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Kimberley Lund, Mayor
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Dear Mayor Lund:

WSDOT approved your 2025 Annual Title VI Compliance documents to meet the requirements under Title 23 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), Part 200 and 49 CFR. As public records, your Title VI Accomplishments and Goals report and Nondiscrimination Assurances (NDA) **must** be posted on your website. Please update the NDA if there is a change in the Executive Official who signs it and email it to WSDOT within 30 days.

WSDOT appreciates your efforts in developing the required documents for your Title VI Program. **Your next annual report is due February 1, 2027, covering the reporting period of January 2026 to December 2026.** Transmittal email contains additional information.

WSDOT is committed to providing any assistance you may need with your Title VI Program implementation process. For assistance, please contact me at 360-522-2794 or at doris.karolczyk@wsdot.wa.gov.

Sincerely,

Doris Karolczyk
Doris Karolczyk, PhD
Title VI Local Agency Compliance Lead
Office of Equity and Civil Rights
Washington State Department of Transportation

cc: Mehrdad Moini



TITLE VI ACCOMPLISHMENTS & GOALS REPORT

This outline is for LPA and other governmental entities to report Title VI activities that occurred over the past year and report Title VI goals for the upcoming year. Reports must be returned on or before due date to meet eligibility requirements for federal funding. Send to TitleVI@WSDOT.wa.gov

DUE DATES: Refer to Section 28.3 for scheduled reporting period and due date

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To comply with Title VI requirements, each annual report submission must include signed Standard Assurances (USDOT1050.2A).

Accomplishments

1. Have there been any changes to the approved Title VI Plan that have not been reported to OECR?

The initial Title VI Plan was approved by WSDOT in January 2024 and has since been updated to include revised contact information and changes to the Language Access sections. Once all required signatures are obtained, the updated Title VI Plan and Assurances will be submitted to WSDOT. Additionally, the City is in the process of finalizing its Language Access Plan.

2. Organization, Staffing, Structure: Describe the Title VI Program reporting structure including the Title VI Coordinator, Administrative Head, and transportation-related staff.

The list should include name, race, color, and national origin of each individual. Include the same details if your LPA has a volunteer or appointed board related to transportation decision making.

City Staff - the City of Bellingham ADA/Title VI Coordinator, on behalf of the Mayor, is responsible for the overall management and day-to-day administration of the Title VI program. The ADA/Title VI Coordinator reports directly to the Public Works Assistant Director of Internal Services.

Table: 2025 City of Bellingham Staff Demographics

2025 City of Bellingham Staff	Race	Ethnicity	Gender
Mayor	White	Not Hispanic or Latino	Female
Public Works Director	White	Not Hispanic or Latino	Male
Public Works Assistant Director – Engineering	White	Not Hispanic or Latino	Male
Public Works Assistant Director – Internal Services	White	Not Hispanic or Latino	Female
Public Works Assistant Director - Transportation	White	Not Hispanic or Latino	Male
Construction Manager	White	Not Hispanic or Latino	Male
Transportation Engineer	White	Not Hispanic or Latino	Male
Transportation Planner	White	Not Hispanic or Latino	Male
ADA/Title VI Coordinator	White	Not Hispanic or Latino	Female

Transportation Commission – The Transportation Commission is expected to help shape the future of Bellingham by taking a long-range, strategic look at transportation issues and providing recommendations on policy choices and investment priorities. ([Transportation Commission - City of Bellingham \(cob.org\)](https://www.cob.org/transportation-commission)).

The Transportation Commission Members are appointed by the Mayor and confirmed by City Council. Members represent a range of perspectives and expertise, focusing on the community’s long-term vision for mobility options throughout the city. Applicants must be residents of Whatcom County for at least two years and the State of Washington for three years to be eligible for appointment. The 2025 members are listed on the next page.

Table: 2025 Transportation Commission Members

Transportation Commission Members	Race	Ethnicity	Gender
Transportation Commission Member	White	Not Hispanic or Latino	Female
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- Community Demographics: Using a map of the LPA’s boundaries, describe the demographics of the LPA’s service area (e.g., race, color, ethnicity and national origin). List, by individual languages, the percent of the population(s) that is limited English proficient.

Since the 2024 demographic data was not available at the time of this report, the following information is based on the 2023 ACS 5-Year Estimate Demographic and Housing data prepared by the U.S. Census Bureau for the City of Bellingham, WA. **Total population is 94,712.**

Table: 2023 ACS Demographic Data - Race

Category: Race	Percentage of Population	Number of people
White	75.34%	71,359
Black or African American	2.04%	1,933
American Indian and Alaskan Native	1.13%	1,071
Asian	5.76%	5,452
Native Hawaiian and other Pacific Islander	0.12%	113
Other race	4.90%	4,639
Two or more races	10.71%	10,145

Table: 2023 ACS Demographic Data - Ethnicity

Category: Ethnicity	Percentage of Population	Number of people
Hispanic or Latino	11.06%	10,472
Not Hispanic or Latino	88.94%	84,240

Table: 2023 ACS Demographic Data – Limited English Proficiency

Category: Limited English Proficiency by Language (LEP)	Percentage of Population	Number of people
Spanish	1.49%	1,414
French, Haitian or Cajun	0.09%	86
German	0.02%	16
Russian, Polish, or other Slavic languages	0.15%	144
Other Indo-European language	0.20%	192
Korean	0.09%	83
Chinese (including Mandarin, Cantonese)	0.36%	341
Vietnamese	0.27%	256
Total LEP Population	3.16%	2,993

Additional demographic data and maps for the City of Bellingham are displayed in Appendix A

If the LPA’s Limited English proficient population is 5% of the total or 1,000 individuals, whichever is less, explain the Four-Factor Analysis by answering the following statements.

Briefly describe the number of LEP persons served and languages spoken in the service area:

Based on the local demographic data provided above, individuals with Limited English Proficiency (LEP) make up less than 5% of the population. Among these, Spanish speakers represent the only group exceeding 1,000 individuals. While the City encourages offering language assistance as broadly as possible, formal guidelines for assessing needs and delivering language access services are currently being finalized in the City of Bellingham’s Language Access Plan.

Briefly describe the frequency of contact with LEP persons for services or projects (e.g., customer service interactions, public meetings, and contracts bidding and awarding):

Website – The City of Bellingham’s website provides a machine translation feature for its webpages, allowing users to switch translations on or off and select their preferred language. Content that is not managed within the City’s website content management system will not be automatically translated. The translation tool is located in the upper-right corner of the City website (see screenshot on the next page). The language selection button appears on the homepage ([Homepage - City of Bellingham \(cob.org\)](http://www.cob.org)), and on all subsequent pages throughout the site. Interpreter services and translated documents are available upon request.



Interpreter Services – the City utilizes Language Line for on-demand interpretation needs when communicating with the public over the phone or in-person. This program provides video services for individuals needing an American Sign Language Interpreter, as well as audio and video for over 350 other spoken languages. The City’s contract with Language Line allows all City Departments to utilize these services as needed (including Fire, Library, Municipal Court, Police, Mayor’s Office, City Council, Human Resources, Legal, Parks and Recreation, Planning/Permit Center, ITSD, Public Works and Finance). Below is a table representing the **top** interpreter calls for this reporting period including American Sign Language interpretation. Note: this list does not include all calls.

Table: 2025 Language Line Call Data

Reporting period: Nov 1, 2024 through Oct 31, 2025 (# of calls for top languages)

	Spanish	American Sign Language	Punjabi	Russian	Mandarin	Vietnamese
Bellingham - All Other City Departments	80	0	0	0	0	0
Fire Department	29	0	15	3	0	4
Library Department	7	0	0	0	0	0
Municipal Court	303	0	5	0	2	2
Police Department	495	0	29	18	12	4
Total Calls	914	0	49	21	14	10

City Council Meetings – In 2025, regular evening Bellingham City Council Meetings provided language access services in Spanish. Meetings were held at 7:00pm on Mondays as indicated on the [City Council Calendar](#). Spanish interpretation was provided at all regular evening meetings for both in-person and online attendees (<https://cob.org/gov/council/language-access>), including the scheduled public hearings and general public comment periods.

- Interpretation headsets were available for in-person attendees and located near the main entrance to Council Chambers.
- Remote viewers can log on to cob.org/cczoom and click on the “Language” icon at the bottom of the screen to listen in Spanish.

Meeting agendas and videos in Spanish are also posted on the language access page. City Council accepts feedback several different ways – including regular mail, online forms and by email at cmail@cob.org. In addition, verbal public comment is accepted during scheduled public hearings and during general public comment periods at the end of the evening Bellingham City Council Meetings. Additional interpretation and translation services are provided as needed.

Vital Documents Translation – the City ensures timely translation services whenever required by law or upon request, making every reasonable effort to accommodate each need. Departments are evaluating vital documents and proactively translating them into Spanish. Additionally, the City is finalizing a written notice explaining how to request free language assistance for vital documents. Public Works includes a written translation notice and a QR code on project mailers, linking individuals to online project content that can be translated into multiple languages.

Briefly describe the importance of the program, activity, or service to the lives of LEP persons:

The City encourages everyone, regardless of language, to participate in City services, programs and activities. Clear and effective communication between City staff, elected officials, and community members in any language is essential for ensuring people feel comfortable engaging with City representatives and is critical to full participation in all aspects of local government. The Language Access Plan outlines how the City will proactively inform community members about their right to free language assistance when connecting with the City and will provide guidance on accessing these services.

Briefly describe current resources available for LEP persons and overall cost:

Language Line - On-demand interpretation services are provided by the City through Language Line. Average annual average cost is approximately **\$7,700**. The table below breaks down the cost for each department. “All Other City Departments” include City Council, Mayor’s Office, Human Resources, Legal, Parks and Recreation, Planning/Permit Center, ITSD, Public Works and Finance.

Table: 2025 Language Line Costs

Department	Annual Cost 11/1/24 – 10/31/25
All Other City Departments	\$605.80
Bellingham Fire Department	\$360.43
Bellingham Public Library	\$49.34
Bellingham Municipal Court	\$2,370.25
Bellingham Police Department	\$4,280.94

City Council - In 2025, language access services proactively provided at evening City Council Meetings cost approximately \$12,000 for the year (including Spanish translated agendas and Spanish interpreters provided in-person and online).

As needed or anticipated, City Departments have translated documents and scheduled interpreters for meetings and court hearings. Costs vary for each Department.

4. Complaints

Provide a copy of the LPA's Title VI complaint log, including new Title VI complaints received during this reporting period and any still pending. Include the basis of the complaint (race, color, national origin) and describe the disposition (status/outcome).

There were no Title VI complaints filed during the 2025 reporting period.

Anyone filing a complaint may request the form be translated into another language. A designated [Title VI webpage](#) is available on the City of Bellingham website, which includes the following content:

- Notice of Title VI Rights
- City Title VI Plan and Non-Discrimination Assurances
- Title VI Complaint Procedures
- Title VI Complaint Form (English form and Spanish form)
- City Title VI Annual Updates

See Appendix B for City of Bellingham Title VI Complaint Log

5. **Planning:** Describe the transportation planning activities performed this reporting period. Describe the actions taken to promote Title VI compliance regarding transportation planning, including monitoring and review processes, community involvement, their outcome or status.

Transportation Improvement Program – The [Six-Year \(2026-2031\) Transportation Improvement Program \(TIP\)](#) was adopted by City Council in June 2025. The City of Bellingham’s Six-Year TIP is the funding mechanism for expensive capital improvements to Bellingham’s multimodal transportation network. During the course of each year, Bellingham’s Transportation Planning staff monitors safety, congestion, and multimodal mobility issues on the citywide transportation network, as well as emerging opportunities for grant funding and public-private partnerships. The evaluation process includes input from various departments, local jurisdictions and organizations, citizen groups and private individuals. The primary source of major transportation improvements is from the identified project list in the Transportation Element of the Bellingham Comprehensive Plan. The Transportation Element of the Comprehensive Plan is informed by neighborhood open meetings, public comment periods and a public hearing in front of City Council. Additional information is posted online ([Funding for Multimodal Transportation Improvements - City of Bellingham \(cob.org\)](#)).

The following programs were adopted under the 2026-2031 TIP:

Street Preservation Program – Repair and resurfacing of streets, adjoining curb, gutter and sidewalk, as well as installing accessible curb ramps. Pavement resurfacing is an annual maintenance program to protect the City’s investment in public roadways and to ensure adequate quality walking, riding and driving surfaces at an optimized life-cycle cost.

Nonmotorized Transportation Improvements Program – Construct safe and equitable connections and street crossing projects for people walking, bicycling and rolling to help complete and enhance the citywide pedestrian and bicycle transportation network and the Whatcom Transportation Authority (WTA) transit network. Specific improvement projects are prioritized based on safety, equity, accessibility, connectivity, and trip potential; scale and complexity; cost; and grant competitiveness.

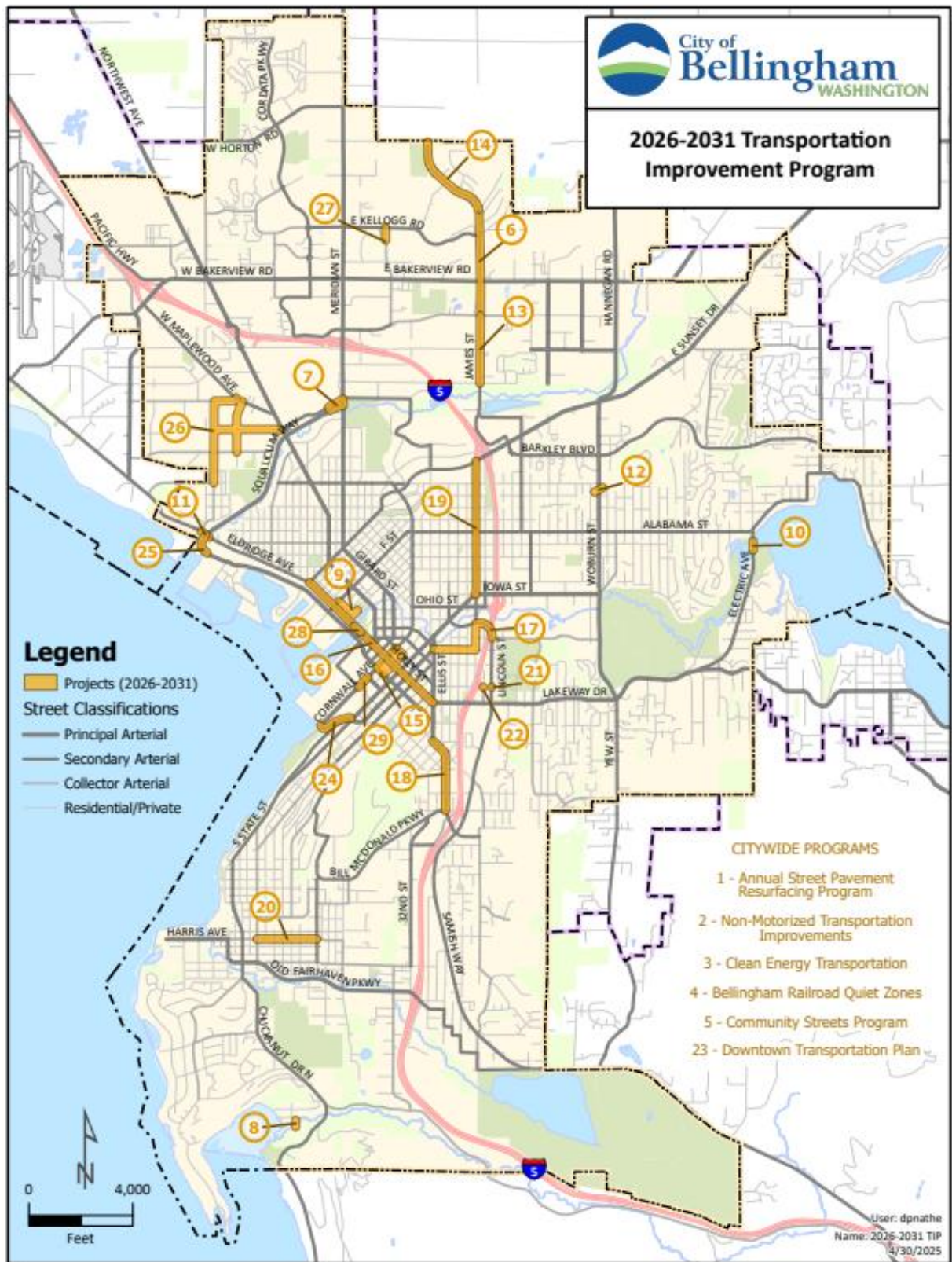
Clean Energy Transportation Program – Construct transportation projects that implement Bellingham’s Climate Protection Action Plan goals for clean energy (carbon-free) transportation, as well as WTA’s 2040 Long-Range Transit Plan. Examples of eligible projects include transit speed and reliability improvements, WTA fleet electrification and charging facilities, electric vehicle charging stations, Bellingham Station expansion, and other capital expenditures for clean energy transportation.

Bellingham Railroad Quiet Zones Program – Construct safety improvements at at-grade BNSF railroad street crossings to establish Downtown Bellingham Quiet Zone. Fairhaven Quiet Zone was established as of March 10, 2025. At-grade crossing treatments will vary depending on the needs of the specific site. Preliminary cost estimates are approximately \$1,000,000 or more per crossing.

Community Streets Program – Implement creative, data informed, and community-driven solutions for local traffic issues, which are identified through an inclusive and equitable community engagement process. Work performed in 2025 is listed on page 14-15.

Downtown Transportation Plan – This effort will evaluate all downtown streets, sidewalks, alleys and other infrastructure and identify priorities and opportunities for each mode of travel. With a holistic look at how everyone moves through downtown, we can ultimately make well-informed decisions about changes that will help downtown thrive. The plan will include opportunity for community feedback and result in a preferred network describing the role of each street and how the buildings and public spaces around it can function together.

A map is provided on the next page that displays the program and projects areas included in the Six-Year 2026-2031 Transportation Improvement Program.



[Comprehensive Plan Update](#) – On December 15, 2025, Bellingham City Council approved the Bellingham Plan. The plan addresses important topics, such as housing, transportation, and climate resilience, and will guide development, capital investments, city programs and other actions for the next 20 years. More information can be found at cob.org/comprehensive-plan.

The Phase 4 Legislative Process and Plan Adoption details are available online, with the ability to translate the content into other languages ([Phase 4 Legislative Process and Plan Adoption | Engage Bellingham](#)). During 2025 there was an Environmental Review, Planning Commission recommendation and City Council decision. The Spanish Engage Bellingham page was also updated during the legislative process and plan adoption in 2025 ([En Español | Engage Bellingham](#)).

Environmental Review - This process takes place at the Countywide level through an environmental impact statement (EIS), which provides important information related to transportation, greenhouse gas emissions, wildlife, and other environmental impacts. The analysis covers several alternatives, allowing consideration of a range of approaches to growth. These alternatives are compared to a baseline that represents the current unaltered regulations in order to understand the impacts associated with each alternative considered. The draft EIS was released in April and includes analysis of these alternatives. Following a public comment period and additional discussions, a preferred alternative was selected and analyzed in the final EIS. The preferred alternative represents the anticipated land use and policy changes anticipated for the Bellingham Plan.

Planning Commission Recommendation - The environmental review analysis and a Public Hearing held by Planning Commission inform any additional updates to the draft goals and policies, land use map, and other material. The Planning Commission made a recommendation to the City Council regarding which updates should be adopted.

- September 18: Public Hearing ([Bellingham Plan - Planning Commission Presentation: September 18, 2025](#))
- September 25: Work Session ([Bellingham Plan - Planning Commission Presentation: September 25, 2025](#))

City Council Decision - This process began with the recommendation from the Planning Commission. Spanish agendas were provided on the Language Access page for City Council, and Spanish interpretation was provided at regular evening meetings. Interpretation was available in-person by utilizing headsets in the room, and remote viewers could access the Spanish channel of the zoom video. Spanish agendas and recordings are available on the Language Access Page ([Language Access at City Council Meetings - City of Bellingham](#)). City Council discussions occurred frequently from October – December 2025:

- October 6: The Bellingham Plan Overview
- October 13: First 6 Chapters - Land Use, Housing, Community Design, Facilities and Services, Transportation, Parks and Recreation
- October 20: Last 4 Chapters - Climate, Environment, Economic Development, Community Wellbeing
- November 3: Public Hearing

- November 10: Work Session
- November 17: Consider Ordinance - Committee of the Whole
- December 8: Consider Ordinance (1st and 2nd readings)
- December 15: Consider Ordinance (3rd and Final reading)

General discussions with both the Planning Commission and City Council helped inform the draft Bellingham Plan prior to the adoption process beginning. City Council Discussion Dates (2025):

- January 27: Project Overview and Countywide Process
- May 5: Discuss Topics Related to Land Use and Housing
- June 23: Continue discussion from May 5 on Topics Related to Land Use and Housing
- September 15: Library Facilities Master Plan
- September 29: Capital Facilities Plan & Multimodal Transportation

Planning Commission Discussion Dates (2025) - The Planning Commission meets on the first and third Thursday of each month, with occasional special meetings.

- February 6: Project Overview
- February 20, March 6 and March 20: Land Use; Housing; and Community Design
- April 3: Climate; Environment
- May 1: Economic Development
- May 15 and May 29: Capital Facilities and Urban Services; Transportation; and Parks, Recreation, and Open Space
- June 26: Community Wellbeing and Civic Practices
- July 10: Environmental Impact Statement and Capacity Analysis
- August 21: Reference Documents

Public Outreach – The City of Bellingham values input from all community members. To enhance engagement, the City uses the online platform *Engage Bellingham* to gather feedback on City projects, planning efforts, and programs. This platform includes an automatic translation feature – similar to the City’s website – that allows users to turn translations on or off and select their preferred language. The translation option is located in the upper-right corner of the page.

Feedback collected through Engage Bellingham complements in-person opportunities such as open houses and focus groups. Spanish-speaking community members make up the largest Limited English Proficiency (LEP) group in Bellingham. For City-wide projects, information and materials are posted on the City’s website under dedicated project pages, which can be automatically translated into multiple languages. Public Works project mailers include a graphic directing residents to the website for multilingual project information. Additional materials are translated upon request.

Communication Services and Language Access – A Language Access Plan is being finalized to adopt city-wide that will focus on limited English proficient individuals within City-limits and provide a standard approach for public engagement with City projects, services and programs. The City prioritizes continued emphasis on equity and inclusion efforts including investments in language access.

- 6. Right-of-way actions: Describe activities during this reporting period associated with the purchase, sale, lease/use, or transfer of real property (related to highway transportation/public right-of-way use). Include demographic information of affected populations.

For example, the race, color, national origin of affected property/business owners(s)/tenant(s).

WF023 – Pine Street Crossing

A quitclaim deed was completed in June 2025 with Whatcom County for Cornwall Ave APN 380236 504432 0000. A preliminary purchase agreement with BNSF was still in process at the end of 2025. No minority groups have been identified as being impacted, and no concerns have been raised about the property impact.

Demographic Form - The City includes a Right-of-Way Actions Demographic Form with acquisition packets and offer letters, to better understand the demographics of affected property/business owner(s) or tenant(s). In 2025 there were no offers sent out, but we anticipate acquisition packets going out in 2026, which will include the new demographic form.

Language Access - The Real Property Manager translates forms and letters as needed. The Language Line contract allows City Staff to easily provide interpreters to communicate effectively with the public.

- 7. Identify right-of-way appraisers and acquisition staff (used during this reporting period) by race, color, national origin.

Table: City Right-of-Way Staff

City Right-of-Way Staff	Race	Ethnicity	Gender
Real Property Manager	White	Not Hispanic or Latino	Male

- 8. Studies and Plans: Were any transportation studies (including environmental reviews) conducted or transportation plans completed during this reporting period? Identify the data source(s) and provide data summary (Title VI/Environmental Justice Analysis) relative to ethnicity, race, languages spoken, neighborhoods, income levels, physical environments, and/or travel habits. Explain how data was used in these studies/reviews/plans.

ES576 – Holly Street Bike Facility Study and Design

In May 2024, the City piloted a new bike lane on Holly Street from Ellis to Bay Street to improve safety, mobility, and accessibility for cyclists and pedestrians. The project helped advance key goals outlined in Bellingham’s 2024 Bicycle Master Plan, as well as the City’s Local Road Safety Plan, to enhance pedestrian safety and comfort in the downtown area. Additionally, the project aligns with Bellingham’s Complete Networks Ordinance, which prioritizes the safety and accessibility of the most vulnerable users in the city’s multimodal transportation system.

2025 Project Updates

Throughout the Pilot, extensive community feedback was collected, which helped guide several improvements that have been implemented since the Pilot project began. For details regarding the pilot project results, community feedback, data collection, and analysis, review the [Holly](#)

[Street Bike Lane Before & After Study Report](#), which Public Works presented to the Bellingham City Council on [January 27, 2025](#).

Community input and pilot project results inform the development of a final design for the Holly Street Corridor, from Broadway to Ellis Street. To learn more about the upcoming corridor project, design process, and providing input, visit the [Final Design – Holly Street Corridor \(Broadway to Ellis\)](#) project page.

Safety Enhancements:

- [Leading Pedestrian Indicators \(LPis\)](#) at intersections for improved pedestrian and cyclist visibility while using crosswalks.
- Traffic studies to analyze traffic flow and speed impacts.
- Minimal changes to on-street parking availability.
- **Summer 2025:**
 - Installed green crossbikes to enhance cyclist visibility at driveways.
 - Added turn wedges, speed bumps, tubular delineators, additional signage, and parking stall markings to consolidate pedestrian and cyclist traffic at crossings while encouraging safer speeds through intersections.

Summer 2025 – Last Round of Pilot Modifications

In July 2025, the City of Bellingham implemented the last improvements as part of the Pilot Project to enhance cyclist visibility, reduce right-turn conflicts, and encourage safer speeds through intersections. These changes respond to community feedback and concerns provided during the initial phase of this project.

Important changes included replacing parking-protected bike lanes between North State Street and Bay Street with standard buffered bike lanes —similar to those commonly seen throughout Bellingham — and installing safety enhancements at high-traffic intersections to improve visibility and facilitate safer pedestrian and bicycle crossings. [Holly Street Bike Lane Pilot - City of Bellingham](#)

ES588 – Community Streets Program

The Community Streets Program (CSP) is a resident-driven initiative that enhances neighborhood safety and livability by addressing traffic concerns on residential streets. Through a collaborative and data-driven approach, the program empowers residents to identify safety concerns in their own neighborhoods and prioritize improvements. By engaging with the community, collecting data, and implementing a range of solutions – from low-cost neighborhood projects to conducting location studies that inform potential traffic calming measures – the Community Streets Program strives to create safer, more connected, and more vibrant neighborhoods for all residents.

The program operates on a rotational basis, dividing Bellingham into four geographic areas. Each year, the program focuses on a different area, encompassing approximately 25% of the city's population. Group A was the selected area for the 2025 CSP, encompassing the northern neighborhoods of Cordata, Meridian, King Mountain, Irongate, Barkley, and Silver Beach.

In May 2025, the team officially opened the public survey and conducted targeted outreach to eligible residents using a combination of broad and focused strategies. Program materials were shared through city and partner channels, including multilingual content on websites, social media, and newsletters to ensure inclusive and effective engagement for the Community Streets Program.

Printed flyers in English and Spanish were distributed with the support of partners such as the WeBike Association and Whatcom Transportation Authority, and direct mailers were sent to all eligible households. Staff also promoted the program at in-person events like Bike to Work & School Day and Public Works Meet-a-Truck. Additional targeted outreach focused on reaching seniors, disabled residents, and multi-family housing developments, using multi-lingual flyers and tailored mailers to promote accessibility and inclusion in program participation.

All outreach directed residents to complete the online survey to pinpoint their location of concern on a digital map and provide information about the type and specific details of the concern.

Next Steps

For the 2025 CSP cycle the project team has contracted with DKS Associates to develop engineering plans for construction of the proposed improvements. A final design package is expected to be completed by March of 2026, with construction over the summer via the job order contracting (JOC) process.

The team is also working towards beginning the outreach and engagement plan for the 2026 CSP cycle, which is expected to follow the standard cycle schedule of community engagement in early 2026. [Community Streets Program - City of Bellingham](#)

See Appendix C for Community Streets Program Outreach Materials

9. **Project Location and Design:** Provide a list of construction projects that began during this reporting period. Using a map of the LPAs service area, identify project locations, and a brief description of the projects' benefits/burdens to affected populations. If possible, provide a map that overlays projects with the racial composition of affected neighborhoods.

Construction projects initiated during the 2025 reporting period did not adversely impact minority and/or low-income Environmental Justice populations. Additional demographic data in relation to the project areas are displayed in Appendix A. The following list describes project benefits.

Street and Sidewalk Maintenance – Under the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), the City has established an annual street pavement resurfacing program and non-motorized transportation upgrades, which includes sidewalk and bikeway improvements. Annual maintenance of existing public streets and bicycle lanes protects the City's investment in these facilities and ensures adequate quality driving and riding surface at an optimized life-cycle cost. The non-motorized transportation upgrades add sidewalk connections, crosswalks and various bicycle facilities to complete and enhance the citywide Pedestrian and Bicycle non-motorized transportation network and the WTA transit network throughout Bellingham. Within this category, the City has established annual contracts for concrete and asphalt repairs to improve pedestrian safety. This program allows the City to prioritize sidewalk and road repairs in response to complaints. To report an issue with a sidewalk or street, citizens and staff can utilize the [SeeClickFix](#) program. When a citizen submits a request, applicable crews are dispatched to evaluate the concern. The City has been able to quickly address accessibility issues by having this reporting tool and annual contracts for concrete and asphalt repairs already in place.

ER015/ER016 – Meador Ave and James Street Whatcom Creek Bridge Replacement Projects
Construction was completed in the fall of 2025. Both bridges are now open and had final finishing work completed in September, including handrails installed and planting.

James Street and Meador Avenue are listed as arterial streets. The two bridges to be replaced in this project were originally built in 1936 and rebuilt in 1962 and are nearly identical. Both are built on timber piers which have been deteriorating. The project includes removal and replacement of the two bridges with single span bridges with varying cross sections. Improvements will also consist of replacing existing water main on the bridges, relocating existing sanitary sewer infrastructure, mitigating stormwater, relocating franchise utility and other work associated with the replacement of the bridges.

An Environmental Justice Analysis was conducted for this bridge project and included in the Title VI 2024 Annual Report. The results of the Social and Community Impacts Decision Matrix indicate that there are protected populations present within the detour route. The project will result in a detour for commercial and private vehicles during construction. Construction is estimated to last approximately 8 to 10 months. The anticipated impact of the detour on vehicle traffic will be low to moderate because of the traffic coming from local residential areas and commercial areas farther away. Based on the Environmental Justice Analysis conducted, the populations existing within the detour polygon consist of fewer minorities, fewer low income households and fewer English language learners. Therefore, impacts of the project from the detour on adjacent populations will not disproportionately affect low-income households,

minorities, or English language learners. The project will not require any relocations or displacements of protected populations. Temporary right-of-way (e.g., construction access) will be required for the project but no permanent right-of-way acquisition is required for the project and no property will be purchased.

While the bridges were designed and constructed as one project, each bridge is funded separately by Federal Local Bridge Program Funds as well as local Street Funds. Construction began in Spring 2024, and was completed by Fall 2025. Every effort was made to minimize disruption to local businesses and school buses from the Bellingham Public School Yard within the project limits. Both projects are federally funded through the WSDOT STP(BR) bridge replacement program. [Meador Avenue and James Street Whatcom Creek Bridge Replacement Projects - City of Bellingham \(cob.org\)](#)

[ER018 – Eldridge Ave – Squalicum Creek Bridge](#)

Geotechnical and survey work were scheduled for Spring 2025, in preparation for construction at a later time. This project will reconstruct and widen the existing bridge over Squalicum Creek which was originally built in 1937. The new bridge will include one vehicle travel lane in each direction, separated bike lanes and sidewalks on both sides. In 2024, the City initiated the design phase of the project. This aging bridge has been identified as needing to be replaced. Replacement of the bridge presents the opportunity to widen the bridge and provide facilities for pedestrians and bicyclists. This project is funded by a Federal Bridge Program Grant. [Eldridge Avenue Bridge Reconstruction \(Squalicum Creek\) - City of Bellingham](#)

[ES473 – James and Bakerview Intersection Improvements](#)

Construction of the new roundabout was completed in 2025. The existing intersection of James Street and Bakerview Road was reconstructed as one multimodal roundabout to improve safety, efficiency, and access for all transportation modes, including freight.

An Environmental Justice Analysis was conducted for this transportation improvement project and included in the Title VI 2024 Annual Report. All populations will benefit from the intersection improvements, and the opportunities it presents for improved safety, traffic flow, emergency vehicle response times, bicycle and pedestrian provisions, public transit efficiency and truck route improvements. Thus, there will be no disproportionately high or adverse short-term impacts on EJ populations, as all populations will be affected equally. This project will not permanently change travel patterns for vehicles, commuters, transit, bicycles, or pedestrians. This project will improve travel by improving traffic flow, reducing queuing times and improving pedestrian and bicyclist safety. Construction will also improve truck traffic through the intersection from and to the nearby Irongate Industrial area. No minority or low-income populations have been identified that would be adversely affected by this project. Improvements will benefit all populations within the project boundary the same; no disproportionate or adverse impacts are anticipated for minority populations only. The project will involve some right-of-way acquisition; however, this is dependent on location along the project boundary, not the demographic of the person(s) from which right-of-way will be purchased. Additionally, the right-of-way acquisitions are the minimum areas necessary to construct the project improvements. [James and Bakerview Intersection Improvements - City of Bellingham \(cob.org\)](#)

ES559 – Neighborhood Overlays

The Neighborhood Overlays project was completed as of November 2025. The project has improved the road driving surface in the Silver Beach and Samish neighborhoods, including a new RRFB at Electric Ave and Flynn St. Construction began in the spring of 2025. The improvements are funded by City Street Funds and voter-approved Bellingham Transportation Funds. [Neighborhood Overlays - City of Bellingham](#)

ES561 – West Illinois Multimodal Improvements

Construction was completed in the summer of 2025. The West Illinois Multimodal project added sidewalks to West Illinois and upgraded curb ramps to meet ADA requirements. In addition, a small roundabout was installed at the intersection of Meridian Street and West Illinois. Bike facility markings were added on Meridian, Illinois and Girard Streets and Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacons (RRFBs) will be installed at Meridian/North Street, Meridian/Oregon Street and Girard/H Street. The Oregon and H Street crossings have new pedestrian ramps as well. The purpose of this project was to improve pedestrian, bicyclist, and driver safety in the area. This project coordinated with the Parkview Safe Routes to School project.

This project is funded by the Bellingham Transportation Fund, a Washington State Improvement Board Grant and Washington State Complete Streets. [West Illinois Multimodal Improvements - City of Bellingham \(cob.org\)](#)

ES562 – Old Town Redevelopment

In 2025, this project was under design and coordinating timing with the developers. Street construction is anticipated to begin in the Spring of 2026. This will involve installing curb and gutter, undergrounding overhead utilities and widening some of the roadways. In coordination with property owners per existing agreement, the City will construct streetscape improvements on C, D, and E Streets between Holly and Bancroft and along Astor Street between C and F Streets. The project is under design and the timing will be coordinated with the developers. [Old Town Urban Village Streetscape Improvements - City of Bellingham](#)

ES564 – Meridian-Birchwood Transportation Improvements

The Meridian-Birchwood Transportation Improvements project was in the design phase during 2025. The scope of the project was updated and is anticipated to move forward to improve safety and traffic flow near two closely spaced intersections. These intersections currently experience major congestion and serve as key connections between the waterfront, the Port of Bellingham, and I-5.

The upgrades will improve traffic flow for people and freight while enhancing visibility, access, and multimodal efficiency. The project includes improvements listed in the [Pedestrian Master Plan](#), [Bicycle Master Plan](#), [ADA Transition Plan](#), [Parks PRO Plan](#), and will improve access to existing WTA service routes, as well as improve fish habitat.

The scope and phasing of this project have recently been updated. The revised project scope covers the following elements:

- **Squalicum Way realignment**
- **Meridian–Birchwood roundabout**

- **Tributary W restoration**

These components are fully funded for construction, and the federal permitting process is expected to begin soon. The project design team is working to complete the design set for the updated project scope; anticipated construction start date in late 2027, depending on federal environmental permitting and right-of-way acquisition. Sign up to [receive monthly email updates](#) on current Public Works projects and programs. [Meridian-Birchwood Transportation Improvements - City of Bellingham](#)

ES565 – James Street Multimodal Improvements

The James Street Multimodal Improvements project was in the design phase during 2025.

Segments 1 & 2 - This project will construct a 12-foot wide multiuse pathway on the west side as identified in the 2019 James Street Multimodal Feasibility Study. The project will change road elevation between Orchard and McLeod, add left turn lanes, and upgrade streetlighting to improve safety, as well as reconstruct culverts to improve fish passage. This project is currently in the design phase and seeking grant funding. [James Street Multimodal Safety Improvements between Orchard St and Telegraph Rd \(Segments 1 & 2\) - City of Bellingham](#)

Segments 3 & 4 - This project will improve safety for all users along the James Street corridor in the King Mountain neighborhood. The improvements include a new multi-use path on James Street from Telegraph Road north to King Avenue, and sidewalks and bike lanes from King Avenue to Gooding Avenue. The project will connect with proposed improvements at the Bakerview and Telegraph Roads intersection, and existing improvements at Kellogg Street. The project will also upgrade street lighting and install City fiber connections. Construction is planned for 2026. [James Street Multimodal Safety Improvements Phases 3 and 4 - City of Bellingham](#)

ES566 – 12th & Finnegan Multimodal Projects

The 12th and Finnegan project was under construction in 2025. This project was designed to improve transportation safety at key intersections along the 12th Street and Finnegan Way corridor, which is the gateway to the Fairhaven Urban Village. Pedestrian, bicycle, transit rider and vehicle crossing demand is increasing in this area, making this project a priority for improving access and safety for Fairhaven residents, businesses, and visitors.

This project adds:

- A new traffic signal at the busy intersection of 12th Street, Mill Avenue, and Finnegan Way (this traffic signal will be linked with the Harris Avenue signal for smoother traffic flow)
- New flashing crosswalks ([Rapid Rectangular Flashing Beacons](#)):
 - At the intersection of 12th Street and McKenzie Avenue
 - At the intersection of 11th Street and Finnegan Way
- New on-street parallel parking, ADA-accessible sidewalk, bike lane improvements, and street trees along a section of Finnegan Way between Mill Avenue and 11th Street

This busy intersection sees more than 10,000 vehicles per day and this number continues to grow with increasing development in Fairhaven, making a full traffic signal necessary to improve safety for pedestrians, cyclists, transit riders, and drivers. The new signal will also improve visibility for drivers, particularly for those traveling east from the steep slope of Mill Avenue where sightlines are currently limited. Construction on this project began in April 2025 with the installation of flashing crosswalks, new sidewalk, on-street parallel parking, and bike lane upgrades, as well as prep work for the new traffic signal (electrical work, ramp installation, and re-paving).

This transportation improvement project has been identified as a priority in the [2022 Bellingham Local Road Safety Plan](#), [Bellingham's Six-Year Transportation Improvement Program](#), Bellingham's 2012 [Pedestrian Master Plan](#), and the [Fairhaven Urban Village Plan](#). The funding for this project comes from the City of Bellingham Street Fund, Transportation Fund, and a Washington State Transportation Improvement Board Grant. [12th and Finnegan Multimodal Projects - City of Bellingham \(cob.org\)](#)

ES569 – Cordata, Ellis and State Overlay

The Cordata, Ellis and State Overlay project was in the design phase during 2025. Project construction is anticipated to start in 2026. This project will repair deteriorating pavement, replace aging utilities, make changes to crosswalks to bring them up to current ADA standards, and increase accessibility of roads to bicyclists. The streets to be overlaid are Cordata Parkway starting at W Bakerview Road to Kellogg Road, Ellis Street from Sunset Drive to Squalicum Parkway, and N State Street from Iowa Street to Ellis Street. On Kellogg Road, one vehicle lane in either direction will be removed and replaced with a buffered bike lane from Cordata Parkway to Meridian Street. [Cordata, Ellis and State Overlay - City of Bellingham](#)

ES571 – Bellis Fair Family Housing and Learning Center Frontage Improvements and Trail Connections

This project will construct curb, gutter, and sidewalk on the west side of Bellis Fair Parkway, south of Eliza Avenue, to a new mid-block crosswalk. The improvements will serve as frontage improvements for planned Opportunity Council development of the existing “motorcycle lot” parking lot. New trail connections will also be constructed within existing City right-of-way both west and south of the development.

Project design is being done in coordination with the Opportunity Council's new affordable housing and childcare center development, and the implementation timeline will be determined by schedule of the development project. Through ongoing coordination, the Opportunity Council and City of Bellingham determined that there was the opportunity for the City to construct on and off-street multimodal infrastructure that would support connectivity for people walking and biking in the Meridian and Cordata neighborhoods, as well as the new Opportunity Council development. This project is funded by the Transportation Fund and Greenway Levy Fund. [Bellis Fair Family Housing and Learning Center Frontage Improvements and Trail Connections - City of Bellingham](#)

ES572 – 2025 City-wide Non-motorized improvements

The 2025 City-wide Non-motorized improvements project was in the design phase during 2025. Project construction is anticipated to start in 2026. This project will add and improve bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure in many spot locations throughout Bellingham. Currently, the project design scope includes various locations. Construction at all the locations depends on final costs – some of the locations may not be constructed under this project due to funding constraints.

[2025 City-wide Non-motorized Improvements - City of Bellingham](#)

ES573 – 32nd and Elwood Improvements

This project installed new curb, gutter, and sidewalk along Elwood Ct, along Elwood Ave from Elwood Ct to 32nd St and along 32nd St from Elwood Ave to Fielding Ave. In addition, ADA improvements will be made at the intersection of 32nd St and Elwood Ave and the intersection of 32nd St and Fielding Ave. The improvements are a part of a pilot project aimed at improving small overgrown City owned lots and infill sidewalk in accordance with the Pedestrian Master Plan. Sidewalk installed was complete. Re-stripping is delayed for warmer, drier weather.

[32nd and Elwood Improvements - City of Bellingham](#)

ES579 – Harris Street Multimodal Corridor Improvements between 12th Ave and 24th Ave

The Harris Street Multimodal project was in the design phase during 2025. Project construction is anticipated to start in 2026. This project will upgrade and repair utilities throughout the corridor and then construct sidewalks and bike lanes on both sides of the street. It will also upgrade curb ramps and improve street lighting. This project is currently shown as funded by the Street Fund in the Six-Year Transportation Improvement Program.

[Harris Avenue Multimodal Corridor Improvements 12th to 24th Streets - City of Bellingham](#)

WF023 – Pine Street Crossing

The Pine Street Crossing project was in the design phase during 2025; project design was started in November 2024. Project construction is anticipated for 2026. This project will upgrade the existing railroad crossing to quiet zone standards and add a multiuse path crossing. The Pine Street Crossing safety improvements are part of the City's efforts to upgrade railroad crossings in the waterfront area to complete a quiet zone while also improving pedestrian and bicycle access in the area. Construction will include pedestrian and bicycle facilities from the Cornwall/Pine Street intersection across the railroad tracks to Wharf Street. An additional extension to the South Bay Trail along Wharf Street will require more funding to complete. Once complete, this trail will improve connectivity between Cornwall Avenue and Boulevard Street and the future Salish Landing Park, helping to fulfill plans in Bellingham's Pedestrian and Bicycle Master Plans. The project is funded in the City's Six Year Transportation Improvement Program.

[Pine Street Crossing - City of Bellingham](#)

Public Outreach Materials 2025 – Project information is posted on the City’s website as its own project webpage, which can be automatically translated into many languages. Spanish speaking residents represent the largest LEP population in Bellingham, and we evaluate the outreach and communication efforts for each phase of the projects. In addition, a graphic is added to all project mailers that direct the community to visit the website for project information. Materials will be translated into other languages as requested. Below are some examples:



Table: Public Outreach Materials 2025

Project #	Project Name	Outreach Materials 2025
ER015 ER016	Meador Ave and James Street Whatcom Bridge Replacement projects	Construction was completed in 2025. No additional outreach materials were sent out in 2025. All project information on our website is available for machine translation.
ER018	Eldridge Ave – Squalicum Creek Bridge	All project information on our website is available for machine translation. <i>(This project is in design phase)</i>
ES473	James and Bakerview Intersection Improvements	All project information on our website is available for machine translation. Construction was completed in 2025. The project Open House took place on 3/6/25.
ES559	Neighborhood Overlays	Construction was completed in 2025. All project information on our website is available for machine translation.
ES561	West Illinois Multimodal Improvements	Construction was completed by summer 2025. No additional outreach materials were sent out in 2025. All project information on our website is available for machine translation.
ES562	Old Town Redevelopment	All project information on our website is available for machine translation. <i>(This project is in design phase)</i>
ES564	Meridian/Birchwood	All project information on our website is available for machine translation. <i>(This project is in design phase)</i>
ES565	James Street Multimodal	All project information on our website is available for machine translation. <i>(This project is in design phase)</i> An Open House took place on 3/6/25 in connection with the James and Bakerview Intersection Improvements. The design concept for Segments 1, 2, 3 and 4 was introduced to community members.

ES566	12 th & Finnegan Safety Improvements	All project information on our website is available for machine translation. Construction mailer was sent out to local addresses with a QR code and “project information” translated into 5 top languages for Bellingham. See page 23-24 of this report.
ES569	Cordata, Ellis and State Overlay	All project information on our website is available for machine translation. <i>(This project is in design phase)</i>
ES571	Bellis Fair Family Housing and Learning Center Frontage Improvements and Trail Connections	All project information on our website is available for machine translation.
ES572	2025 City-wide Non-motorized improvements	All project information on our website is available for machine translation. <i>(This project is in design phase)</i>
ES573	32 nd and Elwood Improvements	All project information on our website is available for machine translation.
ES576	Holly Street Bike Facility Study and Design	All project information on our website is available for machine translation. Additional project engagement information is available on Engage Bellingham with machine translation into other languages.
ES579	Harris Avenue Multimodal Improvements	All project information on our website is available for machine translation. <i>(This project is in design phase)</i>
ES588	Community Streets Program	<p>Survey – Targeted outreach was conducted to eligible residents using a combination of broad and focused strategies to complete a survey that opened in May 2025. Program materials were shared through city and partner channels, including multilingual content on websites, social media, and newsletters to ensure inclusive and effective engagement for the Community Streets Program.</p> <p>Flyers - Printed flyers in English and Spanish were distributed with the support of partners such as the WeBike Association and Whatcom Transportation Authority, and direct mailers were sent to all eligible households. Staff also promoted the program at in-person events like Bike to Work & School Day and Public Works Meet-a-Truck. Additional targeted outreach focused on reaching seniors, disabled residents, and multi-family housing developments, using multi-lingual flyers and tailored mailers to Promote accessibility and inclusion in program participation.</p>
WF023	Pine Street Crossing	All project information on our website is available for machine translation. There was a temporary detour on the South Bay Trail, and a project mailer was sent out. <i>(This project is in design phase)</i>

Project Mailers:

WF023 – Pine Street Crossing (temporary detour)

**NOTICE OF WORK:
Feb. 10-11**

NO THROUGH ACCESS
A section of the South Bay Trail will be blocked between the State Street Roundabout and Pine Street due to construction equipment on the trail.

DETOUR VIA BOULEVARD
Please use sidewalks and bike lanes on Boulevard Street to travel around the blocked section of trail.

LEARN MORE
We are doing work in preparation for our upcoming Pine Street Crossing Project. Learn more at cob.org/pine-crossing.

Contact information: Freeman Anthony, P.E., 360-778-7924

Información del proyecto:
Thông tin dự án:
Информация о проекте:
पुणेवट सङ्खती:
项目信息:

Thank you for your patience!

ES566 – 12th & Finnegan Multimodal Improvements

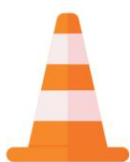
12th and Finnegan Multimodal Projects

A project is starting in your area soon!

This project will improve transportation safety at key intersections in the Fairhaven area by adding:

- A traffic signal at the intersection of 12th Street, Mill Avenue, and Finnegan Way
- Flashing crosswalks (RRFBs) at the intersection of 12th Street and McKenzie Avenue and 11th Street and Finnegan Way
- New on-street parallel parking, ADA accessible sidewalk, and street trees along a section of Finnegan Way
- Bike lane improvements

Expect traffic impacts during construction:



- There may be temporary lane closures along Finnegan Way and 12th Street.
- Construction will likely begin in April and continue intermittently through the end of the year, depending on material delivery timing.
- Please visit our website for more updates.
- Thank you for your patience!



Project updates and more information

Visit cob.org/12th-and-finnegan, scan the QR code below, or email askpw@cob.org.

Información del proyecto:
Thông tin dự án:
Информация о проекте:
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Priority transportation safety project

This multimodal project focuses on improving safety and accessibility along the 12th Street and Finnegan Way corridor, a vital gateway to the Fairhaven Urban Village. The new traffic signal, flashing crosswalks and added sidewalk aim to reduce collisions, improve pedestrian safety and improve access for all users. These improvements are crucial for meeting the growing population and demand in the Fairhaven area.

Project funding:



City of Bellingham
Public Works
2221 Pacific Street
Bellingham, WA 98229

10. Other Public Meetings: List other public meetings held during this reporting period. Identify efforts used to encourage citizen participation at those meetings. Detail dates, times, locations, attendance, and provide examples of outreach materials.

Identify members of the LPA's transportation planning and/or advisory groups by race, color, and national origin.

Transportation Commission – Meetings are typically held on the 2nd Tuesday of the month at 6:00pm. Meetings take place in-person at the Public Works Pacific Street Operations Center (2221 Pacific Street). City boards and commissions returned to in-person meetings, with remote participation as an option. Agendas, minutes, and materials are available via the [City of Bellingham's Transportation Commission website](#). Assistive listening devices and qualified interpreters are provided upon request. ***Transportation Commission Member demographics are listed under Question #2 of this report.***

Specify methods used to collect demographic information from transportation-related public meetings. (Self-identification surveys, notes by staff, etc.)

Optional Demographic Data - Public Works Communication and Outreach staff provided the Optional Demographic Forms to collect data from transportation-related project Open House events in 2025:

- March 6, 2025 – James and Bakerview Corridor Improvements Open House
 - 70 people attended the event
 - 11 people completed the voluntary survey, below are the compiled results:
 - 2 Women identified as Hispanic/Latino and White/Caucasian
 - 5 Women identified as White/Caucasian
 - 4 Men identified as White/Caucasian

List any language assistance services requested. For which languages? Who provided the service? In addition, list vital documents translated during the reporting period and identify the languages.

- Language assistance services were not requested for the Transportation Commission Meetings or Open House events during this reporting period.
- Spanish interpretation was automatically provided for 2025 evening City Council Meetings. Additional language assistance services were not requested for City Council meetings

Bellingham City Council Meetings – City Council Public Meetings were held in-person with a hybrid remote attendance option. The Meeting Calendar is posted online ([Council Meetings - City of Bellingham \(cob.org\)](#)). Generally, City Council Meetings are held on Mondays beginning at 7:00pm in Council Chambers, located at City Hall (210 Lottie Street). The Council Chambers is fully accessible. Elevator access to the second floor is available at City Hall's west entrance. Hearing assistance is available, and a receiver may be checked out through the Deputy City Clerk prior to the evening session.

The Bellingham City Council accepts feedback during their meetings in two different ways: during scheduled Public Hearings and during general Public Comment Sessions (in-person or remotely via Zoom). Instructions are provided at the time of the Public Hearing or Public Comment Session. Community members can speak during a Public Hearing or the Public Comment Session. In addition, advance written Public Hearing testimony and general written Public Comment can be presented by mail or online. **All City of Bellingham construction contracts, consultant agreements and right-of-way acquisitions are approved at City Council meetings which are open to the public.**

- Spanish interpretation is provided at all regular evening meetings for both in-person and online attendees (<https://cob.org/gov/council/language-access>), including the scheduled public hearings and general public comment periods. Agendas and previous meeting videos are available in Spanish on the City Council Language Access page.
- Agendas, notices, and minutes of all meetings are available via the City of Bellingham’s website. Council Committee and Regular Meeting agendas and packets are posted at <https://cob.org/meetings>. A hard copy of the agenda packet is available for review from the reference desk at the Central Library or the Finance Office at City Hall.
- Council meetings are streamed live via the City’s website and on the [City’s YouTube channel](#). Members of the public who do not have cable or internet access may listen to the meeting via telephone.
- Members of the public can sign up to speak at meetings. Accommodations are made for people with disabilities and translation is available for people with limited English proficiency.

City Council – members of the City Council are elected by the citizens of Bellingham. Terms are four years, except for the at-large position, which is a two-year term. City Council contact information and biographies are available on the City’s website ([Council Contacts and Biographies - City of Bellingham \(cob.org\)](#)).

Table: 2025 City Council Members

2025 City Council Members	Race	Ethnicity	Female	Male
1 st Ward City Council Member	White	Not Hispanic or Latino	X	
2 nd Ward City Council Member	White	Not Hispanic or Latino	X	
3 rd Ward City Council Member	White	Not Hispanic or Latino		X
4 th Ward City Council Member	Black	US-Black or African American		X
5 th Ward City Council Member	White	Not Hispanic or Latino	X	
6 th Ward City Council Member	White	Not Hispanic or Latino		X
At Large City Council Member	White	Not Hispanic or Latino		X

11. Transportation-related Construction and Consultant Contracts (if applicable): Briefly describe the process used to advertise and award construction contracts during this reporting period. Include the process for negotiated contracts (e.g., consultants).

Construction Projects

The Finance Department (Purchasing and Contracts Division) post bid opportunities on the City's Procurement Page (<https://cob.procurement.com/home>). Construction contracts are publicly advertised on the City's website and in the local newspaper, the Bellingham Herald. The advertising period is a minimum of two consecutive weeks for non-federal funded projects. For federal funded projects, the advertising period is a three-week period prior to opening of bids.

Additional information is posted on the City of Bellingham Purchasing webpage ([City Purchasing - City of Bellingham \(cob.org\)](http://City Purchasing - City of Bellingham (cob.org))). Depending on the Public Works contract amount, qualified firms are selected from the MRSC roster, or through a competitive Invitation for Bid (IFB) process. All federal construction contracts and all bid packages have appropriate language, goal setting programs and monitoring to address the use of minority firms in capital construction.

City of Bellingham policy is to comply with Title 49 Code of Federal Regulations (CF) Part 26 to ensure that Disadvantaged Business Enterprises, including minorities and women, have an equal opportunity to receive and participate in federally assisted contracts. The City of Bellingham does not exclude any person from participation in, deny any person the benefits of, or otherwise discriminate in connection with the award or performance of any contract covered by 49 CFR Part 26 on the basis of race, color, sex, or national origin. When DBE goals are assigned to the project, we also advertise on the Washington State Office of Minority & Women's Business Enterprises (OMWBE) website and the Daily Journal of Commerce.

Bid Contracts: Bid sets are made available to review on the City's Bid Portal. After the bidding period closes, the bids are opened and checked for responsive and responsiveness. Once the bid opening is held, the City completes the bid tabulation and evaluates the low bidder responsibility criteria. The bid tabulation is reviewed for accuracy and evaluated for unbalanced bid items by internal staff and the apparent low bidder is identified. Results are posted to the City's website. Projects are taken to City Council for approval and award of the contract. Smaller projects, \$350,000 or less, may utilize the Small Works Process and request bids from prospective bidders registered with Municipal Research and Services Center of Washington (MRSC) in lieu of a City Council approval process.

Consulting Services

The Finance Department (Purchasing and Contracts Division) post consultant opportunities over \$50,000 on the City's website (<https://cob.procurement.com/home>) and in the local newspaper, the Bellingham Herald. Upon request of the City's Project Manager, the advertisements may be placed in the Daily Journal of Commerce (DJC), and the Office of Minority and Women's Business Enterprises (OMWBE) Publication. The advertising period is a minimum of two consecutive weeks.

Bidding and Request for Proposal (RFP)/Request for Qualifications (RFQ) opportunities are posted on the Procurement Process page under "Doing business with the City of Bellingham" webpage ([City Purchasing - City of Bellingham \(cob.org\)](http://City Purchasing - City of Bellingham (cob.org))). Depending on the contract amount,

qualified firms are selected from the MRSC roster, or through a competitive RFP/RFQ process. Once the RFP/RFQ closes, they are opened and checked for responsive and responsiveness.

Professional Services Agreements (covering non-Architectural, Engineering & Survey services) are advertised and evaluated using a weighted evaluation criteria that includes price in addition to other criteria such as experience and technical expertise. Proposals are evaluated by a selection committee of three (3) City staff. Interviews may be conducted as needed to complete the selection committee's evaluation. The pricing in the selected proposal will be the price used when drafting the contract.

Architectural, Engineering and Survey Agreements (only) are advertised and evaluated using a weighted evaluation criteria that does not include price. Qualifications-based criteria such as experience, technical expertise and references are used. Proposals are evaluated by a selection committee of three (3) City staff. Interviews may be conducted as needed to complete the selection committee's evaluation. Pricing is negotiated after selection of the most qualified firm. If the city and selected firm cannot mutually agree upon pricing, the City will terminate negotiations with this firm and seek to negotiate with the next most qualified firm. Should the second negotiation fail to result in a mutually acceptable agreement pricing, the city will seek to negotiate with the next qualified firm. Under no circumstances will the city go back to a previously qualified firm to negotiate a contract.

12. Describe the actions taken to promote construction contractor/consultant compliance with Title VI by construction contractors/consultants, including monitoring and review processes, and their outcomes/status (e.g. what Title VI language was included in contracts and agreements; were contractors and consultants reviewed to ensure compliance; what Title VI responsibilities are explained to contractors and consultants?)

The City of Bellingham includes standard Title VI language in every capital construction contract. The following paragraph is included in all advertisements and requests for qualifications:

"The City of Bellingham in accordance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, 78 Stat. 252, 42 U.S.C. 2000d to 2000d-4 and Title 49, Code of Federal Regulations, Department of Transportation, subtitle A, Office of the Secretary, Part 21, nondiscrimination in federally assisted programs of the Department of Transportation issued pursuant to such Act, hereby notifies all bidders that it will affirmatively ensure that in any contract entered into pursuant to this advertisement, disadvantaged business enterprises as defined at 49 CFR Part 26 will be afforded full opportunity to submit bids in response to this invitation and will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, national origin or sex in consideration for an award."

The City of Bellingham does not exclude any person from participation in, deny any person the benefits of, or otherwise discriminate in connection with the award or performance of any contract covered by 49 CFR Part 26 on the basis of race, color, sex, or national origin. All federal construction contracts and all bid packages have appropriate language, goal setting programs and monitoring to address the use of minority firms in capital construction.

In addition, the following tasks are completed by City staff for federal contracts:

- Purchasing verifies <https://sam.gov/> before awarding a contract to see if the firm has been debarred or had actions brought against them that make them ineligible to work on federal contracts. This has been added as an item on our Mandatory Bidder Responsibility Checklist and is included with the award documentation.
- Project Engineers review information submitted into the Diversity Management and Compliance System (DMCS) through Local Programs.
- Construction Inspectors and Project Engineers conduct onsite reviews of all DBE firms to verify compliance, including ensuring that required employee rights posters are displayed, prevailing wage requirements are met, and interviewing trainees when a training goal is assigned to the project.
- For federal aid requirements in contracts, we include the 1273 Required Contract Provisions Federal-Aid Construction Contracts form, we collect the 420-004 Contractor and Subcontractor or Lower Tier Subcontractor Certification for Federal-Aid Projects form, and we use the Local Agency A&E Professional Services Negotiated Hourly Rate Consultant Agreement form.

13. List construction, right-of-way, and consultant contracts with your LPA/MPO/entity for this report period with dollar value of each. Identify funding sources (federal, state, local, other), and how many were awarded to certified disadvantaged contractors (as a prime contractor/consultant).

2025 Construction, Right-of-Way, and Consultant Contracts are listed on the next page.

Project Number	Project Name	Contract Executed Date	Contract Value	Type of Service (planning, design, ROW, construction)	Contracting Party	DMWBE (Y/N)	Funding Source(s) (federal, state, local, other)
Annual Contract	IDIQ Portland Cement Concrete Repairs 2025-2027	2/7/2025	\$3,600,000.00	Repair Services	S&S Concrete Construction Inc	Yes (DBE, SBE, WBE)	Local
Annual Contract	IDIQ Asphalt Pavement Repairs 2024-2027	5/15/2024	\$5,000,000.00	Repair Services	Western Refinery Services Inc	No	Local
ES566	12 th & Finnegan Multimodal Improvements	2/11/2025	\$1,306,658.00	Construction	Strider Construction <u>Subcontractors:</u> - *S&S Concrete Construction Inc DBE, SBE, WBE- \$125,100.00 -AI PNW Inc. \$46,612.09	*Yes	Local State
ES569	Cordata, Ellis and State Overlay	2/19/2025	\$154,917.00	Planning	David Evans & Associates Inc <u>Subcontractor:</u> Applied Professional Services Inc - \$15,525.00	No	Local
ES572	2025 City-wide non-motorized Improvements	3/12/2025	\$48,060.00	Planning	Pacific Surveying & Eng Inc	No	Local
ES576	Holly Street Bike Facility Study and Design	6/11/2025	\$316,549.00	Design	Moore Iacofano Goltsman Inc	No	Local
ES579	Harris Avenue Multimodal Improvements	4/30/2025	\$967,100.00	Design	Transpo Group USA	No	Local
Planning	2024 Local Road Safety Plan – Planning Services	11/18/2025	\$34,800.00	Planning	Transpo Group USA	No	Local

Project Number	Project Name	Contract Executed Date	Contract Value	Type of Service (planning, design, ROW, construction)	Contracting Party	DMWBE (Y/N)	Funding Source(s) (federal, state, local, other)
Planning	2026 Transportation Impact Fee Update	10/16/2025	\$59,965.00	Planning	Transpo Group USA	No	Local
Planning	Development Support of Transportation Impact Fee	7/1/2025	\$20,400.00	Planning	Transpo Group USA	No	Local
Planning	Transportation Planning & Engineering On-Call Contract	5/6/2025	\$200,000.00	Planning	Transpo Group USA <u>Subcontractor:</u> DKS Associates	No	Local

14. Education & Training: Describe actions taken to promote Title VI compliance through education and trainings, including monitoring and review processes, and their outcomes/status.

Achievements in 2025

- Language Access – evening City Council meetings provided Spanish agendas and Spanish interpreters for both in-person attendees and virtual attendees.
- Communication - The Public Works Communication Team reviewed outreach strategies and incorporated language access tools and notifications on printed materials.
- Communication - Public Works provides an electronic Newsletter for external communications on a monthly basis, which can be translated into other languages on the website. The newsletter contains information about key topics, City updates, upcoming events, projects and how to provide feedback. ([Public Works Newsletter - City of Bellingham](#))
- Communication – Across the City we have Communications and Outreach staff that have updated project webpages to improve accessibility of content by writing in plain language, using alt text on all photos and using formatting that is accessible for screen readers. This also helps with language access for the translation tool available on our city website.
- [Title VI webpage](#) – updated policy statement language and provided printable complaint forms in English and Spanish.
- The Title VI Plan and Title VI/Non-Discrimination Assurances were updated at the end of 2025.

List Title VI training/webinars your Title VI Coordinator attended this reporting period. Include dates and entity that conducted the training.

- Training – May 8, 2025: ADA/Title VI Coordinator attended the WSDOT Virtual Training session titled “Ask Your Questions”
- Training – September 18, 2025: ADA/Title VI Coordinator attended the WDOT Virtual Training session titled “Demographic Data Collection Training”

When was Title VI internal training provided to staff? Who conducted the training? What was the subject of the training? Provide the job titles and race/color/national origin of attendees.

- Internal Title VI training was not provided to staff in 2025

List other civil rights training conducted locally. Provide dates and a list of participants by job title and Title VI role, if applicable.

- None during this reporting period.

15. Title VI Goals for Upcoming Year

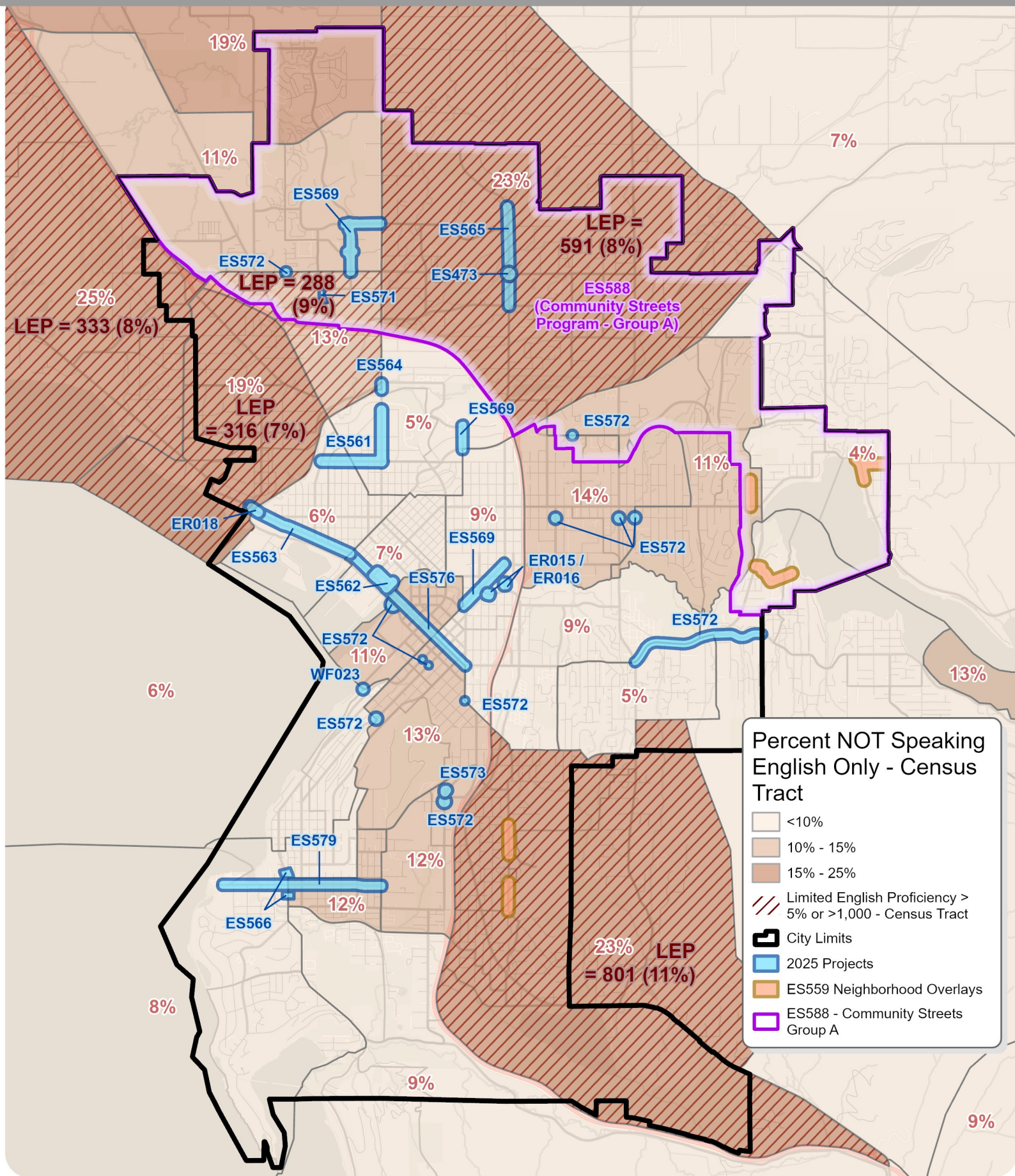
What area(s) of Title VI does your agency plan to focus on in the upcoming year? Describe by particular program area what your agency hopes to accomplish. Include any significant problem areas to focus on and plans to address those.

Goals for 2026

- Training – applicable City staff that are newly hired in Engineering, Transportation and Communications will complete the Title VI Basics Training for Local Public Agencies ([Title VI Basics for Local Public Agencies](#)), if WSDOT does not offer LPA training.
- Training – additional awareness and Title VI training will be conducted with Purchasing, Public Works Operations, Public Works Facilities and Public Works Natural Resources staff.
- Communication Services - Establish Language Access tools and resources for City staff, as part of the Language Access Project Team. Determine vital documents to translate for City projects, meetings and website content. Provide standard translation text for all City projects and meeting materials. Track the usage of translation services and interpreter services for each department.
- Demographic data – in addition to using the ACS survey data, project outreach teams will review the [Washington Environmental Health Disparities Map | Washington State Department of Health](#).
- Language Access – the Complaint Form will be converted to an online HTML form that automatically provides translation into multiple languages, and provides the most accessible form for screen readers.
- Language Access – the Language Access Plan will be finalized with support and training provided to staff.
- Accessibility – all Title VI content and documents will be made accessible on the [Title VI webpage](#). Additional web compliance initiatives will explore options for providing PDF documents that can be translated and easily navigated using new advances in technology.
- Accessibility – Develop a plan for project outreach materials to include both language access and ADA accessibility statements.

Language

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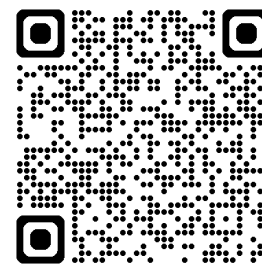
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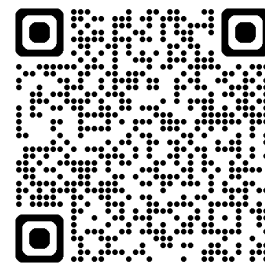
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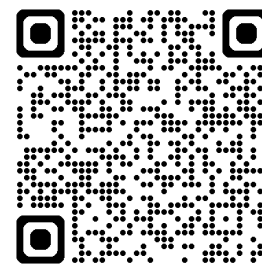
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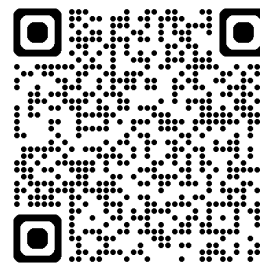
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