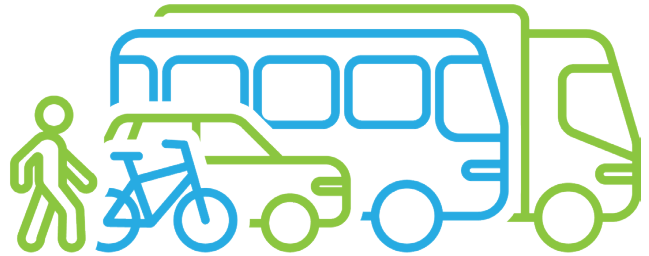




# KENT WASHINGTON TRANSPORTATION MASTER PLAN





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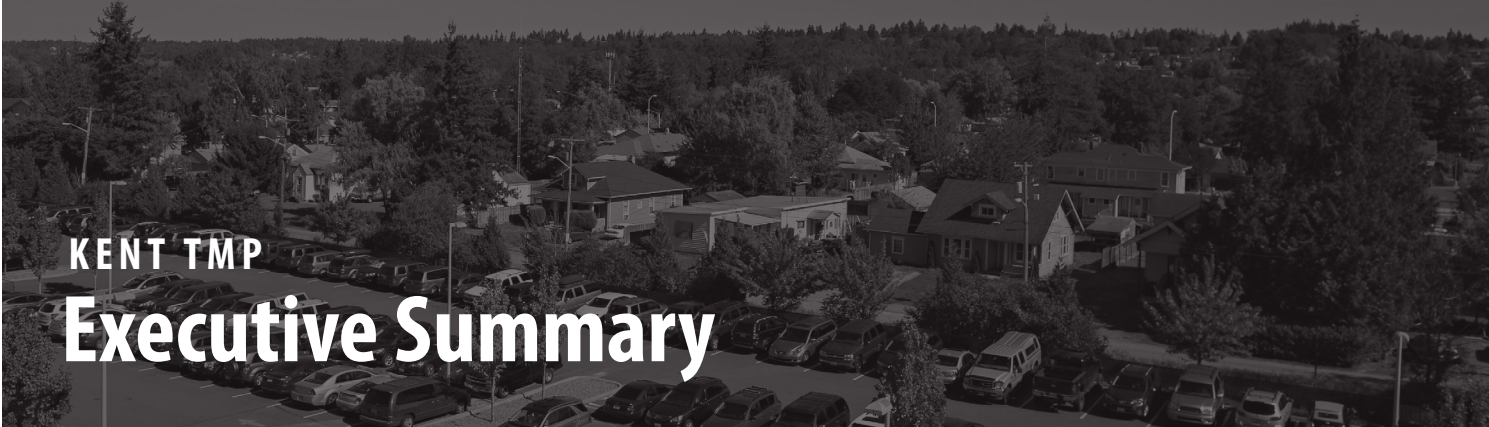


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# KENT TMP Executive Summary

The City of Kent is the regional epicenter of industry, the home of a diverse population, and the destination for countless visitors. The city was incorporated in 1890 and has evolved from an agricultural center into a hub of high-tech manufacturing, distribution, and aerospace. Over the last decade, the city has been driven to improve multimodal connectivity in all areas of Kent. Planning efforts like the Rally the Valley Plan and community development strategies like “Meet Me on Meeker” have added detail to the vision of a multimodal, connected transportation network. Through these planning efforts and capital projects, the city has invested in this long-term transportation vision, increasing economic vitality and quality of life while supporting future growth. Regional transit investments including light rail and the RapidRide I Line will continue to provide additional options for community travel, including for traditionally underserved communities.

As the city grows and changes, community values will remain the focus for investments. This TMP builds upon previous planning efforts, while recognizing the increased importance of active transportation connections, transportation equity, and safety. This TMP provides a 20-year vision for Kent’s transportation system, which builds on Kent’s momentum as a welcoming community in which to live, work, and play.

**Guidance from City Council, city staff, and community members helped identify five goals for the TMP:**

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**Connectivity & Options**

Expand and strengthen the multimodal network, specifically walking, biking and transit, to increase options for those who have fewest opportunities.



**Safety & Health**

Promote community health by improving safety and by making walking, biking, and getting to transit viable and comfortable alternatives to driving.



**Stewardship**

Maintain and improve what we have and focus new investments on projects that have long term community and economic benefits.



**Placemaking**

Make investments that emphasize Kent as a welcoming place and enhance the character of the community.



**Strategy**

Pursue grants, partnerships and technologies to maximize resources and find new efficiencies.



The TMP sets a framework for understanding, prioritizing, measuring, and constructing a multimodal transportation network to help Kent achieve its goals. This document includes seven chapters:



### **Chapter 1: Introduction**

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Describes the purpose of the TMP and the planning requirements it needs to address. This chapter provides information about Kent’s position in the region, current demographics, and existing land uses.



### **Chapter 2: Transportation Planning Context**

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Describes conditions for all travel modes in the existing transportation system. This chapter also provides an overview of needs identified by the community, as well as opportunities and challenges. The City of Kent defines Transportation Equity in this chapter and provides a map of “Underserved Communities” based on this definition.



### **Chapter 3: Public Outreach**

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Describes the extensive community outreach process that included online engagement, pop-ups at community centers, committee meetings, and targeted engagement with traditionally underserved communities. The overarching principle of the public outreach process was to develop a TMP that reflects the diverse perspectives and transportation needs of the community. Although the COVID-19 pandemic limited in-person engagement opportunities in 2020, creative engagement tools were deployed to seek feedback from Kent’s many diverse communities.



### **Chapter 4: Transportation Goals, Policies & Actions**

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Describes the TMP’s policies and actions, categorized under each of the five goals. Policies describe the City of Kent’s preferred direction to achieving these goals. Actions implement the policies through tangible projects and defined steps to improve processes, develop capital projects, assign tasks, and set priorities.



## Chapter 5: Transportation Vision

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Describes Kent's layered network approach which focuses on how the city's transportation network can function, as a system, to meet the needs of all users. This chapter introduces the priority networks for each mode, describes the city's vision for how those modes are served, and describes the types of infrastructure that would be needed to achieve that vision. This chapter includes level of service performance standards for streets and intersections, and planning guidance to accommodate transit, biking, and walking.



## Chapter 6: Transportation Project List

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Describes the TMP's prioritized project list, which will provide a safer and more connected multimodal system over the next 20 years. As described in Chapter 7, this project list was sized to match what Kent can realistically afford over this period. This chapter also describes "Next Priority Projects" and other investments that could be pursued if additional funding opportunities arise.



## Chapter 7: Implementation

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Describes the TMP's path to implementation, including how the city plans to pay for transportation over the life of the TMP, strategies that the city will employ to optimize use of its transportation network, and how Kent can monitor progress of the TMP over time to fully realize the overarching goals that guided development of this TMP.



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