for an all-way stop. However, LOS for an unsignalized one or two-way stop to another road is the function of control delay experienced within the worse, stopped approach or approach movement. **Table 5** lists LOS criteria for signalized and unsignalized intersections (all or partial stops).

The LOS (capacity) analysis was developed using Synchro software, version 12.0. Synchro 12.0 software calculates the LOS per HCM 7th edition methodology. The 7th edition HCM documents the signalized LOS calculation methodology which considers lane geometry,

Table 5. Intersection LOS Criteria

Level of Service	Control Delay (sec/veh)	
	Signalized	Unsignalized
A	≤ 10	≤ 10
B	> 10-20	> 10-15
C	> 20-35	> 15-25
D	> 35-55	> 25-35
E	> 55-80	> 35-50
F	> 80 (or $v/c > 1$)	> 50 (or $v/c > 1$)

Source: Exhibits 19-8, 20-2, 21-8, and 22-8, *Highway Capacity Manual, 7th Edition (2022)*

traffic volumes and cycle length/phasing to compute LOS. Synchro analysis worksheets report individual movement delay/LOS and overall delay/LOS for signalized intersections; unsignalized intersection worksheets report the worst-case delay/LOS and the average overall intersection delay.

**Appendix C:
Summary Collision Data**

Appendix D:
Summary LOS Worksheets

HCM 7th TWSC

1: Lefevre Street/N Lefevre Street & W Brooks Road/SR 902

Existing PM Peak Hour

Intersection												
Int Delay, s/veh	6.5											
Movement	EBL	EBT	EBR	WBL	WBT	WBR	NBL	NBT	NBR	SBL	SBT	SBR
Lane Configurations		↕			↕			↕	↕		↕	
Traffic Vol, veh/h	19	142	50	85	80	5	53	27	135	8	32	17
Future Vol, veh/h	19	142	50	85	80	5	53	27	135	8	32	17
Conflicting Peds, #/hr	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sign Control	Free	Free	Free	Free	Free	Free	Stop	Stop	Stop	Stop	Stop	Stop
RT Channelized	-	-	None	-	-	None	-	-	Yield	-	-	None
Storage Length	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	150	-	-	-
Veh in Median Storage, #	-	0	-	-	0	-	-	0	-	-	0	-
Grade, %	-	0	-	-	0	-	-	0	-	-	0	-
Peak Hour Factor	92	92	92	92	92	92	92	92	92	92	92	92
Heavy Vehicles, %	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
Mvmt Flow	21	154	54	92	87	5	58	29	147	9	35	18

Major/Minor	Major1		Major2		Minor1			Minor2				
Conflicting Flow All	92	0	0	209	0	0	512	500	182	485	524	90
Stage 1	-	-	-	-	-	-	223	223	-	274	274	-
Stage 2	-	-	-	-	-	-	289	277	-	210	250	-
Critical Hdwy	4.12	-	-	4.12	-	-	7.12	6.52	6.22	7.12	6.52	6.22
Critical Hdwy Stg 1	-	-	-	-	-	-	6.12	5.52	-	6.12	5.52	-
Critical Hdwy Stg 2	-	-	-	-	-	-	6.12	5.52	-	6.12	5.52	-
Follow-up Hdwy	2.218	-	-	2.218	-	-	3.518	4.018	3.318	3.518	4.018	3.318
Pot Cap-1 Maneuver	1502	-	-	1362	-	-	472	473	861	493	458	968
Stage 1	-	-	-	-	-	-	780	719	-	732	683	-
Stage 2	-	-	-	-	-	-	719	681	-	792	700	-
Platoon blocked, %		-	-		-	-						
Mov Cap-1 Maneuver	1502	-	-	1362	-	-	391	432	861	350	418	968
Mov Cap-2 Maneuver	-	-	-	-	-	-	391	432	-	350	418	-
Stage 1	-	-	-	-	-	-	767	708	-	679	634	-
Stage 2	-	-	-	-	-	-	619	632	-	620	689	-

Approach	EB		WB		NB		SB	
HCM Ctrl Dly, s/v	0.67		3.92		12.38		13.45	
HCM LOS					B		B	

Minor Lane/Major Mvmt	NBLn1	NBLn2	EBL	EBT	EBR	WBL	WBT	WBR	SBLn1
Capacity (veh/h)	404	861	154	-	-	890	-	-	488
HCM Lane V/C Ratio	0.215	0.17	0.014	-	-	0.068	-	-	0.127
HCM Ctrl Dly (s/v)	16.3	10	7.4	0	-	7.8	0	-	13.5
HCM Lane LOS	C	B	A	A	-	A	A	-	B
HCM 95th %tile Q(veh)	0.8	0.6	0	-	-	0.2	-	-	0.4

HCM 7th TWSC
2: SR 902 & Stanley Street North

Existing PM Peak Hour

Intersection						
Int Delay, s/veh	1.4					
Movement	EBL	EBT	WBT	WBR	SBL	SBR
Lane Configurations		↕	↕	↕	↕	
Traffic Vol, veh/h	46	239	156	57	18	14
Future Vol, veh/h	46	239	156	57	18	14
Conflicting Peds, #/hr	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sign Control	Free	Free	Free	Free	Stop	Stop
RT Channelized	-	None	-	None	-	None
Storage Length	-	-	-	160	0	-
Veh in Median Storage, #	-	0	0	-	0	-
Grade, %	-	0	0	-	0	-
Peak Hour Factor	92	92	92	92	92	92
Heavy Vehicles, %	2	2	2	2	2	2
Mvmt Flow	50	260	170	62	20	15

Major/Minor	Major1	Major2	Minor2		
Conflicting Flow All	232	0	-	0	529 170
Stage 1	-	-	-	-	170 -
Stage 2	-	-	-	-	360 -
Critical Hdwy	4.12	-	-	-	6.42 6.22
Critical Hdwy Stg 1	-	-	-	-	5.42 -
Critical Hdwy Stg 2	-	-	-	-	5.42 -
Follow-up Hdwy	2.218	-	-	-	3.518 3.318
Pot Cap-1 Maneuver	1336	-	-	-	510 874
Stage 1	-	-	-	-	860 -
Stage 2	-	-	-	-	706 -
Platoon blocked, %		-	-	-	
Mov Cap-1 Maneuver	1336	-	-	-	488 874
Mov Cap-2 Maneuver	-	-	-	-	488 -
Stage 1	-	-	-	-	823 -
Stage 2	-	-	-	-	706 -

Approach	EB	WB	SB
HCM Ctrl Dly, s/v	1.26	0	11.32
HCM LOS			B

Minor Lane/Major Mvmt	EBL	EBT	WBT	WBR	SBLn1
Capacity (veh/h)	291	-	-	-	605
HCM Lane V/C Ratio	0.037	-	-	-	0.058
HCM Ctrl Dly (s/v)	7.8	0	-	-	11.3
HCM Lane LOS	A	A	-	-	B
HCM 95th %tile Q(veh)	0.1	-	-	-	0.2

HCM 7th TWSC
 3: Stanley Street South & SR 902

Existing PM Peak Hour

Intersection						
Int Delay, s/veh	3.3					
Movement	EBT	EBR	WBL	WBT	NBL	NBR
Lane Configurations						
Traffic Vol, veh/h	22	35	59	182	31	51
Future Vol, veh/h	22	35	59	182	31	51
Conflicting Peds, #/hr	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sign Control	Free	Free	Free	Free	Stop	Stop
RT Channelized	-	None	-	None	-	None
Storage Length	-	-	-	-	0	-
Veh in Median Storage, #	0	-	-	0	0	-
Grade, %	0	-	-	0	0	-
Peak Hour Factor	92	92	92	92	92	92
Heavy Vehicles, %	2	2	2	2	2	2
Mvmt Flow	24	38	64	198	34	55

Major/Minor	Major1	Major2	Minor1			
Conflicting Flow All	0	0	62	0	369	43
Stage 1	-	-	-	-	43	-
Stage 2	-	-	-	-	326	-
Critical Hdwy	-	-	4.12	-	6.42	6.22
Critical Hdwy Stg 1	-	-	-	-	5.42	-
Critical Hdwy Stg 2	-	-	-	-	5.42	-
Follow-up Hdwy	-	-	2.218	-	3.518	3.318
Pot Cap-1 Maneuver	-	-	1541	-	631	1027
Stage 1	-	-	-	-	980	-
Stage 2	-	-	-	-	731	-
Platoon blocked, %	-	-	-	-	-	-
Mov Cap-1 Maneuver	-	-	1541	-	602	1027
Mov Cap-2 Maneuver	-	-	-	-	602	-
Stage 1	-	-	-	-	980	-
Stage 2	-	-	-	-	697	-

Approach	EB	WB	NB
HCM Ctrl Dly, s/v	0	1.82	9.99
HCM LOS			A

Minor Lane/Major Mvmt	NBLn1	EBT	EBR	WBL	WBT
Capacity (veh/h)	811	-	-	441	-
HCM Lane V/C Ratio	0.11	-	-	0.042	-
HCM Ctrl Dly (s/v)	10	-	-	7.4	0
HCM Lane LOS	A	-	-	A	A
HCM 95th %tile Q(veh)	0.4	-	-	0.1	-

Intersection						
Int Delay, s/veh	1.6					
Movement	EBL	EBT	WBT	WBR	SEL	SER
Lane Configurations		↕	↕		↕	
Traffic Vol, veh/h	48	278	255	81	36	19
Future Vol, veh/h	48	278	255	81	36	19
Conflicting Peds, #/hr	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sign Control	Free	Free	Free	Free	Stop	Stop
RT Channelized	-	None	-	None	-	None
Storage Length	-	-	-	-	0	-
Veh in Median Storage, #	-	0	0	-	0	-
Grade, %	-	0	0	-	0	-
Peak Hour Factor	92	92	92	92	92	92
Heavy Vehicles, %	2	2	2	2	2	2
Mvmt Flow	52	302	277	88	39	21

Major/Minor	Major1	Major2	Minor2		
Conflicting Flow All	365	0	-	0	728 321
Stage 1	-	-	-	-	321 -
Stage 2	-	-	-	-	407 -
Critical Hdwy	4.12	-	-	-	6.42 6.22
Critical Hdwy Stg 1	-	-	-	-	5.42 -
Critical Hdwy Stg 2	-	-	-	-	5.42 -
Follow-up Hdwy	2.218	-	-	-	3.518 3.318
Pot Cap-1 Maneuver	1193	-	-	-	391 720
Stage 1	-	-	-	-	735 -
Stage 2	-	-	-	-	672 -
Platoon blocked, %		-	-	-	
Mov Cap-1 Maneuver	1193	-	-	-	370 720
Mov Cap-2 Maneuver	-	-	-	-	370 -
Stage 1	-	-	-	-	697 -
Stage 2	-	-	-	-	672 -

Approach	EB	WB	SE
HCM Ctrl Dly, s/v	1.2	0	14.35
HCM LOS			B

Minor Lane/Major Mvmt	EBL	EBT	WBT	WBR	SELn1
Capacity (veh/h)	265	-	-	-	445
HCM Lane V/C Ratio	0.044	-	-	-	0.134
HCM Ctrl Dly (s/v)	8.2	0	-	-	14.3
HCM Lane LOS	A	A	-	-	B
HCM 95th %tile Q(veh)	0.1	-	-	-	0.5

HCM 7th TWSC

1: Lefevre Street/N Lefevre Street & W Brooks Road/SR 902

Year 2050 PM Peak Hour

Intersection												
Int Delay, s/veh	9.4											
Movement	EBL	EBT	EBR	WBL	WBT	WBR	NBL	NBT	NBR	SBL	SBT	SBR
Lane Configurations		↕			↕			↕	↕		↕	
Traffic Vol, veh/h	25	190	70	135	115	5	80	35	195	10	45	20
Future Vol, veh/h	25	190	70	135	115	5	80	35	195	10	45	20
Conflicting Peds, #/hr	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sign Control	Free	Free	Free	Free	Free	Free	Stop	Stop	Stop	Stop	Stop	Stop
RT Channelized	-	-	None	-	-	None	-	-	Yield	-	-	None
Storage Length	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	150	-	-	-
Veh in Median Storage, #	-	0	-	-	0	-	-	0	-	-	0	-
Grade, %	-	0	-	-	0	-	-	0	-	-	0	-
Peak Hour Factor	92	92	92	92	92	92	92	92	92	92	92	92
Heavy Vehicles, %	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
Mvmt Flow	27	207	76	147	125	5	87	38	212	11	49	22

Major/Minor	Major1			Major2			Minor1			Minor2		
Conflicting Flow All	130	0	0	283	0	0	742	723	245	701	758	128
Stage 1	-	-	-	-	-	-	299	299	-	421	421	-
Stage 2	-	-	-	-	-	-	443	424	-	280	337	-
Critical Hdwy	4.12	-	-	4.12	-	-	7.12	6.52	6.22	7.12	6.52	6.22
Critical Hdwy Stg 1	-	-	-	-	-	-	6.12	5.52	-	6.12	5.52	-
Critical Hdwy Stg 2	-	-	-	-	-	-	6.12	5.52	-	6.12	5.52	-
Follow-up Hdwy	2.218	-	-	2.218	-	-	3.518	4.018	3.318	3.518	4.018	3.318
Pot Cap-1 Maneuver	1455	-	-	1280	-	-	332	353	794	353	336	922
Stage 1	-	-	-	-	-	-	710	666	-	610	589	-
Stage 2	-	-	-	-	-	-	594	587	-	727	641	-
Platoon blocked, %		-	-		-	-						
Mov Cap-1 Maneuver	1455	-	-	1280	-	-	236	302	794	198	288	922
Mov Cap-2 Maneuver	-	-	-	-	-	-	236	302	-	198	288	-
Stage 1	-	-	-	-	-	-	694	651	-	535	516	-
Stage 2	-	-	-	-	-	-	460	514	-	490	627	-

Approach	EB			WB			NB			SB		
HCM Ctrl Dly, s/v	0.66			4.33			19.04			19.55		
HCM LOS							C			C		

Minor Lane/Major Mvmt	NBLn1	NBLn2	EBL	EBT	EBR	WBL	WBT	WBR	SBLn1
Capacity (veh/h)	253	794	150	-	-	945	-	-	328
HCM Lane V/C Ratio	0.494	0.267	0.019	-	-	0.115	-	-	0.248
HCM Ctrl Dly (s/v)	32.4	11.2	7.5	0	-	8.2	0	-	19.6
HCM Lane LOS	D	B	A	A	-	A	A	-	C
HCM 95th %tile Q(veh)	2.5	1.1	0.1	-	-	0.4	-	-	1

HCM 7th TWSC
2: SR 902 & Stanley Street North

Year 2050 PM Peak Hour

Intersection						
Int Delay, s/veh	2					
Movement	EBL	EBT	WBT	WBR	SBL	SBR
Lane Configurations		↑	↑	↑	↑	
Traffic Vol, veh/h	75	320	225	95	35	30
Future Vol, veh/h	75	320	225	95	35	30
Conflicting Peds, #/hr	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sign Control	Free	Free	Free	Free	Stop	Stop
RT Channelized	-	None	-	None	-	None
Storage Length	-	-	-	160	0	-
Veh in Median Storage, #	-	0	0	-	0	-
Grade, %	-	0	0	-	0	-
Peak Hour Factor	92	92	92	92	92	92
Heavy Vehicles, %	2	2	2	2	2	2
Mvmt Flow	82	348	245	103	38	33

Major/Minor	Major1	Major2	Minor2		
Conflicting Flow All	348	0	-	0	755 245
Stage 1	-	-	-	-	245 -
Stage 2	-	-	-	-	511 -
Critical Hdwy	4.12	-	-	-	6.42 6.22
Critical Hdwy Stg 1	-	-	-	-	5.42 -
Critical Hdwy Stg 2	-	-	-	-	5.42 -
Follow-up Hdwy	2.218	-	-	-	3.518 3.318
Pot Cap-1 Maneuver	1211	-	-	-	376 794
Stage 1	-	-	-	-	796 -
Stage 2	-	-	-	-	602 -
Platoon blocked, %		-	-	-	
Mov Cap-1 Maneuver	1211	-	-	-	345 794
Mov Cap-2 Maneuver	-	-	-	-	345 -
Stage 1	-	-	-	-	730 -
Stage 2	-	-	-	-	602 -

Approach	EB	WB	SB
HCM Ctrl Dly, s/v	1.55	0	14.09
HCM LOS			B

Minor Lane/Major Mvmt	EBL	EBT	WBT	WBR	SBLn1
Capacity (veh/h)	342	-	-	-	467
HCM Lane V/C Ratio	0.067	-	-	-	0.151
HCM Ctrl Dly (s/v)	8.2	0	-	-	14.1
HCM Lane LOS	A	A	-	-	B
HCM 95th %tile Q(veh)	0.2	-	-	-	0.5

HCM 7th TWSC
 3: Stanley Street South & SR 902

Year 2050 PM Peak Hour

Intersection						
Int Delay, s/veh	3.7					
Movement	EBT	EBR	WBL	WBT	NBL	NBR
Lane Configurations						
Traffic Vol, veh/h	270	85	140	275	45	75
Future Vol, veh/h	270	85	140	275	45	75
Conflicting Peds, #/hr	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sign Control	Free	Free	Free	Free	Stop	Stop
RT Channelized	-	None	-	None	-	None
Storage Length	-	-	-	-	0	-
Veh in Median Storage, #	0	-	-	0	0	-
Grade, %	0	-	-	0	0	-
Peak Hour Factor	92	92	92	92	92	92
Heavy Vehicles, %	2	2	2	2	2	2
Mvmt Flow	293	92	152	299	49	82

Major/Minor	Major1	Major2	Minor1		
Conflicting Flow All	0	0	386	0	943 340
Stage 1	-	-	-	-	340 -
Stage 2	-	-	-	-	603 -
Critical Hdwy	-	-	4.12	-	6.42 6.22
Critical Hdwy Stg 1	-	-	-	-	5.42 -
Critical Hdwy Stg 2	-	-	-	-	5.42 -
Follow-up Hdwy	-	-	2.218	-	3.518 3.318
Pot Cap-1 Maneuver	-	-	1173	-	291 703
Stage 1	-	-	-	-	721 -
Stage 2	-	-	-	-	546 -
Platoon blocked, %	-	-	-	-	-
Mov Cap-1 Maneuver	-	-	1173	-	246 703
Mov Cap-2 Maneuver	-	-	-	-	246 -
Stage 1	-	-	-	-	721 -
Stage 2	-	-	-	-	461 -

Approach	EB	WB	NB
HCM Ctrl Dly, s/v	0	2.88	17.63
HCM LOS			C

Minor Lane/Major Mvmt	NBLn1	EBT	EBR	WBL	WBT
Capacity (veh/h)	414	-	-	607	-
HCM Lane V/C Ratio	0.315	-	-	0.13	-
HCM Ctrl Dly (s/v)	17.6	-	-	8.5	0
HCM Lane LOS	C	-	-	A	A
HCM 95th %tile Q(veh)	1.3	-	-	0.4	-

Intersection						
Int Delay, s/veh	2.9					
Movement	EBL	EBT	WBT	WBR	SEL	SER
Lane Configurations		↕	↕		↕	
Traffic Vol, veh/h	70	400	405	135	65	30
Future Vol, veh/h	70	400	405	135	65	30
Conflicting Peds, #/hr	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sign Control	Free	Free	Free	Free	Stop	Stop
RT Channelized	-	None	-	None	-	None
Storage Length	-	-	-	-	0	-
Veh in Median Storage, #	-	0	0	-	0	-
Grade, %	-	0	0	-	0	-
Peak Hour Factor	92	92	92	92	92	92
Heavy Vehicles, %	2	2	2	2	2	2
Mvmt Flow	76	435	440	147	71	33

Major/Minor	Major1	Major2	Minor2		
Conflicting Flow All	587	0	-	0	1101 514
Stage 1	-	-	-	-	514 -
Stage 2	-	-	-	-	587 -
Critical Hdwy	4.12	-	-	-	6.42 6.22
Critical Hdwy Stg 1	-	-	-	-	5.42 -
Critical Hdwy Stg 2	-	-	-	-	5.42 -
Follow-up Hdwy	2.218	-	-	-	3.518 3.318
Pot Cap-1 Maneuver	988	-	-	-	235 561
Stage 1	-	-	-	-	601 -
Stage 2	-	-	-	-	556 -
Platoon blocked, %		-	-	-	
Mov Cap-1 Maneuver	988	-	-	-	211 561
Mov Cap-2 Maneuver	-	-	-	-	211 -
Stage 1	-	-	-	-	540 -
Stage 2	-	-	-	-	556 -

Approach	EB	WB	SE
HCM Ctrl Dly, s/v	1.33	0	27.32
HCM LOS			D

Minor Lane/Major Mvmt	EBL	EBT	WBT	WBR	SELn1
Capacity (veh/h)	268	-	-	-	263
HCM Lane V/C Ratio	0.077	-	-	-	0.393
HCM Ctrl Dly (s/v)	8.9	0	-	-	27.3
HCM Lane LOS	A	A	-	-	D
HCM 95th %tile Q(veh)	0.2	-	-	-	1.8

HCM 7th TWSC

1: Lefevre Street/N Lefevre Street & W Brooks Road/SR 902

Full Build PM Peak Hour

Intersection												
Int Delay, s/veh	25.3											
Movement	EBL	EBT	EBR	WBL	WBT	WBR	NBL	NBT	NBR	SBL	SBT	SBR
Lane Configurations		↕			↕			↕	↕		↕	
Traffic Vol, veh/h	25	205	80	250	130	10	80	40	285	15	55	20
Future Vol, veh/h	25	205	80	250	130	10	80	40	285	15	55	20
Conflicting Peds, #/hr	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sign Control	Free	Free	Free	Free	Free	Free	Stop	Stop	Stop	Stop	Stop	Stop
RT Channelized	-	-	None	-	-	None	-	-	Yield	-	-	None
Storage Length	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	150	-	-	-
Veh in Median Storage, #	-	0	-	-	0	-	-	0	-	-	0	-
Grade, %	-	0	-	-	0	-	-	0	-	-	0	-
Peak Hour Factor	92	92	92	92	92	92	92	92	92	92	92	92
Heavy Vehicles, %	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
Mvmt Flow	27	223	87	272	141	11	87	43	310	16	60	22

Major/Minor	Major1			Major2			Minor1			Minor2		
Conflicting Flow All	152	0	0	310	0	0	1035	1016	266	989	1054	147
Stage 1	-	-	-	-	-	-	321	321	-	690	690	-
Stage 2	-	-	-	-	-	-	715	696	-	299	364	-
Critical Hdwy	4.12	-	-	4.12	-	-	7.12	6.52	6.22	7.12	6.52	6.22
Critical Hdwy Stg 1	-	-	-	-	-	-	6.12	5.52	-	6.12	5.52	-
Critical Hdwy Stg 2	-	-	-	-	-	-	6.12	5.52	-	6.12	5.52	-
Follow-up Hdwy	2.218	-	-	2.218	-	-	3.518	4.018	3.318	3.518	4.018	3.318
Pot Cap-1 Maneuver	1429	-	-	1251	-	-	210	238	772	226	226	900
Stage 1	-	-	-	-	-	-	691	652	-	435	446	-
Stage 2	-	-	-	-	-	-	422	443	-	710	624	-
Platoon blocked, %		-	-		-	-						
Mov Cap-1 Maneuver	1429	-	-	1251	-	-	108	177	772	81	168	900
Mov Cap-2 Maneuver	-	-	-	-	-	-	108	177	-	81	168	-
Stage 1	-	-	-	-	-	-	675	637	-	332	340	-
Stage 2	-	-	-	-	-	-	259	338	-	387	609	-

Approach	EB			WB			NB			SB		
HCM Ctrl Dly, s/v	0.61			5.56			57.18			52.42		
HCM LOS							F			F		

Minor Lane/Major Mvmt	NBLn1	NBLn2	EBL	EBT	EBR	WBL	WBT	WBR	SBLn1
Capacity (veh/h)	124	772	137	-	-	1138	-	-	168
HCM Lane V/C Ratio	1.05	0.401	0.019	-	-	0.217	-	-	0.581
HCM Ctrl Dly (s/v)	162.7	12.7	7.6	0	-	8.7	0	-	52.4
HCM Lane LOS	F	B	A	A	-	A	A	-	F
HCM 95th %tile Q(veh)	7.4	1.9	0.1	-	-	0.8	-	-	3.1

Intersection						
Int Delay, s/veh	2.4					
Movement	EBL	EBT	WBT	WBR	SBL	SBR
Lane Configurations		↕	↑	↗	↘	
Traffic Vol, veh/h	65	440	345	140	55	45
Future Vol, veh/h	65	440	345	140	55	45
Conflicting Peds, #/hr	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sign Control	Free	Free	Free	Free	Stop	Stop
RT Channelized	-	None	-	None	-	None
Storage Length	-	-	-	160	0	-
Veh in Median Storage, #	-	0	0	-	0	-
Grade, %	-	0	0	-	0	-
Peak Hour Factor	92	92	92	92	92	92
Heavy Vehicles, %	2	2	2	2	2	2
Mvmt Flow	71	478	375	152	60	49

Major/Minor	Major1	Major2	Minor2		
Conflicting Flow All	527	0	-	0	995
Stage 1	-	-	-	-	375
Stage 2	-	-	-	-	620
Critical Hdwy	4.12	-	-	-	6.42
Critical Hdwy Stg 1	-	-	-	-	5.42
Critical Hdwy Stg 2	-	-	-	-	5.42
Follow-up Hdwy	2.218	-	-	-	3.518
Pot Cap-1 Maneuver	1040	-	-	-	272
Stage 1	-	-	-	-	695
Stage 2	-	-	-	-	537
Platoon blocked, %		-	-	-	
Mov Cap-1 Maneuver	1040	-	-	-	246
Mov Cap-2 Maneuver	-	-	-	-	246
Stage 1	-	-	-	-	631
Stage 2	-	-	-	-	537

Approach	EB	WB	SB
HCM Ctrl Dly, s/v	1.12	0	20.19
HCM LOS			C

Minor Lane/Major Mvmt	EBL	EBT	WBT	WBR	SBLn1
Capacity (veh/h)	232	-	-	-	345
HCM Lane V/C Ratio	0.068	-	-	-	0.315
HCM Ctrl Dly (s/v)	8.7	0	-	-	20.2
HCM Lane LOS	A	A	-	-	C
HCM 95th %tile Q(veh)	0.2	-	-	-	1.3

HCM 7th TWSC
 3: Stanley Street South & SR 902

Full Build PM Peak Hour

Intersection						
Int Delay, s/veh	16.3					
Movement	EBT	EBR	WBL	WBT	NBL	NBR
Lane Configurations						
Traffic Vol, veh/h	380	115	250	425	65	105
Future Vol, veh/h	380	115	250	425	65	105
Conflicting Peds, #/hr	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sign Control	Free	Free	Free	Free	Stop	Stop
RT Channelized	-	None	-	None	-	None
Storage Length	-	-	-	-	0	-
Veh in Median Storage, #	0	-	-	0	0	-
Grade, %	0	-	-	0	0	-
Peak Hour Factor	92	92	92	92	92	92
Heavy Vehicles, %	2	2	2	2	2	2
Mvmt Flow	413	125	272	462	71	114

Major/Minor	Major1	Major2	Minor1		
Conflicting Flow All	0	0	538	0	1481 476
Stage 1	-	-	-	-	476 -
Stage 2	-	-	-	-	1005 -
Critical Hdwy	-	-	4.12	-	6.42 6.22
Critical Hdwy Stg 1	-	-	-	-	5.42 -
Critical Hdwy Stg 2	-	-	-	-	5.42 -
Follow-up Hdwy	-	-	2.218	-	3.518 3.318
Pot Cap-1 Maneuver	-	-	1030	-	138 589
Stage 1	-	-	-	-	625 -
Stage 2	-	-	-	-	354 -
Platoon blocked, %	-	-	-	-	-
Mov Cap-1 Maneuver	-	-	1030	-	89 589
Mov Cap-2 Maneuver	-	-	-	-	89 -
Stage 1	-	-	-	-	625 -
Stage 2	-	-	-	-	228 -

Approach	EB	WB	NB
HCM Ctrl Dly, s/v	0	3.61	113.77
HCM LOS			F

Minor Lane/Major Mvmt	NBLn1	EBT	EBR	WBL	WBT
Capacity (veh/h)	187	-	-	667	-
HCM Lane V/C Ratio	0.987	-	-	0.264	-
HCM Ctrl Dly (s/v)	113.8	-	-	9.7	0
HCM Lane LOS	F	-	-	A	A
HCM 95th %tile Q(veh)	8.2	-	-	1.1	-

Intersection						
Int Delay, s/veh	33.7					
Movement	EBL	EBT	WBT	WBR	SEL	SER
Lane Configurations		↕	↕		↕	
Traffic Vol, veh/h	105	515	630	200	110	65
Future Vol, veh/h	105	515	630	200	110	65
Conflicting Peds, #/hr	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sign Control	Free	Free	Free	Free	Stop	Stop
RT Channelized	-	None	-	None	-	None
Storage Length	-	-	-	-	0	-
Veh in Median Storage, #	-	0	0	-	0	-
Grade, %	-	0	0	-	0	-
Peak Hour Factor	92	92	92	92	92	92
Heavy Vehicles, %	2	2	2	2	2	2
Mvmt Flow	114	560	685	217	120	71

Major/Minor	Major1	Major2	Minor2		
Conflicting Flow All	902	0	-	0	1582 793
Stage 1	-	-	-	-	793 -
Stage 2	-	-	-	-	788 -
Critical Hdwy	4.12	-	-	-	6.42 6.22
Critical Hdwy Stg 1	-	-	-	-	5.42 -
Critical Hdwy Stg 2	-	-	-	-	5.42 -
Follow-up Hdwy	2.218	-	-	-	3.518 3.318
Pot Cap-1 Maneuver	753	-	-	-	120 388
Stage 1	-	-	-	-	445 -
Stage 2	-	-	-	-	448 -
Platoon blocked, %		-	-	-	
Mov Cap-1 Maneuver	753	-	-	-	~ 93 388
Mov Cap-2 Maneuver	-	-	-	-	~ 93 -
Stage 1	-	-	-	-	347 -
Stage 2	-	-	-	-	448 -

Approach	EB	WB	SE
HCM Ctrl Dly, s/v	1.8	0	\$ 306.75
HCM LOS			F

Minor Lane/Major Mvmt	EBL	EBT	WBT	WBR	SELn1
Capacity (veh/h)	305	-	-	-	130
HCM Lane V/C Ratio	0.151	-	-	-	1.462
HCM Ctrl Dly (s/v)	10.6	0	-	-	\$ 306.7
HCM Lane LOS	B	A	-	-	F
HCM 95th %tile Q(veh)	0.5	-	-	-	13

Notes	
~: Volume exceeds capacity	\$: Delay exceeds 300s
+: Computation Not Defined	*: All major volume in platoon



To: Planning Commission
From: Elisa Rodriguez, Senior Planner
TOPIC: Periodic Update: MLMC amendments regarding Specialized Housing

Requested Action:

Hold a public hearing and make a recommendation to City Council for proposed amendments regarding specialized housing to the Medical Lake Municipal Code (MLMC).

Key Points:

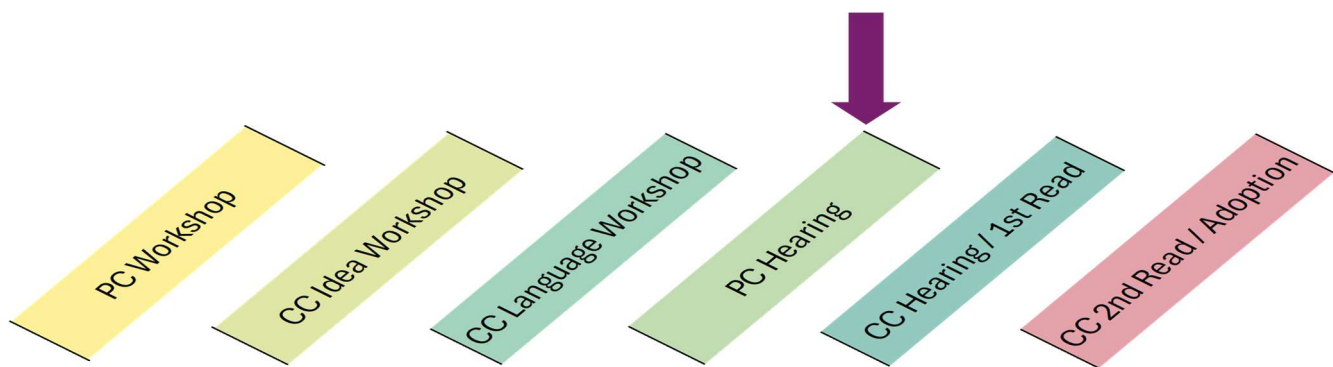
Staff requested the public hearing opened at the April 16, 2026 meeting be continued to allow time for a legal review to be completed.

A staff report is attached with the proposed language and the findings of fact related to the approval criteria. Recommendations of the Planning Commission must be based on the approval criteria specified in the Medical Lake Municipal Code.

Background Discussion:

The proposed amendments are in response to house bills 1220, 1377, 1956, and 2266 which mandate certain housing for homeless individuals and families or those at risk of homelessness be allowed within the City.

This public hearing is the fourth step in a 6-step process for adopting amendments to the municipal code.



Public Involvement:

A public hearing will be held with both the Planning Commission and the City Council. In addition, language will be provided on the City website for review and comment by the public.

Next Steps:

The Planning Commission's recommendation will be presented to the City Council for the public hearing held at the June 16, 2026 meeting.



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STAFF REPORT TO THE PLANNING COMMISSION

File: Periodic Update: MLMC Specialized Housing

Date of Staff Report: May 21, 2026

Date of Hearing: May 28, 2026

Staff Planner: Elisa Rodriguez 509-565-5019 or erodriguez@medical-lake.org

SEPA: Determination of Non-Significance was made on Mar 25, 2026

Procedure: This request requires a legislative review, therefore, the Planning Commission will hold a public hearing and make a recommendation to the City Council. The City Council will hold a public hearing to consider an ordinance to adopt the amendments to the Medical Lake Municipal Code. The complete process can be found in the Medical Lake Municipal Code (MLMC), Section 19.270.050 – Type IV Reviews.

Proposal: It is proposal is to amend the municipal code to add provisions for:

1. Transitional housing, permanent supportive housing, emergency housing, and emergency shelters pursuant to RCW 35.21.683.
2. Safe parking, encampments, temporary small houses, and emergency shelters that are provided by religious organizations pursuant to RCW 35.21.915.
3. Affordable Housing provided by religious organizations pursuant to RCW 36.70A.545.

PROCEDURAL HISTORY

SEPA DNS Issued – March 25, 2026

Notice of a Public Hearing Published in Cheney Free Press – March 19, 2026

Public Comment Period Closed – April 8, 2026

PROPOSED LANGUAGE

Terms Added to Definitions Chapter.

Transitional Housing. Housing and supportive services to homeless persons as defined in RCW 84.36.043.

Permanent Supportive Housing. Housing and supportive services for persons experiencing homelessness or have imminent risk of homelessness as defined in RCW 36.70A.030.

Emergency Shelter. Facilities that provide a temporary shelter for individuals or families who are currently homeless as defined in RCW 36.70A.030.

Emergency Housing. Temporary accommodations for individuals or families who are homeless or at imminent risk of becoming homeless as defined in RCW 36.70A.030.

Addition to Use Chapter

Group Living. (Add permanent supportive housing and transitional housing to group living use category)

Emergency Housing and Shelters. Emergency Housing and Shelters are facilities that provide temporary housing for individuals or families experiencing homelessness or housing instability. Accessory uses include supportive services. Emergency Housing and Shelters do not include outdoor encampments or vehicle resident safe parking as provided for in RCW 35.21.915.

Use Categories	Low-Density Residential	Medium-Density Residential	Central Business District	Mixed Use	Public Facilities
Emergency Housing and Shelters	CU	CU	Y	Y	Y

Y = Yes, allowed

CU = Allowed only if approved by a Conditional Use Review MLMC Chapter 19.790 – Conditional Use Review.

Chapter – Religious Organizations and Temporary Housing

Purpose. The purpose of this chapter is to comply with the requirements of RCW 35.21.915, pertaining to religious organizations hosting the homeless.

Applicability. This chapter applies to outdoor encampments, temporary small houses on-site, indoor overnight shelters, or vehicle resident safe parking hosted by a religious organization, as provided for in RCW 35.21.915.

Duration. A religious organization may host outdoor encampments, temporary small houses on-site, indoor overnight shelters, or vehicle resident safe parking for no more than four (4) consecutive months. There shall be a minimum of three (3) consecutive months between hosting periods.

Requirements. A religious organization that wishes to host an outdoor encampment, temporary small houses on-site, indoor overnight shelter, or vehicle resident safe parking shall complete the following:

- A. A memorandum of understanding with the City that contains, at a minimum, those criteria or items set forth in RCW 35.21.915.
- B. Host a community meeting pursuant to RCW 35.21.915.
- C. Complete sex offender checks of all the adult residents and guests.

Temporary Small Houses. Temporary Small Houses hosted by a religious organization shall meet the following requirements:

- A. The memorandum of understanding shall be renewed annually.
- B. Each small house shall be no larger than one hundred twenty (120) square feet.

- C. There shall be at least six (6) feet between small houses.
- D. Electricity shall be inspected by the Washington State Labor and Industries.
- E. Heating systems shall be inspected by the City of Medical Lake Building Official.
- F. Space heaters shall be inspected by the Fire Official.
- G. Doors and windows shall be lockable.
- H. Each small house shall have a fire extinguisher.
- I. Adequate restrooms shall be provided, including handwashing.
- J. Potable running water shall be provided.

Safe Parking. Safe Parking hosted by a religious organization shall meet the following requirements:

- A. The minimum parking spaces required for the primary use shall be retained for the primary use.
- B. Restroom access shall be provided.
- C. If recreational vehicles are hosted, proper disposal of waste shall be provided.

Indoor Overnight Shelter. The memorandum of understanding for an Indoor Overnight Shelter hosted by a religious organization shall contain provisions for fire safety pursuant to RCW 35.21.915.

Chapter – Religious Organizations and Affordable Housing Developments

Purpose. The purpose of this chapter is to comply with the requirements of RCW 36.70A.545, pertaining to bonus densities for affordable housing on properties owned or controlled by religious organizations.

Applicability. Any Affordable Housing Development, as defined by RCW 36.70A.545, that is proposed on real property owned or controlled by a religious organization shall receive a twenty (20) percent density bonus provided that:

- A. At least fifty (50) percent of the Affordable Housing Development is set aside for or occupied exclusively by low-income households, as defined by RCW 36.70A.545; or
- B. At least twenty (20) percent of the Affordable Housing Development is set aside for or occupied exclusively by very low-income households, as defined by RCW 36.70A.545.

Requirements. The Affordable Housing Development shall:

- A. Execute a lease or other binding obligation that requires the affordability requirements and other conditions contained in RCW 36.70A.545 to be maintained for at least fifty (50) years, even if the religious organization no longer owns the property.
- B. Meet all development standards of the zone.

Chapter – Emergency Housing and Shelters

Purpose. The purpose of this chapter is to comply with the requirements of RCW 35.21.683, pertaining to permanent supportive housing, transitional housing, indoor emergency housing, or indoor emergency shelters.

Applicability. This chapter applies to permanent supportive housing, transitional housing, indoor emergency housing, or indoor emergency shelters.

Requirements. Any proposed indoor emergency housing or indoor emergency shelter shall require a written certification with all of the information described in RCW 35.21.683(5)(a) from the sponsor or managing agency prior to a certificate of occupancy.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No comments were received from agencies or the public.

ZONING CODE APPROVAL CRITERIA

Amendments to development regulations are subject to MLMC Section 19.143.050 – Approval Criteria.

- A. The proposed amendment(s) implements the goals, policies, and objectives of the Medical Lake Comprehensive Plan.

Findings: The proposal adds provisions for transitional housing, permanent supportive housing, emergency housing, emergency shelters, safe parking, temporary small houses, encampments, and affordable housing density bonuses. Goal #20 of the Comprehensive Plan states, “Meet a variety of needs including a broad range of health, social and affordable housing issues paying particular attention to senior citizens, low-income families, persons with disabilities and other special need populations.” Even though this goal does not speak directly to the proposed uses, it acknowledges that our community members have a wide variety of needs for both housing and services. Therefore, the proposal implements the goals, policies, and objectives of the Comprehensive plan by providing the opportunity to serve those community members most in need. **For these reasons, the criterion is met.**

- B. The proposed amendment(s) complies with all requirements of the state's Growth Management Act (GMA), including growth boundaries, critical areas, and future housing needs.

Findings: State law requires jurisdictions planning under the Growth Management Act to accommodate housing at all income levels, including emergency, transitional, and permanent supportive housing. RCW 35.21.683, RCW 35.21.915, and RCW 36.70A.545 mandate that local governments allow these uses and limit the extent of local regulation.

The proposed amendments update the Medical Lake Municipal Code to ensure compliance with these statutory requirements by identifying applicable zoning classifications and adopting development standards within the scope permitted by State law. Where State law limits the City’s ability to impose prescriptive regulations, the proposal relies on memoranda of understanding or written certification to support coordination related to public safety, service access, and operational impacts.

Although some of the mandates originate outside the Growth Management Act, they directly affect land use regulation and must be implemented through development regulations subject to the GMA. The proposal therefore complies with applicable state law.

For these reasons, the criterion is met.

- C. The proposed amendment(s) does not conflict with the Shoreline Master Program.

Findings: Any development must conform with the Shoreline Master Program. All applicable shoreline and critical area regulations remain in effect and will govern siting and development. Therefore, these uses will not cause an inherent conflict. **For these reasons, the criterion is met.**

- D. The proposed amendment(s) is consistent with other adopted City plans, including, but not limited to, the Strategic Plan, Capital Facilities Plan, Parks Master Plan, Water Plan, Sewer Plan, Stormwater Plan, and Transportation Plan.

Findings: The proposal provides standards for uses that are mandated by State law. Due to the wide variety of variables associated with transitional housing, permanent supportive housing, emergency housing, emergency shelters, safe parking, temporary small houses, encampments, and affordable housing density bonuses, the proposal is requiring a memorandum of understanding (MOU) or written certification to address the possible externalities created by one of these uses. Therefore, the required MOU or written certification will ensure consistency with other adopted City Plans. **For these reasons, the criterion is met.**

- E. The proposed amendment(s) will not adversely affect the ability to provide City services in a cost-effective manner.

Findings: The proposal provides standards for uses that are mandated by State law. Due to the wide variety of variables associated with transitional housing, permanent supportive housing, emergency housing, emergency shelters, safe parking, temporary small houses, encampments, and affordable housing density bonuses, the proposal is requiring a memorandum of understanding (MOU) or written certification to address the possible City services needed by these uses. Because these uses are mandated and the State is limiting the restrictions that can be placed on them, the City will use the MOU or written certification as a mechanism to address any issues. Therefore, the proposal has an unknown effect on City services, yet an MOU or written certification will be implemented to help the City provide services in a cost-effective manner. **For these reasons, the criterion is met.**

- F. The proposed amendment(s) will not be detrimental to and will result in long-term benefits to the community as a whole and is in the public interest.

Findings: The proposal provides standards for uses that are mandated by State law. Due to the wide variety of variables associated with transitional housing, permanent supportive housing, emergency housing, emergency shelters, safe parking, temporary small houses, encampments, and affordable housing density bonuses, the proposal is requiring a memorandum of understanding (MOU) or written certification to address the possible impacts on the community. Because these uses are mandated and the State is limiting the restrictions that can be placed on them, the City will use the MOU or written certification as a mechanism to address any issues. It is also recognized that our community members have a wide variety of needs for both housing and services that can be served by these uses. **For these reasons, the criterion is met.**

- G. The proposed amendment(s) will not result in adverse impacts to public infrastructure, wetlands, lakes, businesses, or residents.

Findings: The proposal provides standards for uses that are mandated by State law. Due to the wide variety of variables associated with transitional housing, permanent supportive housing, emergency housing, emergency shelters, safe parking, temporary small houses, encampments, and affordable housing density bonuses, the proposal is requiring a memorandum of understanding (MOU) or written certification to address the possible impacts on the community. Because these uses are mandated and the State is limiting the restrictions that can be placed on them, the City will use the MOU or written certification as a mechanism to address any issues. All of these uses will be subject to critical area and shoreline regulations, protecting wetlands and lakes. **For these reasons, the criterion is met.**

CONCLUSION

The proposal provides standards for uses that are mandated to be allowed by State law. Due to the wide variety of variables associated with transitional housing, permanent supportive housing, emergency housing, emergency shelters, safe parking, temporary small houses, encampments, and affordable housing density bonuses, the proposal requires a memorandum of understanding (MOU) or written certification to address the possible impacts on the community. The proposal is consistent with all other adopted City plans, will provide a benefit to the City, and any detrimental impacts will be addressed through the required MOU or written certification. All of the applicable approval criteria have been met, therefore, the proposal should be approved.

POSSIBLE ACTIONS BY THE PLANNING COMMISSION

1. Recommend approval of the proposed amendments to the City Council.
2. Recommend approval of modified amendments to the City Council.
3. Request City Staff to address concerns and return with modified language.

EXHIBITS

- A. SEPA Checklist – March 24, 2026
- B. SEPA DNS – March 25, 2026



To: Planning Commission
From: Elisa Rodriguez, Senior Planner
TOPIC: Periodic Update: MLMC amendments regarding Transportation

Requested Action:

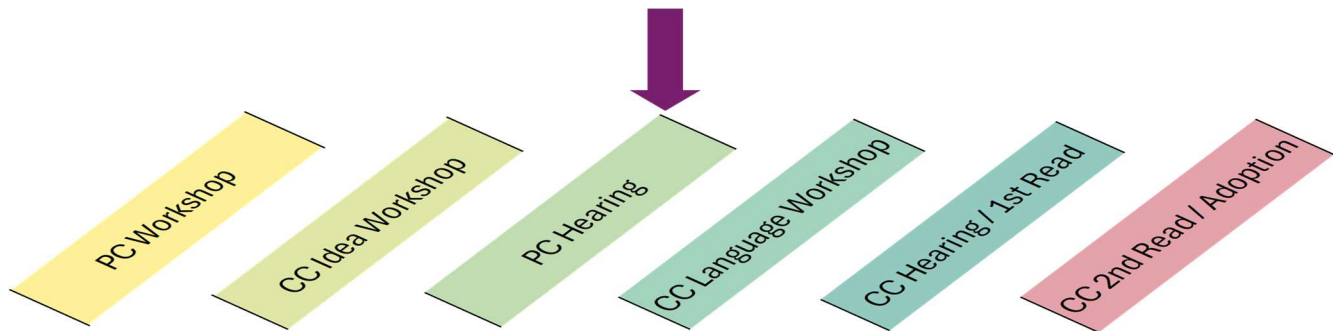
Hold a public hearing and make a recommendation to City Council for proposed amendments regarding transportation to the Medical Lake Municipal Code (MLMC).

Key Points:

A staff report is attached with the proposed language and the findings of fact related to the approval criteria. Recommendations of the Planning Commission must be based on the approval criteria specified in the Medical Lake Municipal Code.

Background Discussion:

This public hearing is the third step in a 6-step process for adopting amendments to the municipal code.



Public Involvement:

A public hearing is held with both the Planning Commission and the City Council. In addition, language will be provided on the City website for review and comment by the public.

Next Steps:

The Planning Commission Recommendation will be presented to the City Council for the language workshop to be held at the June 16, 2026 meeting.



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STAFF REPORT TO THE PLANNING COMMISSION

File: Periodic Update: MLMC Transportation

Date of Staff Report: May 21, 2026

Date of Hearing: May 28, 2026

Staff Planner: Elisa Rodriguez 509-565-5019 or erodriguez@medical-lake.org

SEPA: Determination of Non-Significance was made on May 8, 2026

Procedure: This request requires a legislative review, therefore, the Planning Commission will hold a public hearing and make a recommendation to the City Council. The City Council will hold a public hearing to consider an ordinance to adopt the amendments to the Medical Lake Municipal Code. The complete process can be found in the Medical Lake Municipal Code (MLMC), Section 19.270.050 – Type IV Reviews.

Proposal: It is proposal to amend the municipal code to:

1. Replace MLMC Chapter 17.36 – Off-Street Parking with Chapter 19.650 – Parking.
2. Replace MLMC Chapter 16.22 – Commute Trip Reduction Ordinance and Plan with Chapter 2.90 – Commute Trip Reduction Plan.
3. Replace MLMC Chapter 16.02 – Concurrency with Chapters 19.180 – Concurrency Review, 11.30 – Transportation Concurrency, and 12.40 – Water, Sewer, and Stormwater Concurrency.
4. Delete MLMC Chapter 15.40 – Private Road Standards.
5. Delete MLMC Chapter 17.34 – Planned Unit Developments.

PROCEDURAL HISTORY

SEPA DNS Issued – May 8, 2026

Notice of a Public Hearing Published in Cheney Free Press – April 30, 2026

Public Comment Period Closed – May 22, 2026

PROPOSED LANGUAGE

CHAPTER 19.650 – PARKING

19.650.010 Purpose

The purpose of this chapter is to ensure that vehicle parking is provided in a manner that:

- A. Supports permitted land uses and development patterns;
- B. Maintains neighborhood livability and community character;
- C. Encourages walking, bicycling, and efficient land use; and
- D. Avoids over-parking and unnecessary impervious surface.

19.650.020 Applicability

The regulations of this chapter apply to all parking areas in all zones.

- A. This chapter applies to all new development, redevelopment, changes of use, and expansions that increase parking demand.
- B. Existing legal parking spaces may be maintained and are not required to be brought into conformance unless the use expands or changes.

19.650.030 Required Vehicle Parking

The minimum number of vehicle parking spaces required is determined by the primary use and baseline assumptions, not peak demand. If there is more than one primary use, the minimum for each use shall be met.

Table 19.650-1 Minimum Required Vehicle Parking Spaces for Residential Uses

Housing Type	Minimum Required Parking Spaces
Single-Family House	2 per dwelling unit
Townhouse	1 per dwelling unit
Cottage Housing	1 per dwelling unit and 1 guest space per 4 dwelling units
Plexes (2–6 units)	1 per dwelling unit
Apartment Building	1 per dwelling unit
Accessory Dwelling Unit	1 per dwelling unit
Group Living	0.5 per sleeping room or per Conditional Use Review

Table 19.650-2 Minimum Required Vehicle Parking Spaces for Non-Residential Uses

Use Category	Minimum Required Parking Spaces
Community Service	2 per 1,000 sq. ft. of building area
Daycare	1 per classroom plus 4 or as determined by a Conditional Use Review. No minimum for Family Daycare Providers
Essential Public Facility	As determined by a Conditional Use Review
Manufacturing and Production	2 per 2,000 sq. ft. of building area
Medical Centers	No minimum
Office	2 per 500 sq. ft. of building area
Parks	No minimum

Religious Institutions	1 per 4 seats or as determined by a Conditional Use Review
Retail Sales and Service	2 per 400 sq. ft. of building area
Schools	1 per classroom plus 4
Self-Service Storage	2 per 1,000 sq. ft. of office area
Temporary Lodging	1 per guest room or as determined by a Conditional Use Review
Utilities ³	No minimum
Vehicle Service	2 per 1,000 sq. ft. of office and/or retail area
Warehouse	1 per 1,000 sq. ft. of building area
Waste-Related	No minimum
Wholesale	1 per 1,000 sq. ft. of building area

19.650.040 Central Business District

- A. No minimum parking is required.
- B. No parking shall be located between a primary building and the street.

19.650.050 Residential Parking Standards

- A. Location
 - 1. Parking may be located in a garage, carport, a driveway leading to an individual unit, and/or a parking lot.
 - 2. No more than 40 percent of the land area between the front lot line and front setback line may be paved for vehicle parking.
 - 3. No more than 24 percent of the land area between the street side lot line and the street side setback may be paved for vehicle parking.
- B. Design
 - 1. All required parking spaces shall have the minimum dimensions of 8 feet by 18 feet
 - 2. Accessible parking shall comply with ADA requirements.
 - 3. Tandem parking is allowed for residential uses where both spaces are for the same dwelling unit.
 - 4. Parking lots shall be designed to allow vehicles to enter and exit the roadway in a forward motion.
 - 5. Parking lots shall meet the standards of MLMC 19.650.070 – Parking Lot Standards
- C. Paving
 - 1. All driveways and parking areas shall be paved. Grass block pavers are considered paving.

19.650.060 Non-Residential Parking Standards

- A. Location
 - 1. Parking shall be located in a parking lot or a parking structure.
 - 2. Parking lots shall be setback five (5) feet from all property lines.
- B. Design
 - 1. All required parking spaces shall have the minimum dimensions of 9 feet by 18 feet.
 - 2. Accessible parking shall comply with ADA requirements.
 - 3. Parking lots and parking structures shall be designed to allow vehicles to enter and exit the roadway in a forward motion.
 - 4. Parking structures shall meet the setback requirements of the zoning district.

5. Parking lots shall meet the standards of MLMC 19.650.070 – Parking Lot Standards

C. Paving

1. All parking areas and driveways shall be paved.

19.650.070 Parking Lot Standards

A. Location

1. Parking lots shall be setback five (5) feet from all property lines.

B. Design

1. Residential Parking lot layouts shall conform to the dimensions of Table 19.650-3
2. Non-Residential Parking lot layouts shall conform to the dimensions of Table 19.650-4
3. All parking lots shall be striped in conformance with the parking dimension standards.
4. If a parking lot is located between a building and a street, there shall be a direct, visible, and continuous pedestrian connection from the street to the main entrance of the primary building.

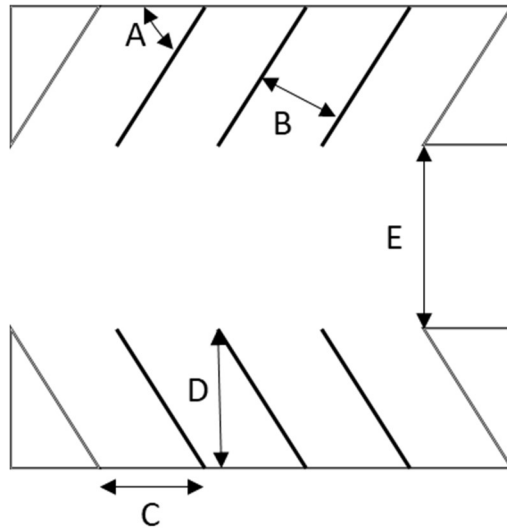
Table 19.650-3 Residential Parking Lot Layout Dimensions

Angle (A)	Width (B)	Curb Length (C)	Stall Depth (D)	1-Way Aisle Width (E)	2-Way Aisle Width (E)
0° (Parallel)	8 feet	22 ft 6 in	8 feet	12 feet	20 feet
30°	8 feet	16 feet	16 ft 10 in	12 feet	20 feet
45°	8 feet	11 ft 4 in	19 ft 3 in	12 feet	20 feet
60°	8 feet	9 ft 2 in	19 ft 7 in	16 feet	20 feet
90°	8 feet	8 feet	18 feet	20 feet	20 feet

Table 19.650-4 Non-Residential Parking Lot Layout Dimensions

Angle (A)	Width (B)	Curb Length (C)	Stall Depth (D)	1-Way Aisle Width (E)	2-Way Aisle Width (E)
0° (Parallel)	9 feet	8 feet	8 feet	12 feet	20 feet
30°	9 feet	9 feet	16 ft 10 in	12 feet	20 feet
45°	9 feet	9 feet	19 ft 3 in	12 feet	20 feet
60°	9 feet	9 feet	19 ft 7 in	16 feet	20 feet
90°	9 feet	9 feet	18 feet	20 feet	20 feet

Diagram 19.650-1 Parking Lot Layout



C. Landscaping

1. Parking Lots shall have landscaping to offset the impacts of impervious surfaces.
2. Tree canopy must shade at least 40 percent of the parking area. The amount of shade is determined by the diameter of the mature crown spread stated for the species of the tree. Trees shall be a minimum of two (2) inches caliper at the time of planting.
3. The five (5) foot setback shall be landscaped shrubs to create a continuous screen at least three (3) feet high at maturity. This screen may be fragmented with trees.
4. All landscaping shall be protected by curbs.
5. All landscaping shall be installed prior to final occupancy.
6. Dead or damaged plants shall be replaced within six (6) months.

19.650.080 Required Bicycle Parking

Table 19.650-5 Minimum Required Bicycle Parking Spaces for Residential Uses

Housing Type	Minimum Required Parking Spaces
Single-Family House	No minimum
Townhouse	No minimum
Cottage Housing	1 space per 4 dwelling units
Plexes (2–6 units)	No minimum for sites with three or fewer dwelling units. Otherwise, 1 space per 4 dwelling units
Apartment Building	1 space per 4 dwelling units
Accessory Dwelling Unit	No minimum
Group Living	1 per 6 sleeping rooms or per Conditional Use Review

Table 19.650-5 Minimum Required Bicycle Parking Spaces for Non-Residential Uses

Use Category	Minimum Required Parking Spaces
Community Service	2 spaces
Daycare	2 spaces or as determined by a Conditional Use Review. No minimum for Family Daycare Providers
Essential Public Facility	As determined by a Conditional Use Review
Manufacturing and Production	2 spaces
Medical Centers	2 spaces
Office	2 spaces
Parks	2 spaces
Religious Institutions	2 spaces or as determined by a Conditional Use Review
Retail Sales and Service	2 spaces per 5,000 square feet of building area
Schools	1 space per classroom
Self-Service Storage	2 spaces
Temporary Lodging	2 spaces or as determined by a Conditional Use Review
Utilities ³	No minimum
Vehicle Service	2 spaces
Warehouse	2 spaces
Waste-Related	No minimum
Wholesale	2 spaces

19.650.090 Bicycle Parking Standards

- A. Location
 - 1. Bicycle parking shall be visible, secure, and located near main entrances.
- B. Design
 - 1. All required parking spaces shall have minimum dimensions of 2 feet by 6 feet
 - 2. There must be at least 5 feet behind all bicycle parking spaces to allow room for bicycle maneuvering.
 - 3. A wall clearance of 2 feet 6 inches must be provided.
- C. Paving
 - 1. All parking areas shall be paved

19.650.100 Bicycle Racks

- A. The rack must be designed so that the bicycle frame and one wheel can be locked to a rigid portion of the rack with a U-shaped shackle lock, when both wheels are left on the bicycle;
- B. If the rack is a horizontal rack, it must support the bicycle at two points, including the frame; and
- C. The rack must be securely anchored with tamper-resistant hardware.

CHAPTER 2.90 - COMMUTE TRIP REDUCTION PLAN

2.90.010 - Purpose

The purpose of this Chapter is to provide for the administration of a Commute Trip Reduction (CTR) Program consistent with state law in order to reduce single-occupancy vehicle commute trips, improve air quality, and help manage congestion in the City and the region.

2.90.020 – Applicability

This Chapter applies to all applicable employers and worksites within the City that are subject to the Commute Trip Reduction requirements of RCW 70A.15 RCW.

2.90.030 –Plan Adoption and Amendments

The City maintains a Commute Trip Reduction (CTR) Plan pursuant to RCW 70A.15.4020. The City Council has adopted a Commute Trip Reduction Plan by resolution, as amended from time to time, which is on file with the City Clerk.

2.90.040 - Administration

The City shall administer the CTR Program in accordance with state law, the adopted CTR Plan, and applicable rules of the Washington State Department of Transportation.

TITLE 19 — LAND USE AND DEVELOPMENT CODE

New Chapter 19.180 — Concurrency Review

19.180.010 Purpose and Authority

- A. This chapter is adopted pursuant to the Growth Management Act, Chapter 36.70A RCW.
- B. The City of Medical Lake shall ensure that public facilities and services necessary to support development are adequate at the time of occupancy and use, without reducing service levels below adopted minimum standards.
- C. Transportation improvements or strategies required to accommodate the impacts of development shall be provided concurrent with development, consistent with RCW 36.70A.070(6).
- D. This chapter establishes a citywide concurrency management system applicable to development proposals and coordinates concurrency review across city departments and service providers.

19.180.020 Applicability

- A. All land use and project review applications requiring review under this title are subject to a concurrency determination unless exempted by MLC Section 19.180.030 - Exemptions.
- B. A concurrency determination conducted at the preliminary approval stage shall satisfy concurrency requirements for subsequent final permits for the same project.

19.180.030 Exemptions

Development proposals that do not increase the number of dwelling units or the intensity of use are exempt from Concurrency Review.

19.180.040 Concurrency Review Process

- A. Applicant Responsibility. The applicant shall provide the City with all information necessary to complete the concurrency evaluation of the proposed development. It shall be the responsibility of the applicant to provide studies, surveys, traffic counts, engineering review, or any other items determined to be necessary for an accurate concurrency evaluation.
- B. Concurrency Coordination. The Planning Official shall coordinate concurrency review by:
 - 1. Distributing applications to affected departments and agencies;
 - 2. Compiling concurrency determinations;
 - 3. Issuing written notice of concurrency findings; and
 - 4. Maintaining certificates of capacity.
- C. City Departmental Review. Each department shall:
 - 1. Apply adopted level-of-service standards;
 - 2. Determine available and planned capacity;
 - 3. Reserve capacity when concurrency is met;
 - 4. Provide a written determination of concurrency; and
 - 5. Report annual capacity to support the Capital Improvement Plan.

19.180.050 Concurrency Facilities

For purposes of review under this title, concurrency applies to the following public facilities and services, collectively referred to as “concurrency facilities,” as identified and evaluated in accordance with the City’s Capital Improvement Plan, Comprehensive Plan, and adopted level-of-service standards:

- A. Streets and State highways, including associated intersections and traffic control infrastructure;
- B. Potable water supply, treatment, storage, and distribution systems;
- C. Sanitary sewer collection, treatment, and disposal systems;
- D. Stormwater and surface water management facilities; and

19.180.060 Parks, Trails, and Recreation Facilities

Parks and recreation facilities are not subject to concurrency requirements; instead, the impacts of development on parks are addressed through long-range planning, capital improvements, land dedications, and the collection of impact fees as authorized by state law.

The Planning Official, or designee, shall be responsible for applying adopted level of service standards during the land use or project review process.

19.180.070 Non-Concurrency Facilities

Some facilities and services are not controlled by the City of Medical Lake. They are considered “non-concurrency facilities”. However, the associated agencies will be notified and their comments considered during the review process. Non-concurrency facilities include but are not limited to:

- A. Transit facilities and services;
- B. Electric utility facilities and services;
- C. Solid waste and recycling facilities and services;
- D. Law enforcement facilities and services;
- E. Fire protection and emergency medical services;
- F. Public school facilities serving city residents;
- G. Public library facilities and services;
- H. Natural Gas facilities services;
- I. Telecommunications facilities and services; and
- J. Broadband facilities and services.

19.180.080 Level of Service

Level of service standards shall be monitored and updated through the Comprehensive Plan, the Capital Improvement Plan, and the Transportation Improvement Program. Concurrency determinations shall be based on the most recently adopted standards.

Parks and recreation level of service standards shall be monitored and implemented through the Comprehensive Plan, Capital Improvement Plan, and impact fee program, and are not subject to concurrency denial under this Chapter

19.180.090 Concurrency Determination

- A. Development proposals that do not cause adopted levels of service to fall below minimum standards will receive a Certificate of Concurrency Capacity.
- B. Development proposals that would cause adopted levels of service to fall below minimum standards shall not be approved unless capacity will be provided concurrent with development.
- C. If concurrency is not met, the applicant may:
 1. Modify the proposal to reduce impacts;
 2. Provide or fund required improvements;
 3. Determinations may be appealed in accordance with MLMC Chapter 19.290 – Appeals.

19.180.100 Certificate of Concurrency Capacity

- A. A certificate of concurrency capacity shall be issued concurrently with development approval.
- B. Development may proceed in phases where each phase independently satisfies concurrency standards.
- C. Improvements must be completed prior to occupancy or use unless the improvements are in the Capital Improvement Plan and funded.
- D. A development agreement may be executed to address complex issues related to concurrency.
- E. Certificates are project-specific, non-transferable to other land, and expire with the associated permit or review.
- F. Unused or expired capacity shall revert to the available capacity pool.

19.180.110 Relationship to Departmental Concurrency Chapters

Concurrency adequacy under City control shall be evaluated under the following Chapters, which establish standards, methodologies, and thresholds:

- MLMC Chapter 11.30 — Transportation Concurrency
- MLMC Chapter 12.40 — Water, Sewer, and Stormwater Concurrency

TITLE 11 — STREETS AND SIDEWALKS**New Chapter 11.30 — Transportation Concurrency****11.30.010 Purpose**

The purpose of this chapter is to implement the transportation concurrency requirements of the Growth Management Act by ensuring that new development is supported by adequate transportation facilities. Development shall not reduce adopted transportation levels of service below minimum standards unless improvements, strategies, or other measures are provided concurrent with the impacts of development.

11.30.020 Concurrency Review

The Concurrency Review process is located in MLMC Chapter 19.180 - Concurrency Review.

11.30.030 Responsible Official

The Public Works Director, or designee, shall be the responsible official for administering and making determinations regarding transportation concurrency under this chapter, as well as tracking capacity to inform the Capital Improvement Plan.

11.30.040 Facilities Subject to Concurrency

Transportation concurrency shall apply to the City's transportation system, including: City-owned streets and intersections classified as arterials, collectors, or local streets; and associated multimodal facilities serving those streets, including pedestrian, bicycle, transit, and emergency access facilities, as applicable.

11.30.050 State Route 902

State Route 902 is a Highway of State Significance and under the jurisdiction of the Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT). WSDOT shall be consulted on issues of concurrency and their comments incorporated into the review.

11.30.060 Level of Service Standards

Transportation level-of-service (LOS) standards shall be those adopted in the Comprehensive Plan. B. LOS shall be evaluated using defined metrics, including minimum pavement condition ratings, safety performance indicators, and multimodal connectivity standards, as adopted in the Comprehensive Plan or supporting technical documents.

11.30.070 Concurrency Evaluation

Transportation concurrency shall be evaluated as follows:

- A. Identify Affected Facilities. The City shall determine which arterial, collector, and local streets are reasonably expected to provide access to the proposed development.
- B. Assess Level of Service Impacts. The City shall determine whether the proposed development would cause any adopted LOS standard to fall below the applicable minimum standard or exacerbate an existing deficiency in adopted LOS standards.
- C. Consider Funded Transportation Improvements. The City shall identify any fully funded and scheduled transportation projects included in the Capital Improvement Plan that are reasonably expected to address impacts to affected facilities within the concurrency timeframe.
- D. Off-Site Improvements. The City shall determine whether off-site transportation improvements, not included in the Capital Improvement Plan, are necessary to address impacts attributable to the proposed development in order to maintain adopted LOS standards for the safe and efficient movement of people and vehicles.
- E. On-Site and Frontage Improvements. The City shall evaluate whether the proposed development includes onsite and frontage improvements consistent with adopted City standards, including utilities, curbs, gutters, sidewalks, bicycle facilities where appropriate, and roadway improvements necessary to serve the project in a manner consistent with safety, accessibility, and the public interest.

11.30.080 Written Determination

- A. The Public Works Director, or designee, shall issue a written transportation concurrency determination to the Planning Official.
- B. The written determination shall state whether transportation concurrency is:
 1. Satisfied;
 2. Satisfied with conditions or required mitigation; or
 3. Not satisfied.

- C. Any required mitigation or conditions of approval shall be clearly identified in the determination.

TITLE 12 — WATER AND SEWER

New Chapter 12.40 — Water, Sewer, and Stormwater Concurrency

12.40.010 Purpose

The purpose of this chapter is to implement the water, sewer, and stormwater concurrency requirements of the Growth Management Act by ensuring that new development is supported by adequate public utility facilities. Development shall not reduce adopted levels of service for water, sewer, or stormwater systems below minimum standards unless improvements, strategies, or other measures are provided concurrent with the impacts of development.

12.40.020 Responsible Official

The Public Works Director, or designee, shall be the responsible official for administering and making determinations regarding water, sewer, and stormwater concurrency under this chapter, as well as tracking capacity to inform the Capital Improvement Plan.

12.40.030 Concurrency Review

The Concurrency Review process is located in MLMC Chapter 19.180 - Concurrency Review.

12.40.040 Facilities Subject to Concurrency

Water, sewer, and stormwater concurrency shall apply to the City's public utility systems, including:

- A. Water systems: water supply sources, treatment facilities, storage reservoirs, pump stations, transmission and distribution mains, and related appurtenances;
- B. Sanitary sewer systems: wastewater collection systems, lift stations, treatment facilities, and conveyance infrastructure; and
- C. Stormwater systems: drainage facilities, including pipes, ditches, culverts, inlets, detention and retention facilities, outfalls, green infrastructure, and other stormwater management systems owned or operated by the City or serving the City.

12.40.050 Level of Service Standards

Water, sewer, and stormwater level of service (LOS) standards shall be those adopted in the Comprehensive Plan. LOS shall be measured using available system capacity relative to projected demand, as demonstrated through engineering analysis, system modeling, or adopted capacity standards.

12.40.060 Concurrency Evaluation

Water, sewer, and stormwater concurrency shall be evaluated as follows:

- A. Identify Affected Facilities. The City shall determine which water, sewer, and stormwater facilities are reasonably expected to serve the proposed development.
- B. Assess Level of Service Impacts. The City shall determine whether the proposed development would cause any adopted LOS standard to fall below the applicable minimum standard or exacerbate an existing deficiency in water, sewer, or stormwater facilities.
- C. Consider Funded Capital Improvements. The City shall identify any fully funded and scheduled utility projects included in the Capital Improvement Plan that are reasonably expected to address impacts to affected facilities within the concurrency timeframe.
- D. Off-Site Improvements. The City shall determine whether off-site water, sewer, or stormwater improvements, not included in the Capital Improvement Plan, are necessary to address impacts attributable to the proposed development in order to maintain adopted LOS standards.

- E. On-Site and Frontage Improvements. The City shall evaluate whether the proposed development includes on-site and frontage improvements consistent with adopted City standards, including water and sewer lines, storm drainage facilities, service connections, hydrants, flow control measures, water quality treatment facilities, and related infrastructure necessary to serve the project in a manner consistent with safety, reliability, and the public interest.

12.40.070 Written Determination

- A. The Public Works Director, or designee, shall issue a written water, sewer, and stormwater concurrency determination to the Planning Official.
- B. The written determination shall state whether concurrency is:
 - 1. Satisfied;
 - 2. Satisfied with conditions or required mitigation; or
 - 3. Not satisfied.
- C. Any required mitigation or conditions of approval shall be clearly identified in the determination.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No comments were received from agencies or the public.

ZONING CODE APPROVAL CRITERIA

Amendments to development regulations are subject to MLMC Section 19.143.050 – Approval Criteria.

- A. The proposed amendment(s) implements the goals, policies, and objectives of the Medical Lake Comprehensive Plan.

Findings: The proposal replaces chapters in the municipal code regarding parking, the commute trip reduction plan, and concurrency while deleting chapters regarding private road standards and planned unit developments. Goal #6 of the Comprehensive Plan states, “Use and maintain the transportation system effectively for all types of motorized and non-motorized transportation modes within the city and between Medical Lake and neighboring communities.” An effective multi-modal system provides a reasonable number of parking spaces while also providing infrastructure for bicycling and walking. Goal #3 states, “Have convenient, attractive, and visible pedestrian and bicycle access to community facilities and neighborhoods, making the trail system one of the state’s best.” Bicycle access includes providing a safe place to park and lock a bicycle. Goal #10 states, “Ensure all public facilities and services are in place, or expected to be in place, at the time development occurs.” Concurrency is the practice of ensuring that infrastructure to support development exists or is constructed at the time of new development. Therefore, the proposal implements the goals, policies, and objectives of the Comprehensive plan by providing for the needs of the community through the transportation system and other critical infrastructure. **For these reasons, the criterion is met.**

- B. The proposed amendment(s) complies with all requirements of the state's Growth Management Act (GMA, including growth boundaries, critical areas, and future housing needs.)

Findings: The proposal replaces chapters in the municipal code regarding parking, the commute trip reduction plan, and concurrency while deleting chapters regarding private road standards and planned unit developments. The Growth Management Act encourages multi-modal transportation

systems, speaks to transportation demand management, mandates transportation concurrency, and requires opportunities for affordable housing.

The proposed amendments update the Medical Lake Municipal Code to ensure compliance with these statutory requirements by citing the City's adopted Commute Trip Reduction Plan (transportation demand management) and by providing a clear process for Concurrency Review. The Planned Unit Development regulations that are being removed have been replaced with more housing types, increased densities, and more opportunities to build housing in more zones via Ordinance #1144. The proposal therefore complies with applicable state law. **For these reasons, the criterion is met.**

- C. The proposed amendment(s) does not conflict with the Shoreline Master Program.

Findings: Any development must conform with the Shoreline Master Program. The proposed amendments do not modify shoreline jurisdiction, allowable uses, or development standards within shoreline areas. All applicable shoreline and critical area regulations remain in effect and will govern siting and development. Therefore, these uses will not cause an inherent conflict. **For these reasons, the criterion is met.**

- D. The proposed amendment(s) is consistent with other adopted City plans, including, but not limited to, the Strategic Plan, Capital Facilities Plan, Parks Master Plan, Water Plan, Sewer Plan, Stormwater Plan, and Transportation Plan.

Findings: The proposal replaces chapters in the municipal code regarding parking, the commute trip reduction plan, and concurrency while deleting chapters regarding private road standards and planned unit developments. Objective 1.2.2 of the Strategic Plan states, "Ensure levels of service are reasonable and appropriate and the ability exists to maintain them over time." The proposed concurrency review process ensures that the City will continue to ensure that infrastructure is in place for new development. Objective 2.1.4 states, "Evolve and update the land development code to balance neighborhood quality, character, and livability through sustainable development." The proposed parking standards provide for vehicle parking while balancing the need for bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure. The proposed concurrency review chapter is directly tied to the Capital Improvement Plan, Parks Master Plan, Water Plan, Sewer Plan, Stormwater Plan, and Transportation Plan, ensuring that level of service standards are maintained either through existing capacity, funded improvements, or developer-provided mitigation. **For these reasons, the criterion is met.**

- E. The proposed amendment(s) will not adversely affect the ability to provide City services in a cost-effective manner.

Findings: The proposal replaces chapters in the municipal code regarding parking, the commute trip reduction plan, and concurrency while deleting chapters regarding private road standards and planned unit developments. By requiring a reasonable amount of vehicle and bicycle parking, non-vehicle trips are encouraged, which reduces the vehicle capacity needed in the street system. The commute trip reduction plan also encourages active transportation, therefore relieving some of the demand on the street system. Concurrency review provides a framework that ensures development contributes its proportionate share of infrastructure improvements or necessary mitigation to maintain adopted level of service standards. **For these reasons, the criterion is met.**

- F. The proposed amendment(s) will not be detrimental to and will result in long-term benefits to the community as a whole and is in the public interest.

Findings: The proposal replaces chapters in the municipal code regarding parking, the commute trip reduction plan, and concurrency while deleting chapters regarding private road standards and planned unit developments. The proposed parking regulations will ensure that parking needs are met while not overburdening new development with the cost of excessive parking. In addition, new landscaping standards are intended to improve stormwater management outcomes and urban design quality, supporting long-term community benefit. Bicycle parking requirements will help provide more travel options for residents. The Commute Trip Reduction Plan helps to offset single-occupancy vehicle trips, reducing the need for increasing the capacity of city streets. The proposed concurrency review works to ensure new development pays for needed facilities, relieving the burden of existing residents. Deleting the private road standards from the municipal code benefits residents by having public rights-of-way that are maintained by the City, using the tax dollars they are already paying. **For these reasons, the criterion is met.**

- G. The proposed amendment(s) will not result in adverse impacts to public infrastructure, wetlands, lakes, businesses, or residents.

Findings: The proposal replaces chapters in the municipal code regarding parking, the commute trip reduction plan, and concurrency while deleting chapters regarding private road standards and planned unit developments. As stated in the above criteria, the proposed standards provide many benefits for the community. Public infrastructure will receive appropriate improvements at the expense of the developer, wetlands and lakes will benefit from the encouragement of active transportation options as well as landscaping standards that decrease the amount of stormwater runoff. Businesses, although required to have a minimum amount of parking, will have greater control over the number of parking spaces that are appropriate for their business, making having a business in Medical Lake more affordable. Limiting the number of parking spaces required for residents will help in the plight of providing affordable housing, benefiting residents. **For these reasons, the criterion is met.**

CONCLUSION

The proposal replaces chapters in the municipal code regarding parking, the commute trip reduction plan, and concurrency while deleting chapters regarding private road standards and planned unit developments. It is consistent with the Comprehensive Plan, other adopted City plans and the Growth Management Act. The proposal will not adversely affect the ability to provide City services in a cost-effective manner and it benefits the community in the long term. All of the applicable approval criteria have been met, therefore, the proposal should be approved.

POSSIBLE ACTIONS BY THE PLANNING COMMISSION

1. Recommend approval of the proposed amendments to the City Council.
2. Recommend approval of modified amendments to the City Council.
3. Request City Staff to address concerns and return with modified language.

EXHIBITS

- A. SEPA Checklist – May 8, 2026
- B. SEPA DNS – May 8, 2026