



# Grant Request

## Downtown Transportation Network - RAISE Grant Application

The City of Lakewood has applied for a 2024 RAISE Planning and Preconstruction Activities Grant of \$1,100,000 to examine the existing and currently planned motorized and non-motorized transportation network within the City's Downtown subarea. The funding will produce a report to include 30% project design and cost estimates with recommendations on motorized and non-motorized transportation safety and capacity-building capital projects to pursue in the City's Downtown subarea.

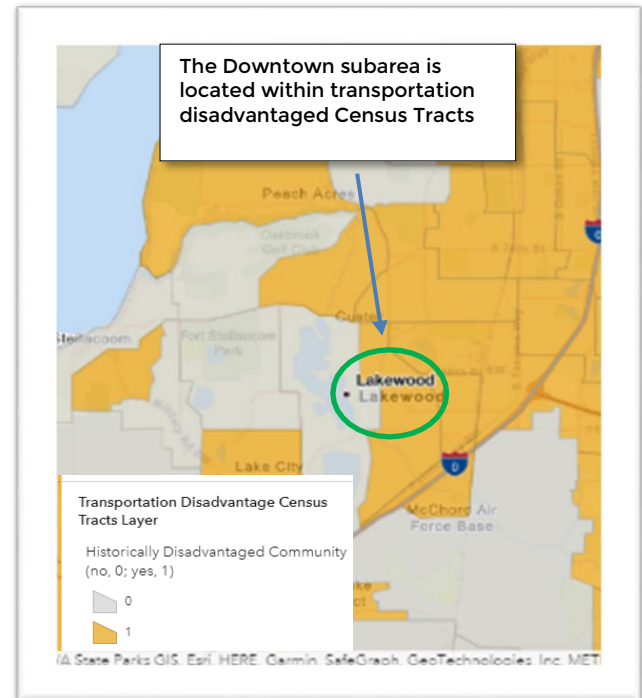
### Background

The City did not incorporate until 1996 and does not have a naturally established downtown core. In 2018, the City adopted a subarea plan to spur the creation of a true Downtown. Since then, changed circumstances means the City needs to update the Downtown transportation planning and capital construction list. Recent developments include:

- 627 accidents between 2018 and 2022 demonstrating the need to improve transportation network safety in Downtown, especially for non-motorized travel (i.e., walking and biking).
- New housing and job growth targets adopted in 2022 that require an update to the subarea transportation network to safely accommodate more people and jobs than originally planned for in the Downtown as well as accommodating units affordable to specific income bands..
- Daily subarea pedestrian and bicycle trips are expected to almost quadruple from their 2018 levels with the build out of the Downtown, rising to more than 22,000 total trips per day.
- The City's increasingly important role in solving the housing crisis that is negatively impacting Joint Base Lewis-McChord's (JBLM's) service members.
- COVID-19's negative impacts on the Downtown's rate of growth that have disproportionately negatively impacted both the City's historically disadvantaged community within, and areas of persistent poverty immediately adjacent to, the Downtown subarea.

### RAISE Grant Outcomes

- **Assess existing Downtown transportation network conditions** for safety and deficiencies to better understand which elements of the existing road design and build are contributing to collisions and unsafe conditions, particularly for non-motorized users.
- **Engage a Stakeholder Advisory Committee and the broader public** to identify community priorities for changes to the Downtown transportation network.
- **Model existing and future traffic levels and transportation conditions** to determine the level of need for different transportation network elements.
- **Develop and analyze** transportation corridor and intersection alternatives.
- **Develop** a Cost and Revenue Analysis and Strategic Implementation Plan
- **Prepare** a Final Report and Downtown Subarea Transportation Network Update.

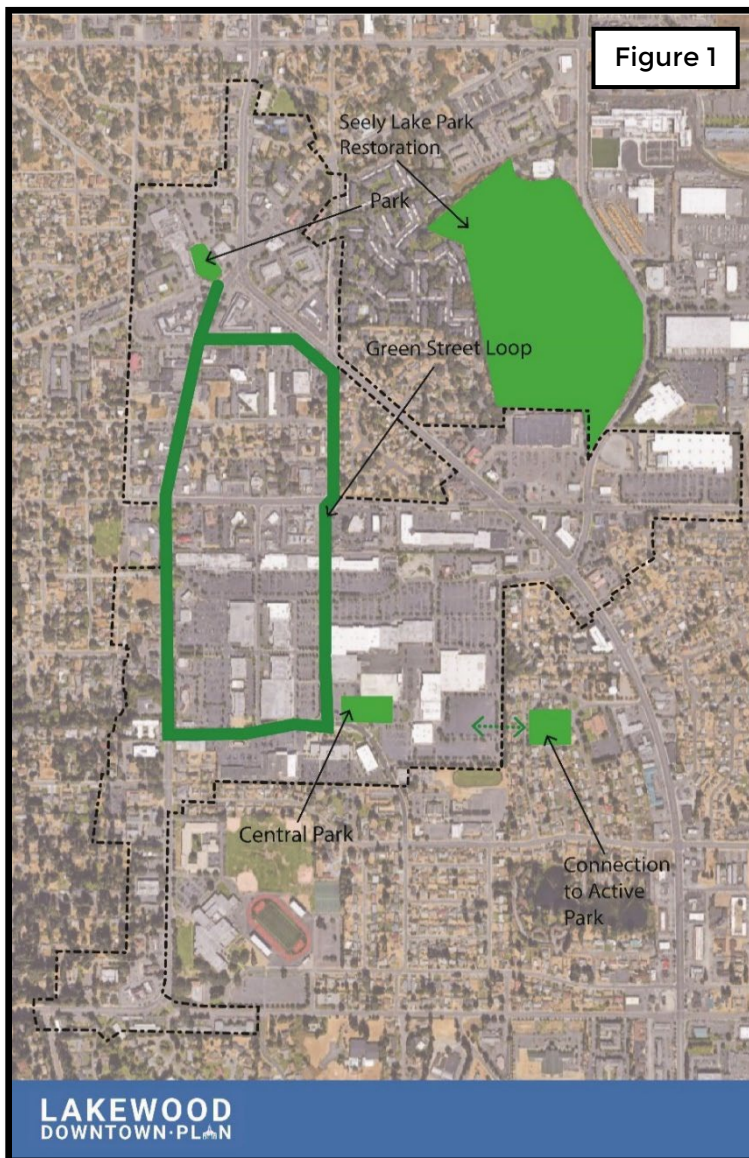


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## List of Community Supporters

- Representative Marilyn Strickland
- Senator Patty Murray
- Senator Maria Cantwell
- Pierce County Executive Bruce Dammeier
- Pierce County Councilmember Jani Hitchen
- Clover Park School District
- Clover Park Technical College
- KITE Realty Group
- Lakewood Chamber of Commerce
- Lakewood Water District
- Pierce County Library System
- Pierce Transit
- Puget Sound Energy
- Sound Transit
- Economic Development Board, Tacoma Pierce County
- West Pierce Fire & Rescue
- Living Access Support Alliance (LASA)
- Low Income Housing Institute (LIHI)



The RAISE Planning and Preconstruction Activities Grant will allow planning for Downtown transportation enhancements such as the “Green Street Loop” (Figure 1), which consists of continuous pedestrian and off- street protected bike facilities, street trees, landscaping, and low-impact development storm water improvements.