

## PSRC's 2026 Transportation Alternatives Program Grant Application

The following grant application is intended for sponsors competing in PSRC's 2026 Transportation Alternatives Program. Interested project sponsors must complete a grant application by **11:59 pm on April 3, 2026**.

For information related to the Transportation Alternatives Program, contact:

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**Form Type:** Grant Application

**Application Type:** Pedestrian and Bicycle Project

### General Project Information

<b>Project Title</b>	<b>RTP ID#</b>	<b>Lead Agency</b>
Mesford Road Improvements	N/A	City of Poulsbo
<b>Partner Agencies</b>	<b>Certification Acceptance</b>	<b>CA Sponsor</b>
	Yes	N/A

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**Project Description & Location**

**Project Scope:** Please describe clearly and concisely (300 words or less) the individual scope components of the project. What will be the specific outcome of this project? What will be built, purchased or provided with this grant request? For example, if this is part of a larger project, please be specific as to what portion on which the grant funds will be used.  
yes

The project will tie into our newly constructed Noll Road Improvement project and shared use path. It will design and construct added sidewalk along the sections of Mesford Avenue that are currently missing. It would also add one RRFB to a heavily used crosswalk along this section. This will complete safe walking connections to the three schools that are adjacent to this project.

**Project Location**

<b>County/Counties</b>	<b>Location</b>
Kitsap	Mesford Road

<b>Beginning Crossroad/Landmark</b>	<b>Ending Crossroad/Landmark</b>
Karl Place	Noll Road

**Please Identify the center the project is supporting.**

The project serves the Downtown Poulsbo/SR 305 Corridor candidate Countywide Center by improving non-motorized options, access and safety in an area experiencing significant residential growth. It also constructs a key segment of the local sidewalk network that links the area and the existing sidewalk in the town center through to the existing Poulsbo Loop Trail and Liberty Bay Waterfront Trail and connects into the regional Sound to Olympics Trail.

**Federal Functional Classification**

**Please select the appropriate functional classification.**

Exception

### **Bicycle & Pedestrian Facilities**

**Which pedestrian and/or bicycle features already exist in the project area? Please select one or more types:**

No current pedestrian or bicycle features in project area

**Which pedestrian and/or bicycle features are included in the project scope? Please select one or more types:**

Sidewalks, Other pedestrian and bicycle amenities (street, intersection and crossing design elements)

**If you indicated above that the project does not include existing or planned pedestrian and/or bicycle features, please indicate reasons per the guidance above:**

**If you selected "Other", please expand on why the project is exempt from providing pedestrian or bicycle features.**

### **Local Plan Consistency**

**Is the project specifically identified in a local comprehensive plan?**

Yes

**If yes, please indicate (1) the plan name, (2) relevant section(s), and (3) page number(s) for the relevant sections.**

City of Poulsbo Comprehensive Plan 2024, Transportation Chapter 4, page 6-5 of the Transportation Functional Plan.

**If no, please describe how the project is consistent with the applicable local comprehensive plan, including specific local policies and provisions the project supports. Please include the actual text of all relevant policies or information on where it can be found, e.g. the policy document name and page number.**

N/A

### **Support for Centers**

**Describe how the project will support the existing and planned housing/employment densities in the center.**

The area served by the project is growing rapidly, with over 500 adjacent residential lots in various phases of development and approximately 2,200 students at the nearby North Kitsap School campuses.

The project provides significant non-motorized elements that provide commuters, residents and school children with healthy options for both local and regional travel. This project also assists North Kitsap School District in promoting early establishment of healthy habits by encouraging safe walking routes to schools from housing. It connects to a larger walking/running/bicycling loop trail network, part of which is already in use by school sports teams and encourages the expansion of that use. These facilities will be ADA compliant, and available to all users including lower income population and seniors that have a greater reliance on public transportation systems

**Describe how the project will support the development/redevelopment plans and activities (objectives and aims) of the center.**

The project will complete the gap between existing improvements constructed on Mesford Ave and improvements constructed in the Noll Road corridor, connecting the North Kitsap School campus to the existing town center sidewalk network via Caldart Avenue/Lincoln Road and the sidewalk and shared use path improvements along the Noll Road Corridor. This provides an important connection between the Noll Road improvements along the Eastern side of Poulsbo and the complete City sidewalk network in the town center, serving existing and new housing in the area.

**Category-Specific Criteria: Pedestrian and Bicycle Projects**

**Describe how the project extends or completes a regional or local pedestrian and bicycle system, and/or adds facilities to an existing pedestrian and bicycle system or network.**

The project will construct approximately 1,000lf of curb/gutter/sidewalk between Karl Place and Noll Road where sidewalks currently don't exist, completing the gap between existing improvements constructed on Mesford Ave from Caldart Ave to Karl Place and the Noll Road Improvements. The project connects existing housing along Mesford Avenue and the North Kitsap School campus to the sidewalk and shared use path improvements along the Noll Road Corridor. This project provides an important connection between the Noll Road Improvements project along the Eastern border of Poulsbo to the complete City sidewalk network in the town center.

**Describe how the project addresses a need in the community and reduces key barriers to use and functionality, i.e. travel distance, a steep slope, a comfort issue, or other identified barrier.**

In addition to completing the remaining gap in safe pedestrian sidewalk accommodation along Mesford Avenue from Karl Place to Noll Road, it will close the final gap in the direct vicinity and roads circling the schools. The existing conditions include missing sidewalks and narrow shoulders that are not accessible to all users, don't properly separate and protect pedestrians from traffic and don't provide a safe comfort level for pedestrians and nonmotorized users. This project will construct facilities that will be ADA compliant and available to all users including lower income population and seniors that have a greater reliance on public transportation systems.

**Describe the connections to transit stops and stations provided by the project, including bus, rail, ferries, etc.**

The project improves access to transit by completing the gap in non-motorized connection to the Noll Road Corridor Improvements, which connects to a proposed regional park and ride facility adjacent to SR305. Additionally, the project improves access along Mesford Road to Caldart, providing direct access to Kitsap Transit bus route less than 1,500 away from the project terminus. This provides potential modal connection to both bus transit and ferries (via Bainbridge Island WSF terminal). The project completes a missing gap and would complete the sidewalk network from the Noll Road Improvements to the North Kitsap school campus. It also completes the connection to the City's existing sidewalk network in the town center, providing safe pedestrian access to the Kitsap Transit bus network in and through Poulsbo.

**Describe the anticipated level of public usage within the community and how the project will benefit a variety of user groups, including commuters, residents, and/or commercial users.**

The project completes the remaining gap in safe pedestrian sidewalk accommodation that provide school children, commuters and residents with healthy options for both local and regional travel. There are approximately 200 existing homes that directly connect to this section of Mesford Avenue. There are an additional approximately 300 nearby existing and under development homes that are anticipated to benefit from these improvements. Usage by adjacent residents and school children walking to school is anticipated to be high. This project assists North Kitsap School District in promoting early establishment of healthy habits by encouraging safe walking routes to schools from nearby housing. It also connects to larger walking/running/bicycling loop trail networks, part of which is already in use by school sports teams and encourages the expansion of that use. These facilities will be ADA compliant, and available to all users including lower income population and seniors that have a greater reliance on accessible public transportation systems and facilities.

**Discuss whether there will be a loss of opportunity if this project is not funded, e.g., development or other economic pressure.**

Not funding the project will continue to delay this important project responding to both the existing pedestrian demand and continued increase in pedestrian traffic due to the development pressure in this area.

**Category-Specific Criteria: Community Support**

**Section 1: Addressing Population Groups, Benefits and Disparities**

**Please identify the different population groups within the project area, and describe any disparities or gaps in the transportation system being experienced. Describe how the project is addressing these disparities or gaps and providing an improvement.**

The area served by the project is growing rapidly, with over 500 new and existing residential lots in various phases of development and approximately 2,200 students at the nearby school campuses.

Some vulnerable/disadvantaged residents choose to live close to the school district campus due to the less expensive homes in the area and easy access to school facilities. There are two mobile home parks adjacent and nearby the project that provide housing to economically disadvantaged citizens. The project will help to provide improved pedestrian connectivity and safety and better access to community services including education, transit and housing.

## **Section 2: Addressing Outreach**

**Please describe the public outreach process that led to the development of the project. This could be at a broader planning level (comprehensive plan, corridor plan, etc.) or for the specific project. Include specific outreach or communication with the population groups identified in the previous section.**

The project is adjacent to and coordinated with other local projects that have undergone extensive public outreach including the Noll Road Corridor Plan, the Poulsbo Complete Streets study, the Urban Paths of Poulsbo Plan, and previously constructed Noll Road improvements East of the project. The project has been coordinated with key stakeholders including the North Kitsap School District and adjacent property owners during the development of the City's Comprehensive Plan, Transportation Plan and annual TIP development.

**Describe how this outreach influenced the development of the project, e.g., the location, scope, design, timing, etc.**

With the construction of the City's Noll Road Corridor projects, this section of Mesford Street is the final remaining significant area of missing sidewalk planned for in the City's Comprehensive Plan and Transportation Functional Plan that serves the North Kitsap School campus and connects the East side development corridor along Noll Road with the complete sidewalk network in the City's town center. It has influenced this project and elevated it as one of the City's priority projects.

## **Category-Specific Criteria: Safety and Security**

**Describe how the project addresses safety and security.**

The project will construct approximately 1,000 lineal feet of ADA compliant curb/gutter/sidewalk on an Urban Collector where none currently exist. The existing gravel shoulder is narrow, uneven and does not meet ADA. The project mitigates these safety issues by constructing curb/gutter/sidewalk and illumination system that eliminates the final gap and completing a sidewalk system that connects hundreds of existing and proposed residences to a combined elementary, middle and high school campus that serves over 2,200 students. The project includes narrowing existing travel lanes for passive traffic calming and speed control, and includes a Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacon at a significant non-stop controlled crossing of Mesford Street connecting to the school campus.

**Describe how the project helps protect vulnerable users of the transportation system, by improving pedestrian safety and addressing existing risks or conditions for pedestrian injuries and fatalities and/or adding or improving facilities for pedestrian and bicycle safety**

**and comfort.**

This project protects vulnerable pedestrians by providing safe, protected ADA compliant sidewalks along Mesford Street with a Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacon at a significant non-stop controlled crossing for enhanced crossing safety and driver compliance. Bicycle safety will be enhanced by traffic calming and speed control measures including narrowed travel lanes. Constructing a sidewalk and filling missing gaps provides pedestrians and school children a safe designated space for walking and removes them from walking on the lane edge in direct conflict with vehicles.

**Does your agency have an adopted safety policy (e.g., Vision Zero, Target Zero, etc.)? How did these policies inform the development of the project?**

The project development and project design is consistent with the policies, goals and guidance provided in the City's Street and Pedestrian Safety Plan and Complete Streets Plan.

**Describe how the project reduces reliance on enforcement and/or designs for decreased speeds.**

The project includes the narrowing of existing travel lanes for passive traffic calming and speed control, and includes a Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacon to improve pedestrian safety and driver compliance at a significant non-stop controlled crossing of Mesford Street adjacent to the school campus.

## **Project Readiness**

### **Preliminary Engineering/Design**

**Are you requesting funds for ONLY preliminary engineering?**

Yes

**Is preliminary engineering/design complete?**

N/A

**If not complete, which best describes the CURRENT status of the project's engineering/design?**

Not Started

**Please provide the date the preliminary engineering/design phase was complete, or the anticipated date of completion.**

June, 2028

## **Environmental Documentation**

**What is the current or anticipated level of environmental documentation required under the**

**National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) for this project?**

**Has NEPA documentation been approved?**

**Please provide the date of NEPA approval, or the anticipated date of completion (month and year).**

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**Has there been a NEPA kick-off meeting with WSDOT Local Programs for this project?**

N/A

**If yes, is a formal Endangered Species Act (ESA) consultation expected?**

N/A

### **Right of Way**

**Will Right of Way be required for this project?**

**What is the actual or estimated start date for right of way (month and year)?**

N/A, N/A

**What is the estimated (or achieved) completion date for the right of way plan and funding estimate (month and year)?**

N/A, N/A

**Has right of way certification been completed?**

N/A

**If not, what is the estimated ROW certification date (month and year)?**

N/A, N/A

**Please describe the right of way needs of the project, including property acquisitions, temporary construction easements, and/or permits.**

N/A

### **Construction**

**Are funds being requested for construction?**

**Do you have an engineer's estimate?**

N/A

**Please attach the engineer's estimate.**

N/A

**Identify the environmental permits needed for the project and when they are scheduled to be acquired.**

N/A

**Are Plans, Specifications & Estimates (PS&E) approved?**

N/A

**Please provide the date of approval, or the date when PS&E is scheduled to be submitted for approval (month and year)?**

N/A, N/A

**When is the project scheduled to go to ad (month and year)?**

N/A, N/A

**Other Considerations**

**If the project milestone dates specified above are less than [PSRC's Project Phase Milestone Minimum Timelines](#), please explain the project characteristics that justify the planned schedule.**

N/A

**PSRC Funding Request**

<b>Phase</b>	<b>Year</b>	<b>Amount</b>
PE/Design	2027	\$432500

**Total PSRC Funding Request: \$432500**

**Has this project received PSRC funds previously?**

**Please provide the project's PSRC TIP ID.**

No

N/A

**Total Estimated Project Cost and Schedule**

**Preliminary Engineering/Design Phase**

Fund Source	Funding Status	Amount
Local	Reasonably Expected	\$67500
TAP(PSRC)	Unsecured	\$432500
		\$
		\$
		\$

**Total Preliminary Engineering/Design Phase Cost: \$500000**

**Expected year of completion for this phase:**

July, 2028

**Right of Way Phase**

Fund Source	Funding Status	Amount
		\$
		\$
		\$
		\$
		\$

**Total Right of Way Phase Cost: \$0**

**Expected year of completion for this phase:**

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**Construction Phase**

Fund Source	Funding Status	Amount
TAP(PSRC)	Unsecured	\$1300000
Local	Unsecured	\$205000
		\$
		\$
		\$

**Total Construction Phase Cost: \$1505000**

**Expected year of completion for this phase:**

December, 2029

**Other Phase**

Fund Source	Funding Status	Amount
		\$
		\$
		\$
		\$
		\$

**Total Other Phase Cost: \$0**

**Expected year of completion for this phase:**

## Project Summary

<b>Total Estimated Project Cost:</b>	<b>Estimated Project Completion Date (month and year):</b>
\$2005000	September, 2030

## Financial Documentation

**Please enter a description of your financial documentation in the text box below.**

The City's match will be provided from traffic impact fees and traffic reserves. The City currently has approximately \$2M in the traffic impact fee fund and anticipates approximately \$500k/yr in traffic impact fee revenue. This estimate is based on both historical revenue in the impact fee fund and anticipated development approved and/or in the approval process. The revenue level is expected to fully fund the City's anticipated match funding.

The City has planned and budgeted for the Mesford Road Improvements project in its annual Capital Improvements Plan (CIP) and in the City's TIP. These 2 plans are updated annually as project scopes and budgets change.

The design phase of the Mesford Road Improvements project will be updated this summer and adopted by Council in December 2026 to reflect the additional funds needed for the design effort.

The City's matching funds are reasonably secured and the City plans to use either Street Reserves – as shown in our current approved budget, or traffic impact fees.

**Please upload supporting documentation demonstrating all necessary matching funds for the phase(s) for which PSRC funds are being requested are secure or reasonably expected.**

f-151-346-21518210\_kJnMib8v\_Mesford\_Sidewalks\_-\_6-Year\_TIP\_-\_Poulsbo.pdf

f-151-712-21518210\_ZMprcaPA\_Mesford\_Project\_CIP.pdf

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## Other Considerations

**Describe any additional aspects of your project not requested in the evaluation criteria that could be relevant to the final project recommendation and decision-making process.**

This project builds on the success of previous funded projects in the area and completes the remaining gap in safe pedestrian accommodation in the area. It serves to complete the most direct safe walking route from two nearby mobile home parks that provide housing to economically disadvantaged citizens to the Noll Road Corridor Improvements that connect to multiple parks as well as SR305 at the newly constructed roundabout and the associated present and future multimodal transportation options.

**Please upload any relevant documents here, if they have not been uploaded previously in this application.**

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## End of the Application

NOTE: Sponsors may update and resubmit information included in the application until submission deadline. If you need assistance editing an application that has already been submitted, please contact Mitch Koch at [mkoch@psrc.org](mailto:mkoch@psrc.org) to have it returned to you.

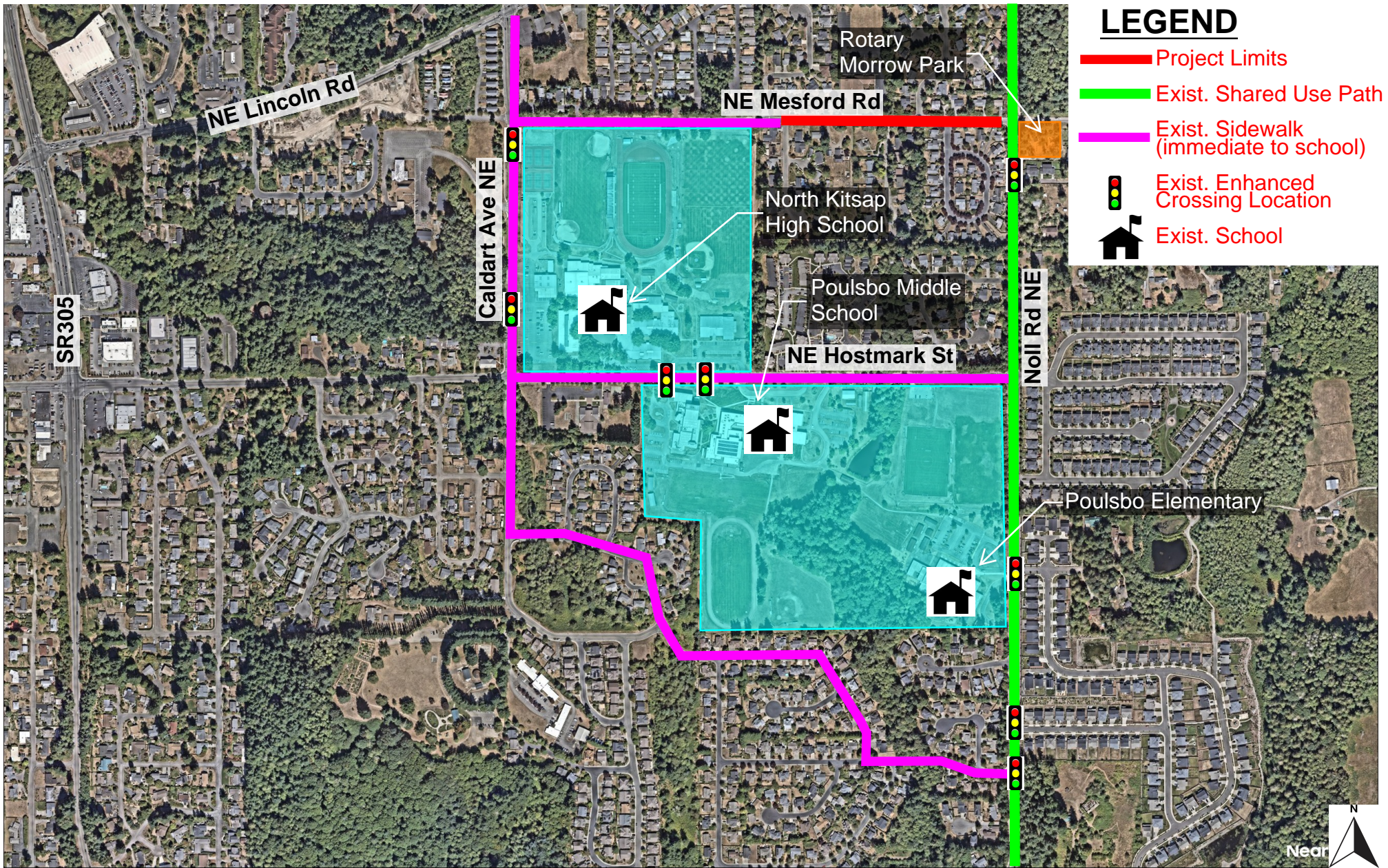
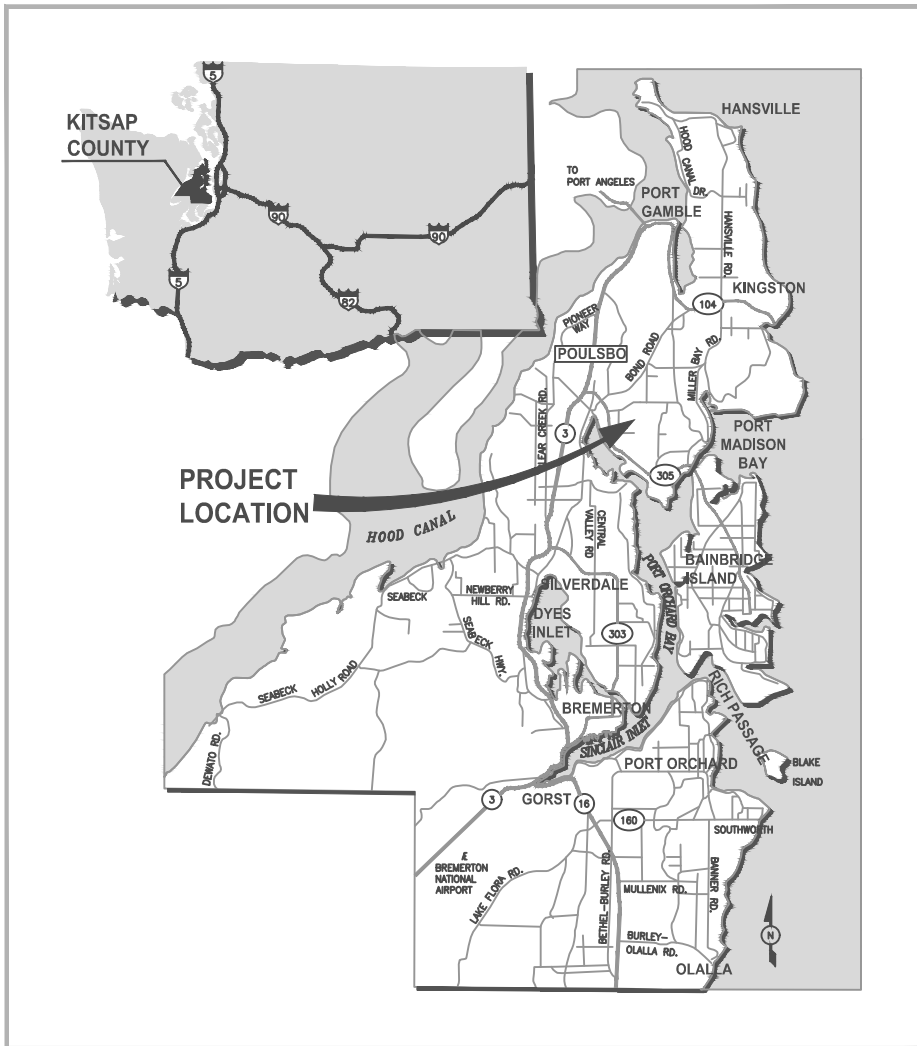
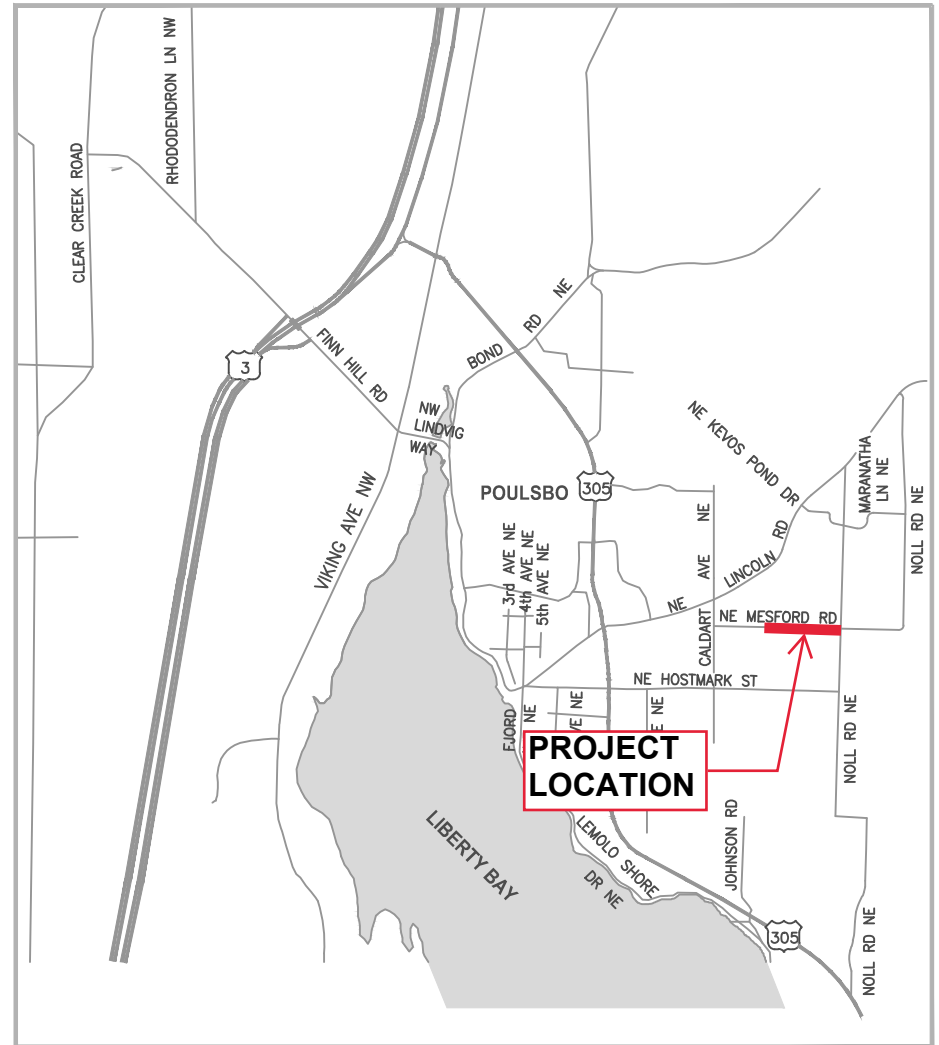


FIGURE 2 - Project Area  
Mesford Road Improvements



VICINITY MAP



LOCATION MAP



**FIGURE 1. VICINITY AND LOCATION**  
Mesford Road Improvements

City of Poulsbo

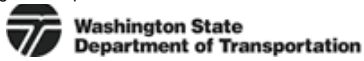
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**CITY OF POULSBO - TRAFFIC IMPACT FEE PROJECTIONS**

Year	No. New Development Trips	Actual Traffic Impact Fees Collected	Estimated New Development Trips	Estimated Annual Traffic Impact Fees	Comments
2024	444	\$250,392	NA	-	
2025	1,334	\$752,306	NA	-	
2026	NA		887	\$500,000	\$197 K collected as of 3/31/26
2027	NA		1330	\$750,000	
2028	NA	-	887	\$500,000	
2029	NA	-	887	\$500,000	

**Current Balance, 2026**                      **\$2,000,000**  
**Projection 2026- 2029**                    **\$2,250,000**





## Six Year Transportation Improvement Program From 2026 to 2031

Agency: Poulsbo

County: Kitsap

MPO/RTPO: PSRC

Y Inside

N Outside

Functional Class	Priority Number	A. PIN/Project No. C. Project Title D. Road Name or Number E. Begin & End Termini F. Project Description	B. STIP ID  G. Structure ID	Hearing	Adopted	Amendment	Resolution No.	Improvement Type	Utility Codes	Total Length	Environmental Type	RW Required
07	7	Mesford Avenue Improvements Mesford Ave NE Karl Pl NE to NE Noll Rd Overlay, add sidewalks, drainage improvements and illumination.	PB-33					04	C P S T W	0.240	DCE	No

Funding								
Status	Phase	Phase Start Year (YYYY)	Federal Fund Code	Federal Funds	State Fund Code	State Funds	Local Funds	Total Funds
P	PE	2027		0	SRTS	350,000	50,000	400,000
P	CN	2029		0	TIB	600,000	48,750	648,750
P	CN	2029		0	SRTS	750,000	101,250	851,250
<b>Totals</b>				<b>0</b>		<b>1,700,000</b>	<b>200,000</b>	<b>1,900,000</b>

Expenditure Schedule					
Phase	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th & 6th
PE	0	400,000	0	0	0
CN	0	0	0	1,500,000	0
<b>Totals</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>400,000</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1,500,000</b>	<b>0</b>

## POULSBO DISTRIBUTION SCHEDULE

**RESOLUTION NO. 2025-05**

**SUBJECT: 6-Year TIP 2026-2031**

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### CONFORM AS TO DATES & SIGNATURES

- Filed with the City Clerk: 05/08/2025
- Passed by the City Council: 06/04/2025
- Signature of Mayor
- Signature of City Clerk
- Publication: \_\_\_\_\_
- Effective: \_\_\_\_\_

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*Kati Diehl*  
Deputy City Clerk

06/05/2025  
Date

**RESOLUTION NO. 2025-05**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF POULSBO, WASHINGTON, ADOPTING A SIX-YEAR TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM FOR THE YEARS 2026-2031 AND DIRECTING THE SAME TO BE FILED WITH THE STATE SECRETARY OF TRANSPORTATION AND THE TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT BOARD.**

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**WHEREAS**, Pursuant to the requirements of Chapters 35.77 and 47.26 RCW, the Poulsbo City Council has previously adopted a Comprehensive Transportation Program ("Program"), including arterial street construction program, and thereafter periodically modified said Program by resolution, and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council has reviewed the work accomplished under the said Program, determined current and future City street and arterial needs, and based upon these findings has prepared a Six-Year Transportation Improvement Program for the ensuing six (6) calendar years, and

**WHEREAS**, a public hearing for the Six-Year Transportation Improvement Program was duly noticed to solicit and receive public testimony, and the hearing was held on Wednesday June, 4 2025;

**WHEREAS**, the Poulsbo City Council finds that the Six-Year Transportation Improvement Program is in the best interests of the public, and desires to adopt it as set forth herein.

**NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF POULSBO, WASHINGTON, HEREBY RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:**

Section 1. Program Adopted. The Six-Year Transportation Improvement Program for the City of Poulsbo, as revised and extended for the ensuing six (6) calendar years (2025-2031, inclusive), a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit A and incorporated by this reference as if fully set forth, which Program sets forth the project location, type of improvement and the estimated cost thereof, is hereby adopted and approved.

Section 2. Filing of Program. Pursuant to Chapter 35.77 RCW, the City Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to file a copy of this resolution forthwith, together with the Exhibit attached hereto, with the Secretary of Transportation and a copy with the Transportation Improvement Board for the State of Washington.

RESOLVED this 4<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2025.

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REBECCA ERICKSON, MAYOR

ATTEST/AUTHENTICATED:

Signed by:  
  
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RHIANNON FERNANDEZ, CMC, CITY CLERK

FILED WITH THE CITY CLERK: 05/08/2025  
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