

1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 PURPOSE OF THE STUDY

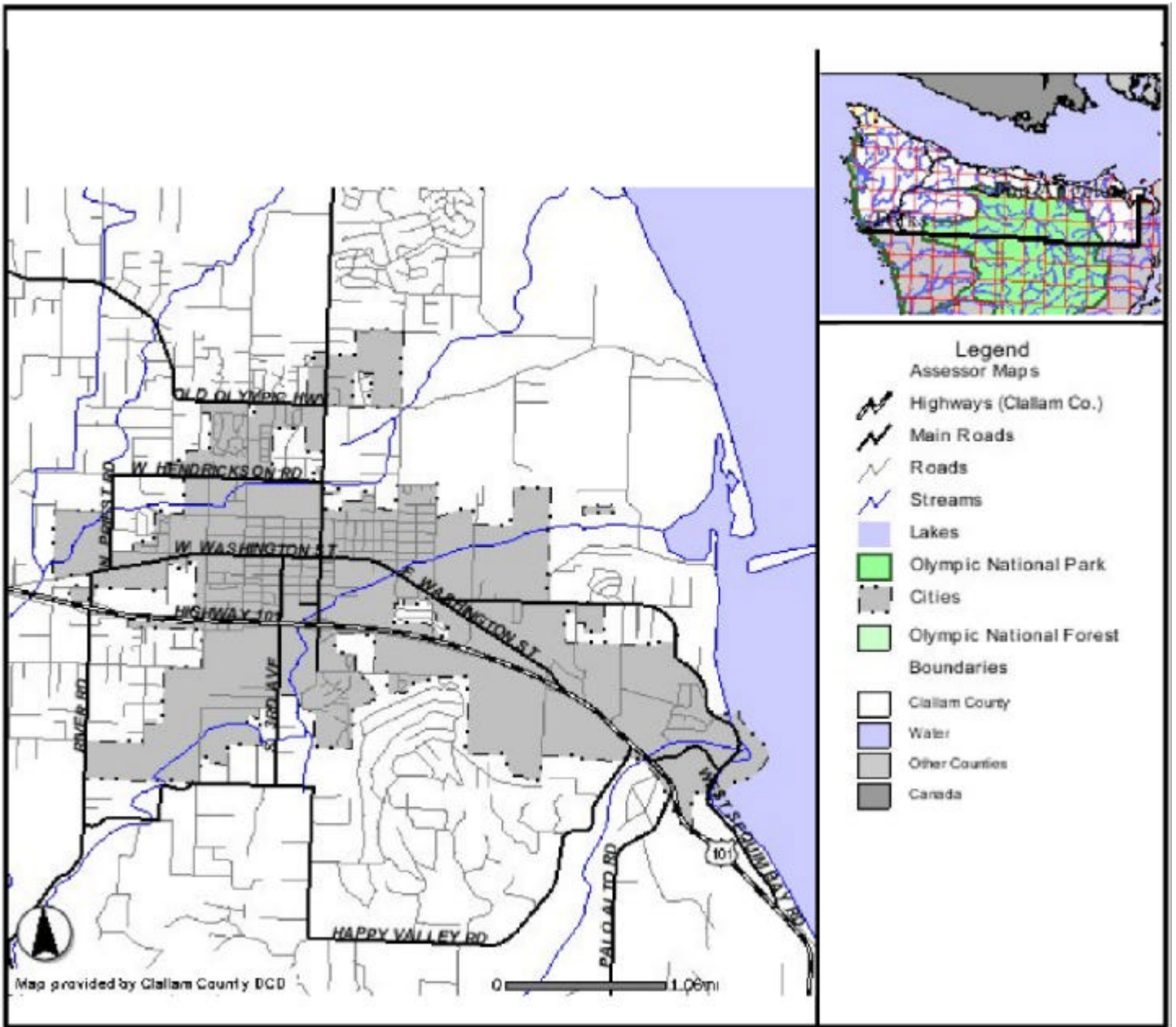
The City of Sequim’s Comprehensive Plan, developed in 1996, portrays a vibrant vision for Sequim: “Sequim will be a center of financial, commercial, retail, cultural, educational, recreational, and medical services and activities on the northern Olympic Peninsula, while maintaining its friendly, small town, rural atmosphere”. To that end, the construction of the Sequim Bypass (State Route 101 Alternative) set the stage for street and pedestrian improvements in the downtown core to create a place with a “main street” atmosphere. Rapid commercial and residential growth occurring east and west of the downtown core has made it necessary to reevaluate the overall transportation network, with future land use and demographic projections in mind, to develop a plan for future multimodal transportation system improvements.

The purpose of this study is to support the City of Sequim (City) in its review of the citywide street design, traffic flow, road networking, levels of service, and facilities for pedestrians, bicycles, and tourists. This study includes a collection of traffic count information and other existing inventory, a review of transportation system safety, assessment of future travel demand and planned transportation system improvements, and an evaluation of how these factors affect the existing transportation network.

Additionally, this study provides a transportation plan that includes recommendations for new east/west roadways extensions, multimodal transportation system enhancements; identifies future right of way needs; and provides the City with guidance for the programming and further development of future transportation improvements in the area. The conclusions of this study will provide a foundation to update the City of Sequim’s Six-Year Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) (WSDOT XXXX); document the need for the Simdars Road on- and off-ramps to State Route 101; and provide guidance for programming and developing future transportation improvements, and updating the City’s Transportation Element of the Comprehensive Plan.

1.2 STUDY AREA

This study covers all areas within the City limits of Sequim. Portions of this study identify transportation projects, facilities, and services that are not under the City’s jurisdiction, but have the ability to affect the City of Sequim’s transportation network and are therefore referenced. Figure 1 highlights the bounds of this study.



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Figure 1
Study Area
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