Traffic Impact Fee
City of Camas

Rapid growth and development in east Clark County and Camas has placed increased pressure on the transportation system. Planning is underway for the addition of significant regional improvements to the transportation network, such as the SR-14/192nd Avenue interchange. It will be necessary to develop a program to provide improvements to arterial and collector trafficways within Camas to assure an adequate, balanced transportation system. Public funding for roadway capacity improvements is limited and becoming more scarce. To ensure that transportation improvements occur concurrently with development, improvement projects must be identified in advance and costs fairly distributed among users of the system.

Purpose

The *Camas Traffic Impact Fee Update* was initiated by the City of Camas with the purpose of developing a traffic impact fee (TIF) to help fund the transportation improvements that will be needed as development occurs in Camas.

A traffic impact fee can fulfill a portion of the financing picture by developing a funding source that links future development to the need for added roadway capacity. The intent of a traffic impact fee is to maintain adequate service levels and provide a process to allocate costs of development related roadway improvements. As improvements are made, they must create a balanced transportation system as land use changes addressing roadway improvements, sidewalks, bike lanes and bus facilities. As the program evolves, elements can be added or subtracted to the impact fee system based upon the actual growth and types of transportation projects being considered to resolve future system capacity deficiencies.

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