



**City of
Chelan**

TRANSPORTATION SURVEY

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9/12/24



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TRANSPORTATION OPEN HOUSE

Thursday, September 12 at 6PM
Chelan High School
Performing Arts Center

AGENDA

01

Welcome

02

**Overview of
Transportation
in Chelan**

03

**Exploring
Projects in the
Commons**

04

**Q&A and
Next Steps**

HAVE A QUESTION?

Text your questions to our team and we'll do our best to address them at the end of the night!

(509) 449-3278

OUR PRESENTERS



Erin McCardle

Mayor



Jake Youngren

Director of
Public Works



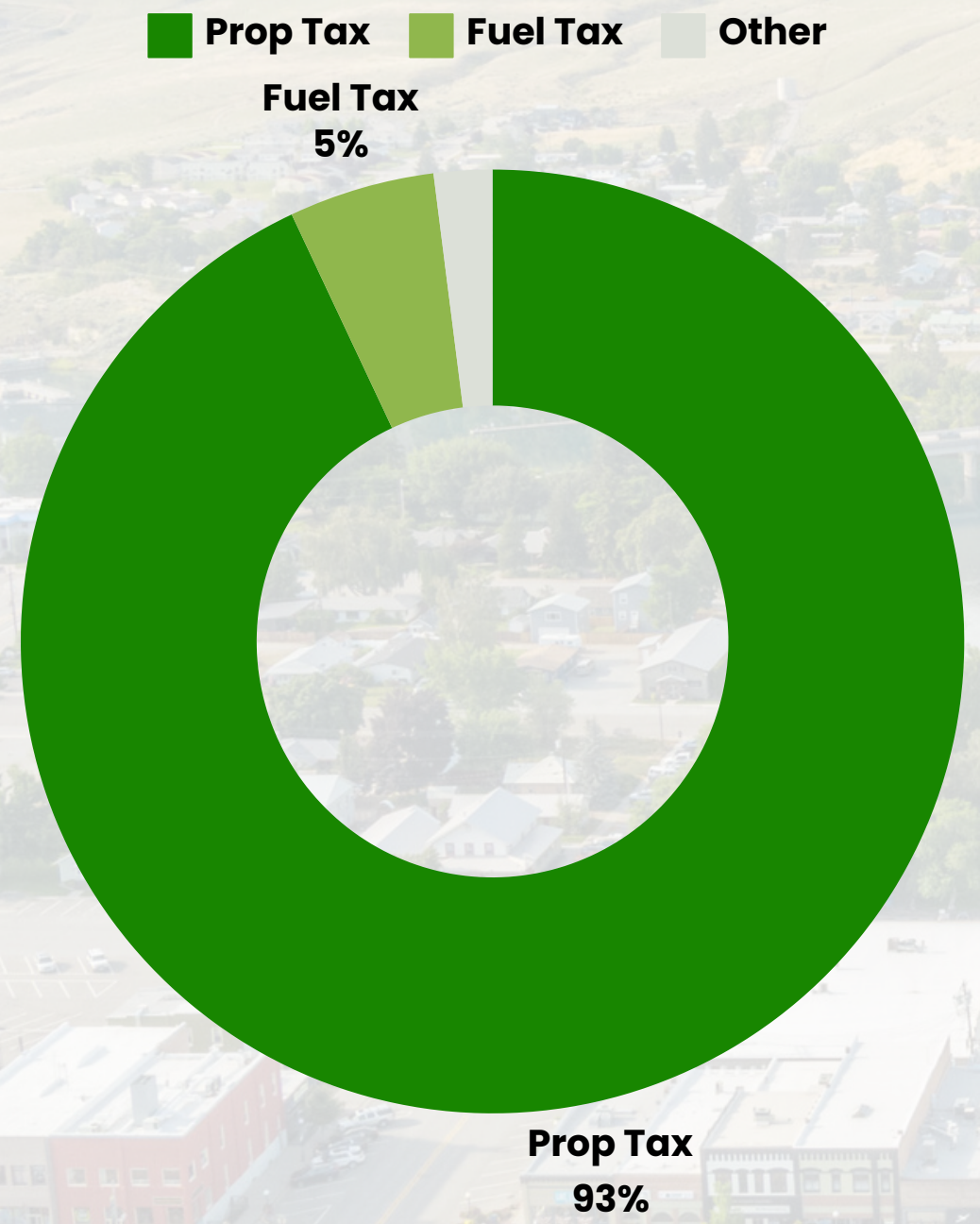
Chad Coltman

Director of
Communications

City of Chelan

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WHERE DOES THE CITY GET IT'S FUNDING FOR TRANSPORTATION?



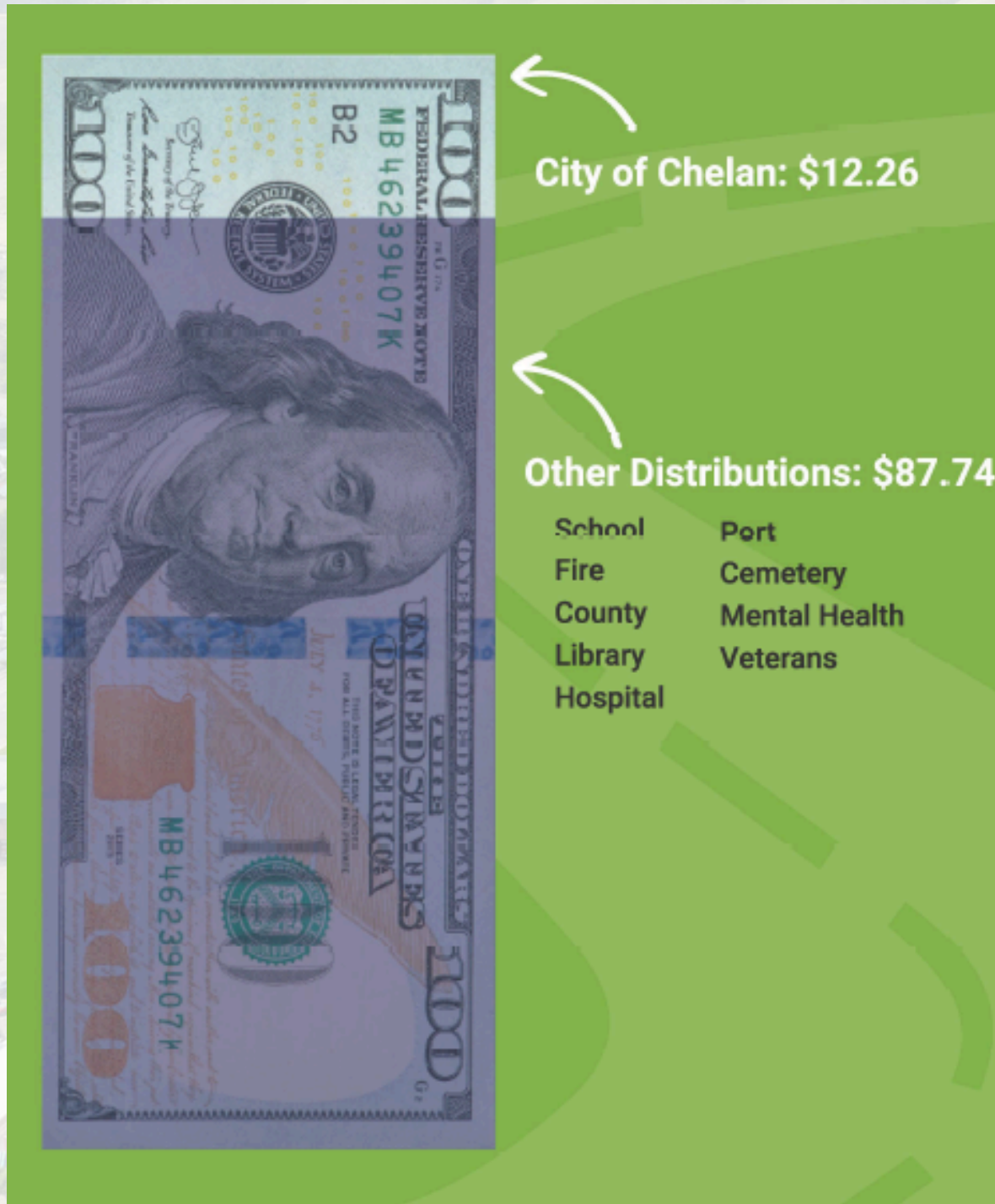
2024 Revenue: \$1,501,486

The Streets Budget

The City's Street system is comprised of approximately 42 miles of paved roadway (\$0.067 per foot) The Street Fund provides for the ongoing maintenance and operation services for all facets of the City's Street system.

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| Road Maintenance | Storm Drains |
| Line Striping | Snow and Ice Control |
| Weed Control | Sidewalk Repair |
| Street Cleaning | Sidewalk Cleaning |
| Alley Maintenance | Street Light Repair |
| Traffic Signs | Sidewalk Cleaning |

HOW MUCH OF MY PROPERTY TAX GOES TO THE CITY?



For every \$100 of property tax collected by Chelan County, the City of Chelan receives roughly \$12.00.

Of the \$12.00, 75% goes to our Streets, or \$9.00!

In Washington, the total property tax levy increases are limited by law to 1%, plus new construction or property improvements. This means overall property tax revenue growth year over year is about 2.5%. The result is a revenue structure that does not keep up with the cost of services and inflation.

Calculated using 2024 tax statement details and levy rate of 0.881 per \$1000 of assessed value

HOW DOES THE CITY USE ITS TRANSPORTATION FUNDING?

Fund Operating and Maintenance Costs

The first priority for transportation funding is to cover the costs associated with operation and maintenance. This has typically resulted in expending approximately 75% of the available funds.

Fund Capital Construction Projects

After covering operation and maintenance costs, the City is left with approximately \$300,000 to allocate towards capital construction projects. Due to the limited amount, these funds are typically leveraged as match money for various transportation grants the City applies for. The City's ability to complete street construction projects is heavily dependent on securing grant funding.

Challenges of Current Model

As operation and maintenance costs continue to rise, we anticipate them to consume an increasingly larger portion of our transportation funding revenue. This leaves the City with even less money available for grant matching and new projects. As the funds available for grant matching dwindle, we face the risk of delaying or even canceling crucial infrastructure projects.

WHAT IS THE TBD BALLOT MEASURE?

**+\$0.30
ON \$100**

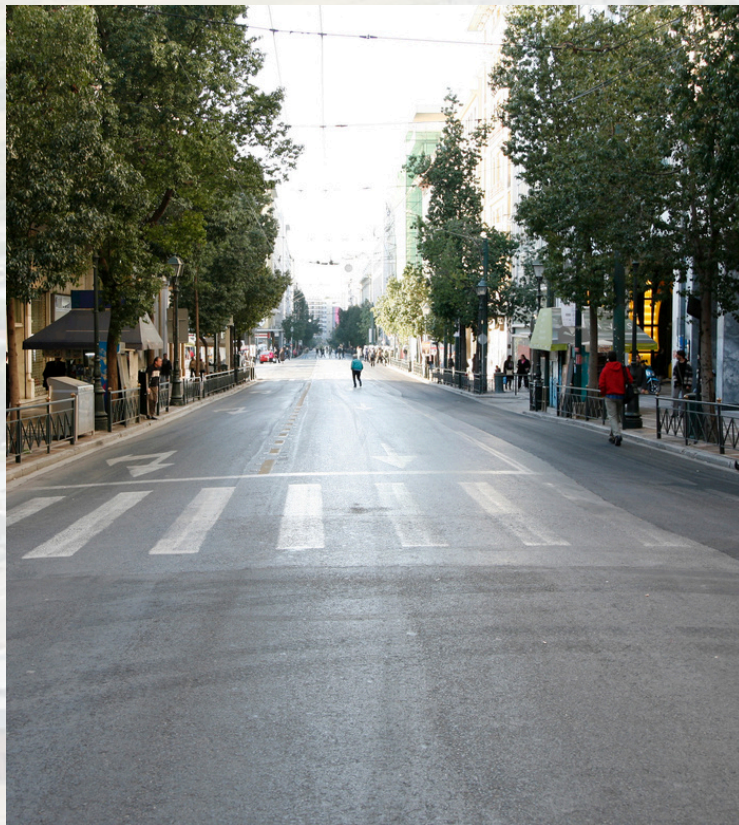
A sales and use tax increase from 8.4% to 8.7% to fund the Transportation Benefit District. If passed, this ballot measure will add 30 cents to every \$100 of taxable goods and services in order to provide funding for a range of transportation projects approved by City Council on the Six-Year Transportation Improvement Plan (STIP).

Expected to raise about \$1 million annually, this stable funding source is essential for maintaining Chelan's transportation system.

This measure allows for long-term investment in our city's transportation infrastructure and improves safety and mobility for residents and visitors. By investing in our transportation network, we are fostering a thriving and connected community.

EXAMPLES OF CAPITAL PROJECTS

With nearly \$24 million in identified projects on the Six Year Transportation Improvement Program (STIP), the capped property tax revenue is not enough to even provide the required matching funds for grants.



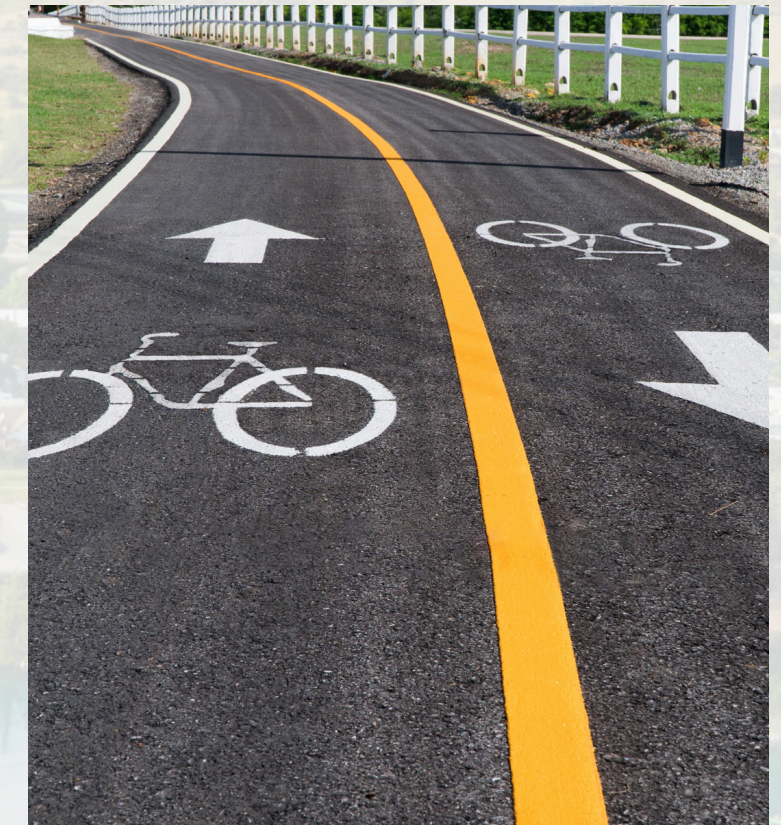
**Traffic
Improvements**



**Sidewalks and
ADA Upgrades**



**Pedestrian
Safety**



**Multi Modal
Trails**

COMMUNITY FEEDBACK

The responses to the transportation project prioritization question for Chelan city over the next six years highlight several key themes. Many respondents advocate for reverting the Woodin Avenue bridge to two-way traffic to alleviate congestion and improve safety.

There is also significant support for creating dedicated walking and biking paths, particularly connecting Lakeside Park to downtown and along the North and South Shores.

Addressing traffic congestion, especially near schools and downtown, is a common concern, with suggestions including more roundabouts, improved intersections, and bypass routes. Additionally, enhancing parking facilities and ensuring pedestrian safety through better crosswalks and sidewalks are frequently mentioned priorities.

RANKED TRANSPORTATION PRIORITIES

01

**Easing Traffic
Congestion**

02

**Emergency
Evacuation Routes**

03

**Enhancing
Pedestrian Safety
& Walkability**

04

**Safer Access to
Schools**

05

**Improving
Accessibility for an
Aging Population**

06

**Preservation of
Existing Pavement
Surfaces**

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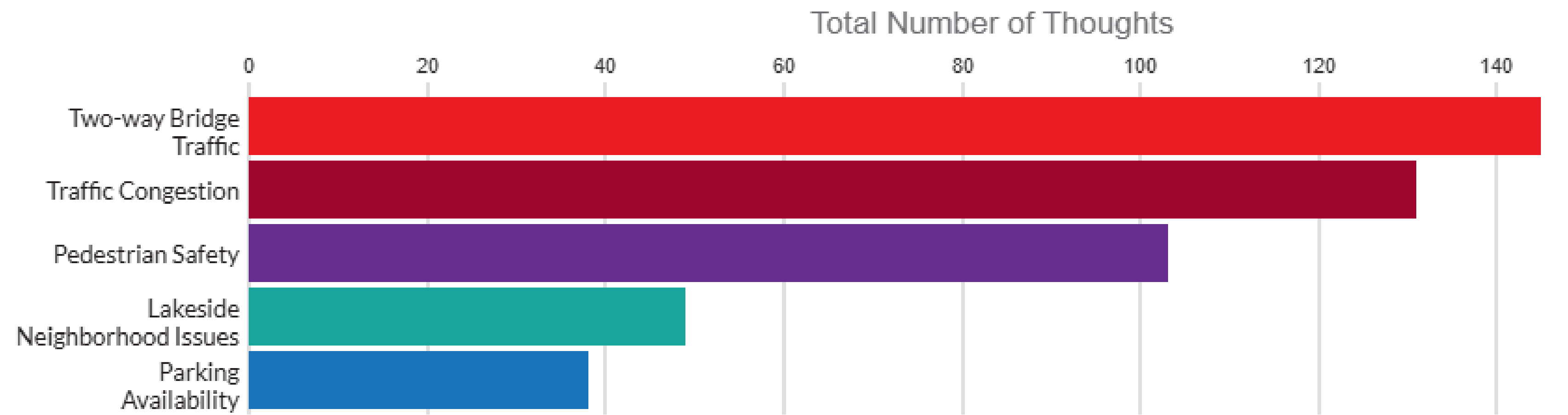
**Creating New
Walking and
Biking Pathways**

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**Beautifying
Streets**

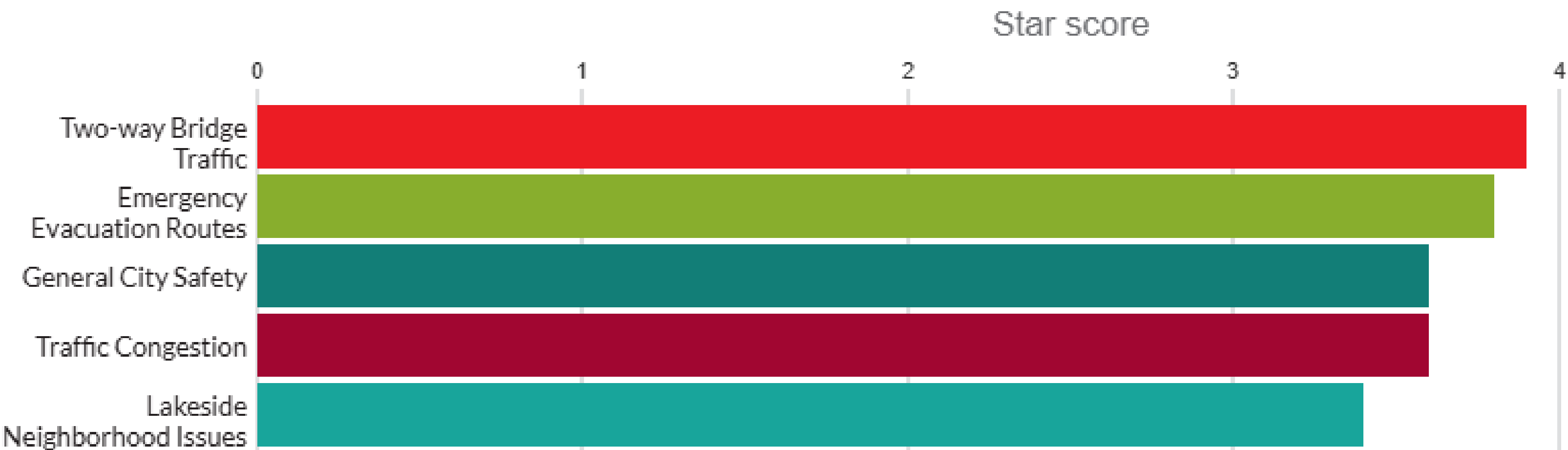
COMMUNITY THOUGHTS

Top 5 thoughts by number of contributions




COMMUNITY THOUGHTS

Top 5 thoughts by star score



LETS TALK ABOUT THE BRIDGE!



71%

**Agree or
Strongly Agree**

**That the Bridge Should be
Restored to 2-Way Traffic**

Concerns around pedestrian safety on the bridge, with narrow sidewalks and no bike lanes, led City Council to approve a project in 2018 to widen sidewalks and convert traffic to 1 direction. At the time, other alternatives, like cantilevering the bridge or adding a separate pedestrian bridge, was too cost prohibitive at the time. So the decision was made to go 1-way.

\$3.19 Million – Total Project Costs

\$1.56 Million – 1 Way

\$800,000 – Rehabilitation of Structure

\$830,000 – Waterline Replacement

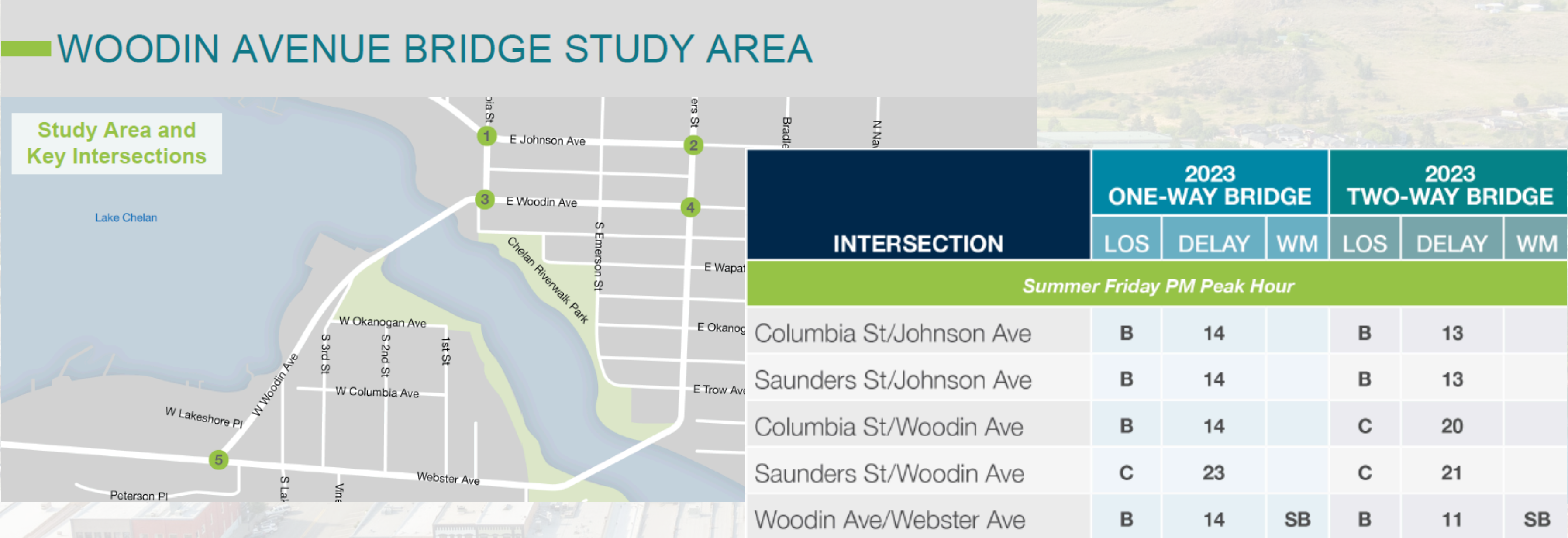
Funding Sources

\$820,000 – Grant Funding

\$2,370,000 – City Funding (\$1.2M on 1-way conversion)

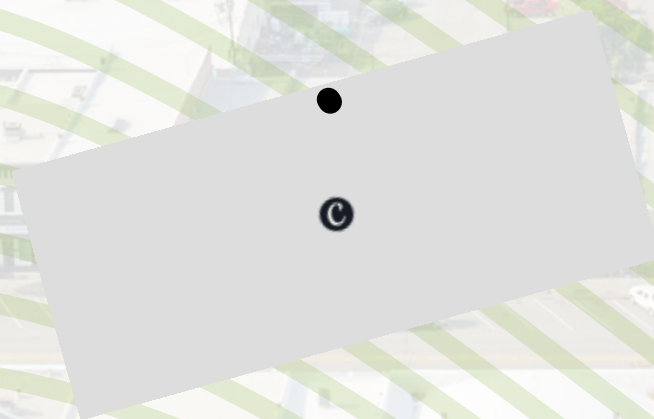
TRAFFIC STUDY

Reverting the bridge to 2 way traffic could cost upwards of 8 million dollars, and a 2023 traffic study could not confirm that it would alleviate street congestion in Chelan. While it’s certainly still an option, other alternatives, like reversing traffic on the bridge also exist.



TIME TO VOTE WITH YOUR DOLLARS!

**2-WAY BRIDGE
REVERSE BRIDGE DIRECTION
STREET PRESERVATION
LAKESIDE PARKING
SIDEWALK UPGRADES
NORTHSHORE TRAIL
CROSSWALKS
INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENT**



WHERE DO WE GO FROM HERE?

October

Add Community
Recommended
Projects to Current
2024 STIP for
Council Adoption

November

TBD Ballot
Measure

December

Finalizing and
Adoption the
Streets Operating
and Capital
Budget

January

Council Adoption
of 2025 STIP

Q&A TIME

An aerial photograph of a town with a river, surrounded by hills, is the background. The image is overlaid with a pattern of green wavy lines. The text "THANKS FOR COMING!" is written in large, bold, black capital letters on the left side of the image.

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