

## SR 507 (1<sup>st</sup> St) Corridor Study

Yelm is in the top 10 for the fastest growing cities in the state, with the population size almost tripling in the last 20 years. With an increased number of people, comes a greater amount of traffic. For years the City has discussed the implementation of the Yelm Loop Project, which will provide an alternative route for SR 510 traffic north of the city center, is expected to reduce the amount of truck traffic and regional traffic traveling through the heart of Yelm. In order to complete this project the City must understand our current traffic flow and come up with transportation-focused solutions that aim to improve safety, mobility, and economic vitality. The Corridor Study completed in 2017 looked at the historic business district, civic buildings, community parks, regional trails, and Yelm's busiest intersections. Doing this allowed the City to come up with a plan to reduce congestion and safety concerns, improve pedestrian and bicycle mobility, increase on-street parking, enhance connectivity between community assets and open spaces, and create an overall greater 'sense-of-place' in Yelm. The project was funded by a grant from the Surface Transportation Program (STP) and was completed by Shea, Carr & Jewell Inc. (SCJ). The final report was published in April 2019, and may be viewed on the City's website:

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