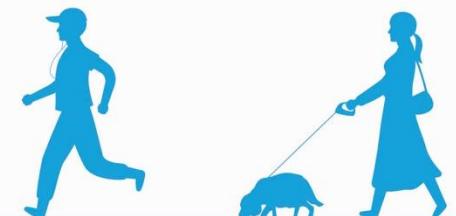


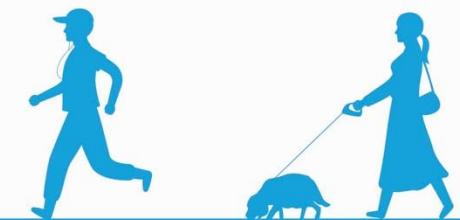


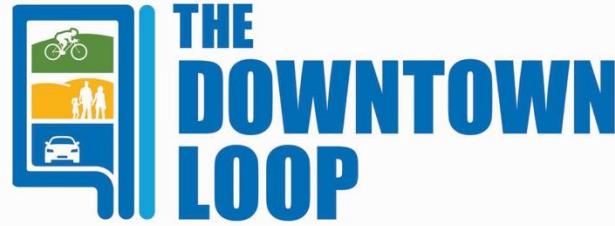
# COMMUNITY MEETING





# Introductions



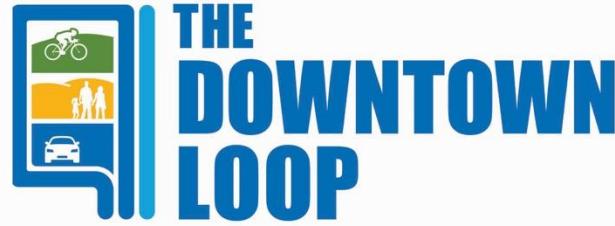


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# Agenda

- Overview/Background
- Construction and Timeline Updates
- Impact of the Project & What to Expect
- Programs & Resources
- Q&A





# Why the Downtown Loop?

- Challenges:
  - Heavy traffic and safety concerns.
  - Pedestrian and cyclist safety concerns.
  - Limited parking use.
- Improvements:
  - Creates a smoother traffic flow around the downtown area.
  - Enhances walkability and safety with barrier-protected bike lanes, safer pedestrian crossings and additional on-street parking.





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# Downtown Connectivity Study



Community collaboration



Technical  
Alternatives Analysis  
(4 studied)



Public Engagement  
(1,155 surveys  
returned)



Council  
Resolution  
No. 98-20



## Downtown Connectivity Study

Richland,  
Washington

August 2020

Prepared for:

City of Richland, WA

Prepared by:



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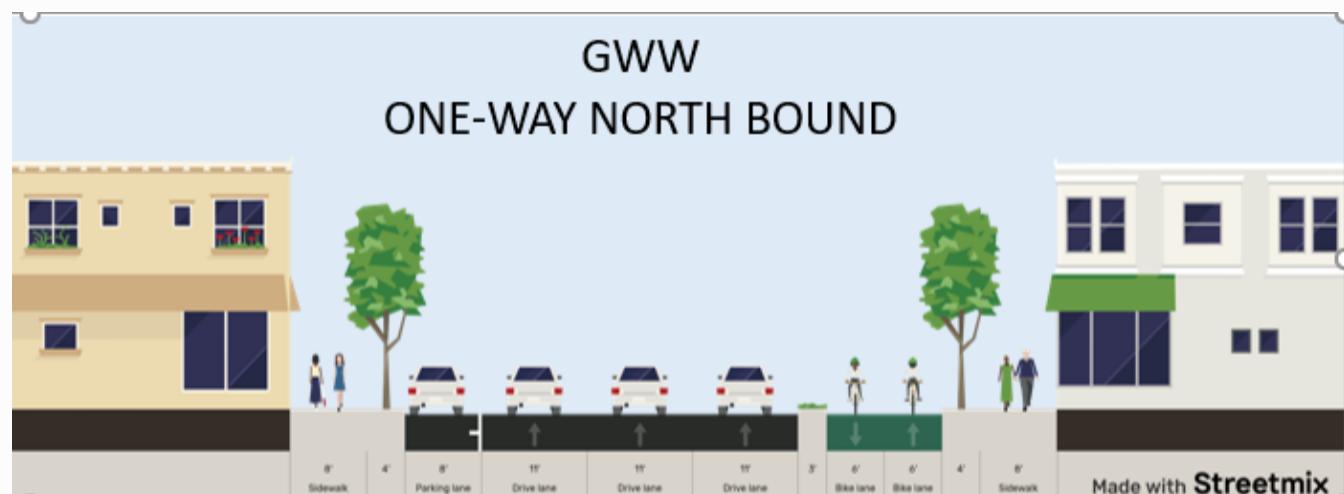
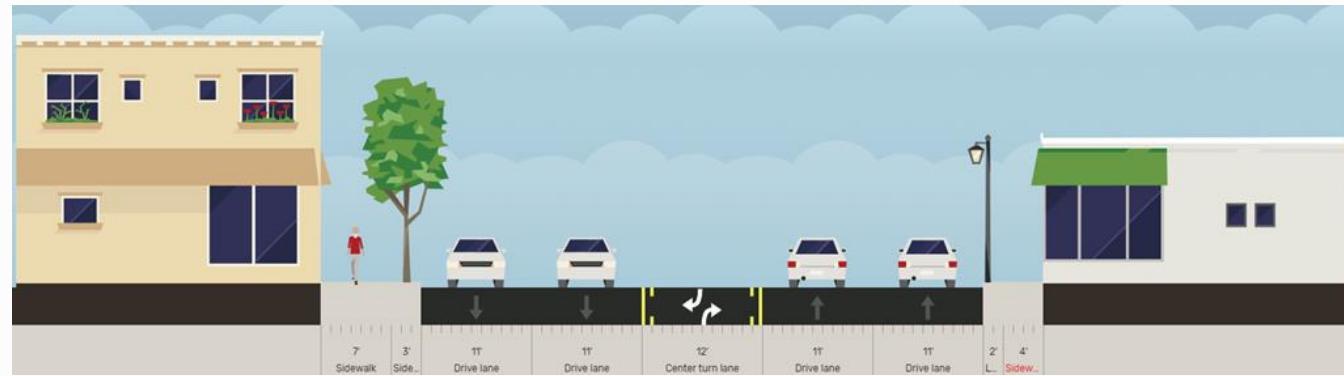
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# Design Concept

- Complete Streets road diet
  - Maintains vehicle capacity
- Repurposes right of way for:
  - Protected bicycle space
  - Wider sidewalks
  - On-street parking
  - Stormwater facilities
- Improved mid-block pedestrian crossings.
- Improved lighting.
- Landscaping, public art, placemaking





# Agency Support / Funding

- Benton Franklin Council of Governments
  - \$500,000 – 8/2022
  - \$1,931,640 – 12/2023
- Washington State Transportation Improvement Board
  - \$3,500,000 – 12/2022
- United States Department of Transportation – Safe Streets 4 All
  - \$11,700,000 – 12/2023
- Washington State Department of Transportation - NHS
  - \$1,024,000 – 1/2024
- Washington State Department of Ecology – Water Quality Program
  - Pending
- City
  - \$1,104,000 – 2021 – 2023 Capital Improvement Plans
- Total Estimated Cost - \$22,700,000





# Construction Timeline and Updates



**90% design completion, final design expected by the end of December.**



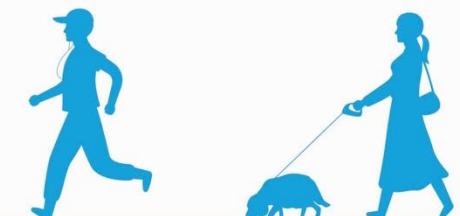
**The City will invite contractors to submit bids in January 2026**



**Construction is expected to begin in Spring 2026**



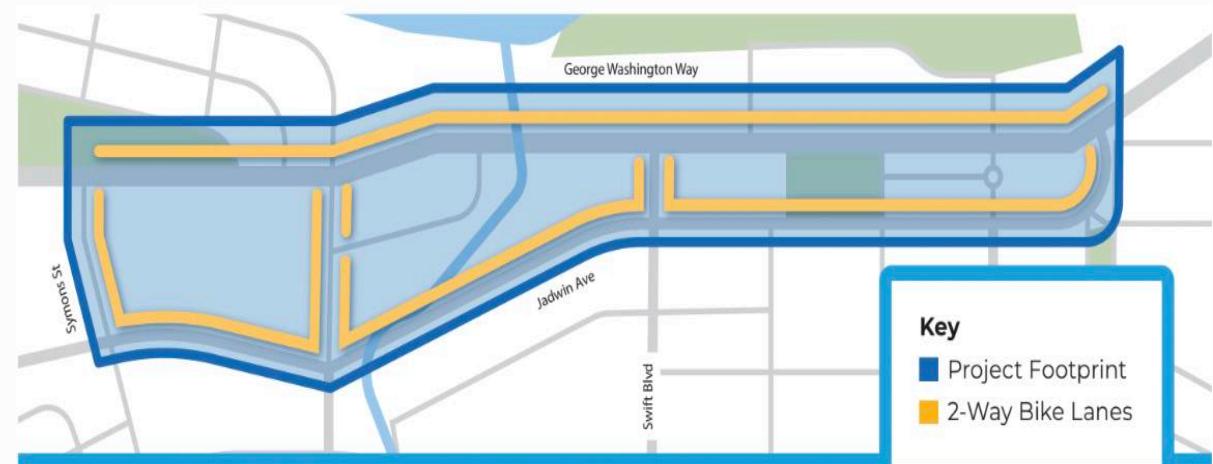
**Construction is anticipated to be completed in Fall/Winter 2027**





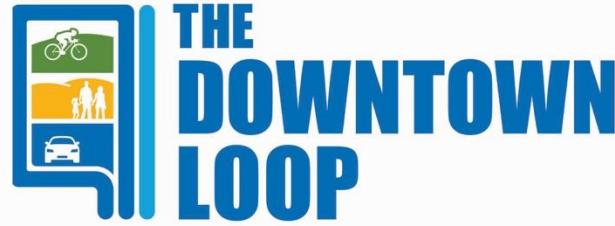
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# What to Expect



- Jadwin Avenue and George Washington Way will remain open to traffic.
- Access to businesses will be maintained.
- Lane closures and occasional detours will be utilized, as necessary.
- The roads will never be fully closed. While there may be an intersection closed, there will not be any full road closures





# Impact of the Project

- **Temporary Disruptions:** During the construction phase, there may be temporary disruptions to access and parking. The City is working closely with businesses to minimize these impacts and ensure that customers can still reach their destinations.
- **Improved Accessibility:** Once completed, the project aims to enhance walkability and bicycle access, which could increase foot traffic and make the downtown area more attractive to visitors.
- **Increased Parking:** The addition of on-street parking features is expected to benefit residents by providing more convenient parking options.
- **Long-Term Benefits:** The overall goal of the project is to revitalize the downtown area and improve the experience which could lead to increased economic activity and a more vibrant business environment.





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# Early Coordination with Impacted Properties

- Email and phone outreach
- Focus Group meetings
- Dedicated mailer
- Signage
- Bill inserts
- Meetings with local organizations

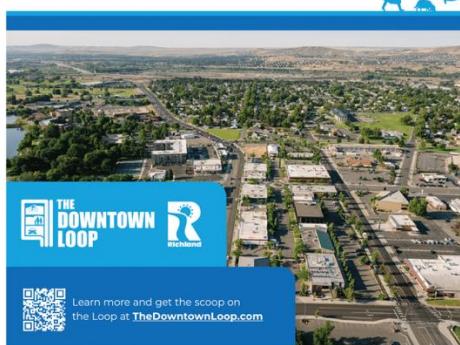
**STAY IN THE LOOP  
ON DOWNTOWN RICHLAND'S FUTURE**

The City of Richland is moving forward with The Downtown Loop—a mobility and safety project that will reconfigure sections of George Washington Way and Jadwin Avenue into a one-way couplet between the intersections of Jadwin Avenue and Symons Street.

**THE PROJECT INCLUDES**

- Barrier-separated, two-way bike lanes
- Wider sidewalks
- On-street parking
- Upgraded lighting
- Improved pedestrian crossings

The Downtown Loop will create a more vibrant, welcoming place that supports local businesses and encourages people to connect.



Learn more and get the scoop on the Loop at [TheDowntownLoop.com](http://TheDowntownLoop.com)



## UNDERSTANDING THE DOWNTOWN LOOP

Will the project impact access to businesses located along The Downtown Loop during construction?

The City is working with impacted properties to maintain business access and support during construction. The City will have resources available to businesses to assist with access and communication efforts.

Does the City plan to close the Downtown Loop during construction?

No, Jadwin Avenue and George Washington Way will remain open to traffic and access to businesses will be maintained. Lane closures and occasional detours will be utilized, as necessary.

Will the project increase vehicle congestion in Downtown Richland?

No, the project is designed to accommodate existing traffic and 20-years of traffic growth without imposing unnecessary delay on traffic.

How can I stay up to date on construction activities?

The best source for staying up to date on construction activities is [TheDowntownLoop.com](http://TheDowntownLoop.com). You will find construction information, project timeline details and more.





# Business Support

**WE'RE OPEN!**



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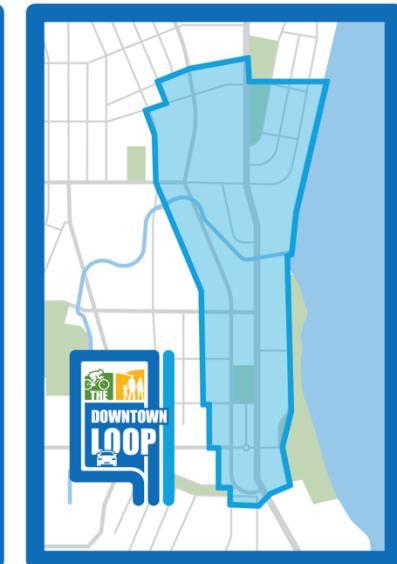
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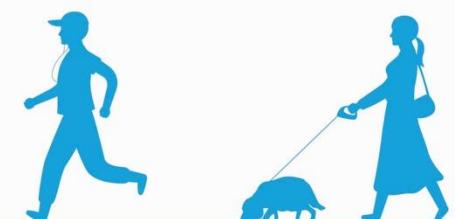
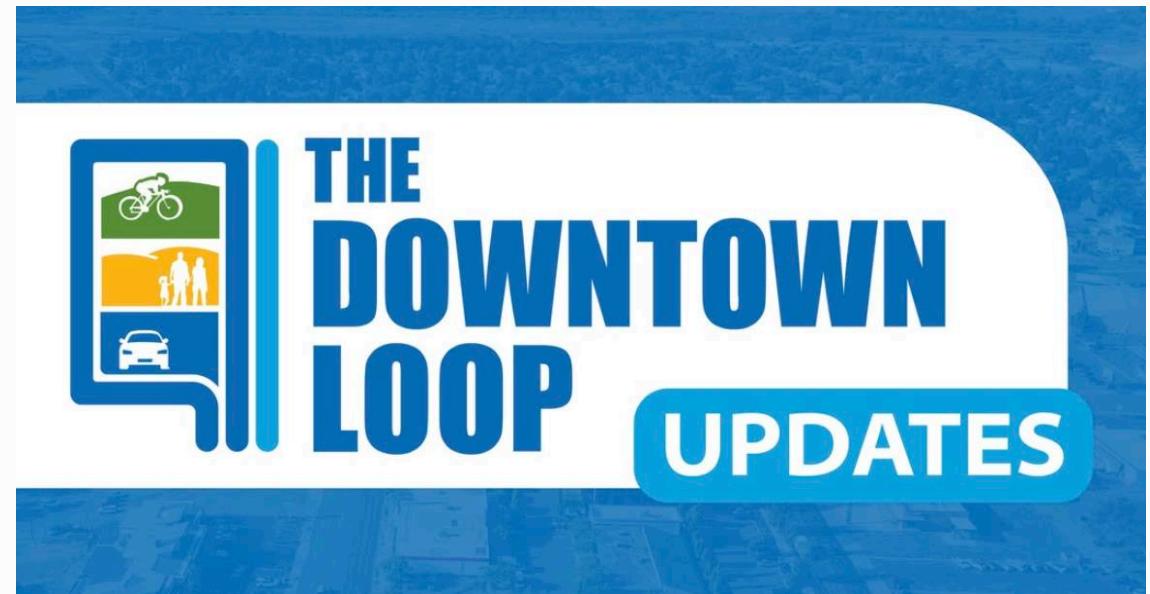




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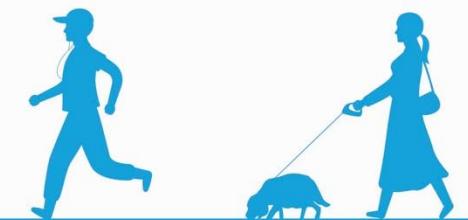
# Public Education Plan

- Dedicated website:  
[www.TheDowntownLoop.com](http://www.TheDowntownLoop.com)
  - Project History and Background
  - Budget
  - Timeline
  - Construction updates,
  - Files, videos, renderings, plans
  - FAQs
  - Contact info, email subscription
- Public community meetings (virtual and in-person)
- Social media posts and digital advertising for major updates



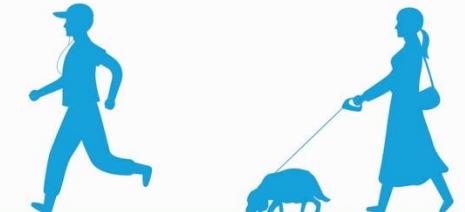


# Questions?





- Will the project increase vehicle congestion in Downtown Richland?
- What project features will help improve safety and the downtown experience for pedestrians?
- What is the purpose of turning George Washington Way and Jadwin Ave into one-way streets rather than two-way streets?
- Why are we stopping at Symons and not taking it further north?





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# Stay in the Loop

- **Sign up for eNotifications** – Get important updates straight to your inbox. [Richlandwa.gov/enotify](http://Richlandwa.gov/enotify)
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