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Good day, Steve,

Thank you for submitting comments related to the 2025 Comprehensive Plan Update.

I am forwarding to additional members of staff. These comments will be added to the Index of Record and brought to the attention of the Planning Commission prior to tonight's Hearing.

Best regards,

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Dear Planning Commission,

Please accept these comments to help you in your deliberations.

Please consider the following comments for the 20 year Road/Traffic portion of the Comprehensive Growth Management Plan for Clark County.

The GMA requires determination of needed transportation improvements necessary to implement 20-year comprehensive growth management plan (CGMP).

The I-5 exit 11 westbound exit towards Ridgefield is included in the current 20-year CGMP.

For some unknown reason, this project was removed from the proposed 20-year CGMP. This was either an oversight or an unwise decision, as Ridgefield is the fastest growing area in the county, and the I-5 interchanges at pioneer street and at 179th street are at capacity or are over-capacity.

The I-5 exit 11 westbound exit towards Ridgefield will be a county project, as 98% - 100% of the proposed roads in this project are in unincorporated Clark County.
- some of the roads will will be in the ridgefield urban growth boundary, but that is still the responsibility of the county.
- if the Carty Rd / purple route is chosen, then only about 2% of the road will be in the City of Ridgefield.

The state is only responsible for the short section that crosses their easement/property at exit 11.
The RTC and WA-DoT are fully aware of this project.

Please be aware that the City of Ridgefield has this project in their 6-year and 20-year plans, and the map for the arterial atlas was revised by the Ridgefield City Council - the revised map can be found at:
https://ridgefieldwa.us/DocumentCenter/View/3041/2025-2030-Transportation-Improvement-Program-Map-PDF
The I-5 exit 11 connector to Ridgefield is depicted as a blue dotted ellipse, and the specific route in that ellipse has not yet been determined. This ellipse also included

improvements of Carty Rd.

The county's plan and Ridgefield's plan for this project should coincide.

Please recommend adding the I-5 exit 11 connector towards Ridgefield back into the county's 20yr plan, and into the Arterial Atlas.

Sincerely,
Steve Thalberg