
US 12/Old Hwy 9 Roundabout Pre-Design

Community Engagement Report

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Image description: A showing the project location northwest of Grand Mound and the aerial photo of proposed roundabout alternative.



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Project Overview

Target Zero is Washington State's Strategic Highway Safety Plan. The goal of the plan is to reduce traffic fatalities and serious injuries on state highways to zero by 2030. The Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) reviews all rural stop-controlled intersections on our state highways to identify ways to reduce potential crashes. These safety improvement locations have high entering at angle type crashes, more crashes than average, enough existing pavement for a single lane roundabout, and a daily traffic count of 25,000 vehicles or less.

The Strategic Highway Safety Plan identified the intersection of US 12 and Old Highway 9 as a location with the potential to reduce crashes. Based on the information gathered during the pre-design study, WSDOT is proposing a single lane roundabout to replace the stop sign on Old Highway 9. Project design starts in summer of 2025 with construction tentatively scheduled to begin in 2026. Construction schedules are subject to change.

A multimodal, multidisciplinary, and multi-agency group was formed of representatives from: Thurston County Sheriff's Office, Confederated Tribes of the Chehalis Reservation, Nisqually Indian Tribe, Rochester School District Squaxin Island Tribe, Thurston County, Thurston Regional Planning Council, Washington State Patrol West Thurston Regional Fire Authority, and WSDOT. The project team invited this group to a virtual meeting to learn more about the project and provide comments.

The project team also held an online open house to gather feedback on the proposed project. This report contains a summary of the online open house, documenting the public engagement process.

Online Open House

WSDOT hosted an online open house from May 14, 2025 to May 28, 2025. The event was advertised on the pre-design webpage, WSDOT social media accounts, and sent to the multimodal, multidisciplinary, and multi-agency group. A news release was sent to 2,652 WSDOT email list subscribers, including local media and community partners. The Daily Chronicle published an article about the event: [New roundabout alert: Public asked for feedback on traffic feature at U.S. Highway 12 and Old Highway 9 near Grand Mound | The Daily Chronicle](#).

The open house had an overview of the project, conceptual drawing of the roundabout, project background, funding, next steps, and a feedback form for participants to submit their comments about the project. See a copy of the online open house content in Appendix A. Comments received through the online open house are in Table 1.

Open House Responses

The online open house received 131 comments. Most comments (50%) were supportive of the proposed design. Many respondents believed that the design will likely reduce speeds and improve safety.

About 27% of responses were against the project. Concerns expressed included whether a roundabout would improve safety and accommodate large vehicles. Other comments criticized the project as a poor use of funds.

About 21% of responses were less clearly for or against the project. Many of these comments expressed concerns about specific elements of the design, such as plantings in the center of the roundabout, the number of lanes, and the posted speed limit approaching the roundabout. Nine comments were concerned about vehicle speeds (especially large trucks) coming off the freeway overpass on US 12.

Overall, respondents are supportive of the project. Design concerns are addressed below.

Table 1. Online Open House Comments

#	Contact message	Response
1	Thank you for the information	Thank you for your response.
2	Much needed for this intersection. I have dealt with using this intersection for many years and currently have grandkids in the nearby schools.	WSDOT has recorded your preference.
3	Seems like a reasonable solution.	WSDOT has recorded your preference.
4	I like the roundabouts! The future of road design! Keep them coming!	WSDOT has recorded your preference.
5	This WILL slow down traffic on Highway 12. Understand the intent, don't think this project has REAL value.	The pre-design team completed a traffic analysis. It shows that traffic will flow freely through the roundabout.
6	Great idea! On a dangerous corner! Hwy 12 and hwy 9 is growing. Roundabout will slow traffic down a little bit. Improve safety for school busses in area.	WSDOT has recorded your preference.
7	I have lived in Rochester for 26 years now and this is MUCH NEEDED. Now that I have teen drivers I cringe when it's school let out times and I hear sirens headed down highway 12 towards the highschool.	WSDOT has recorded your preference.
8	This would be an incredibly helpful improvement in that intersection! I drive through the intersection approximately 4 to 6 times a day and the roundabout would be a huge safety improvement as well as a time saver, especially for the morning and afternoon school bus times. Our community needs this so bad and the only other recommendation I have is to start the project in June after the school year has completed	WSDOT has recorded your preference. After this pre-design phase, the project will move to the design phase. The design team will determine construction and traffic control plans. Traffic should be able to flow through the project area during the entire construction phase.
9	If people would simply pay attention to their driving, there would be no need for this "project". Or, perhaps there needs to be greater education of traffic/driving knowledge. There's already a westbound merging lane. Numerous times I have sat there, waiting for someone to realize they don't have to wait for a "clear entry moment" from both directions.	WSDOT has recorded your preference. WSDOT selected the project location and design based on analysis of traffic volumes and crash data. A paving project is planned for the interchange of US 12 and I-5 in 2028.

	Personally, these \$\$\$\$'s would be better spent at the Hwy 12 / I-5 southbound onramp. A true repair...grind it down and new asphalt applied...not a shovelful of asphalt thrown in the holes nor a sign that reads "Rough Road".	
10	Do it! We need more roundabouts please replace more lights with them as well. Roundabouts help prevent getting toned by people running lights!	WSDOT has recorded your preference.
11	I believe this is a good idea, but there needs to be a lot of thought into traffic control on Highway 12 at high speeds coming up to the roundabout on two different curves. There could be accidents from people coming down the viaduct, and not paying attention, potentially rear-ending stopped cars, or plowing right through it. It seems like a much better option than what is currently there though.	WSDOT has recorded your preference. WSDOT selected the project location and design based on analysis of traffic volumes and crash data. The speed limit approaching the new roundabout will be decreased. The design team will determine the new speed limit and the precise locations of the speed limit changes.
12	The roundabout at Old Hwy 9 and Hwy 12 will be a welcome addition, coming from a person who drives this road daily. My complaint is others clearly don't know how to use them. Having to come to a complete stop in the middle of the roundabout because another car jumped in front of me is a daily occurrence with the one at Hwy 12/Anderson. Especially with semis and log trucks. This is less frequent for the one near Tractor Supply in Grand Mound. I would also like to take this moment to bring to your attention the daily issues at both lights for exit 88. People coming off from I-5 SB treat the right turn as a free right and even jump in front of you when you're already in the middle of the intersection. Please consider adding a sign that says no right turn on red! Similarly, traffic moving east on Old Hwy 99 thru these intersections either don't know how to zipper merge or don't care enough about safety to zipper merge after the light. It's disgusting and scary, especially when I have young children in my car! Please consider adding a zipper merge sign or add extra enforcement overall in the Grand Mound exit area.	WSDOT has recorded your preference. Thank you for providing this information.
13	I frequently drive thru this area and have never had any issues with turning left onto 12 from 99 at this spot. Thus, I do not support the construction of a roundabout at this site! Furthermore, traffic here rarely goes the posted speed limit of 50 mph....60 mph is common.	WSDOT has recorded your preference.
14	NO MORE roundabouts, We aren't a city at all. We are just a community blend of farming, logging, retirement people. There is two roundabouts in place ALREADY and we don't even NEED MORE at all!!!!!!!!!!!! Leave us, Rochester folks ALONE!	WSDOT has recorded your preference.
15	Please make the roundabout large enough to easily accommodate larger vehicles. And do not raise the center	The design concept for this roundabout accounts for the types of vehicles that usually use the intersection. Trucks will be

	and add plantings that make it impossible to see the other entrances and exits.	able to maneuver through the roundabout. Plantings in the center of roundabouts are carefully thought out. Drivers should look for traffic approaching from the left to choose the right moment to enter the roundabout. Drivers do not need to watch for traffic at other legs of the roundabout, which may be blocked from view by the plants in the center island.
16	I support this plan and truly believe it will help our community and the school busses.	WSDOT has recorded your preference.
17	No more roundabouts. Waste of money. The state can get bent. They don't work with area with frequent lowboy trucking operations. Trucking makes the rural economy work.	WSDOT has recorded your preference. The design concept for this roundabout accounts for the types of vehicles that usually use the intersection. Trucks will be able to maneuver through the roundabout.
18	This is absolutely necessary, with crosswalks equipped with flashing lights. Bring down the speed limit also. Please consider a roundabout or 4 way stop at 183rd and Case rd.	WSDOT has recorded your preference. The speed limit approaching the new roundabout will be decreased. The design team will determine the new speed limit and the precise locations of the speed limit changes. The intersection of Case Road and 183 rd belongs to Thurston County.
19	Use low growing vegetation or gravel fill. Signs say "yield to incircle traffic", but the plantings often block the line of sight, hiding oncoming traffic.	Plantings in the center of roundabouts are carefully thought out. Drivers should look for traffic approaching from the left to choose the right moment to enter the roundabout. Drivers do not need to watch for traffic at other legs of the roundabout, which may be blocked from view by the plants in the center island. Signage at the roundabout will conform to WSDOT's design standards.
20	I fully support this and think this is a brilliant idea. I refuse to make a left hand turn out of there because it's so dangerous. This is one of the major routes for new drivers leaving the high school to get home, which is very scary. This is very much needed!	WSDOT has recorded your preference.
21	Yay. Yes a roundabout there is an excellent solution. Please also put one at elderberry and 196th.	WSDOT has recorded your preference. The intersection of Elderberry St and 196 th belongs to Thurston County.

22	STOP WASTING MONEY ON THIS GARBAGE. ROUNDABOUTS SERVE ZERO PURPOSE. THEY ARE A HAZARD, THEY DO NOT BELONG HERE, THEY ARE NOT SEMI TRUCK FRIENDLY, THEY ARE NOT EMERGENCY VEHICLE FRIENDLY. TRY FIXING ROADS THAT ACTUALLY NEED FIXING RATHER THAN WASTING OUR TAX DOLLARS ONT HIS SHIT GARBAGE.	WSDOT has recorded your preference. The design concept for this roundabout accounts for the types of vehicles that usually use the intersection. Trucks will be able to maneuver through the roundabout. The pre-design team conferred with local emergency response agencies and confirmed that the design will not hinder emergency response.
23	I think this is a great project plan in an optimal location. Many wrecks, long lines and dangerous maneuvers happen in this area. Thank you!	WSDOT has recorded your preference.
24	2 lane coming off of Old Hwy 9? It can back up pretty far during school drop off and release, also after sporting events and when semi trucks are running.	Thank you for your response. Thank you for providing this information.
25	This roundabout, added to the ones already in place on a short span between Anderson Road and I-5 will impact trucking, log trucks, and heavy summer vacation traffic. Those of us who live here feel a traffic light would be safer. It can be timed to work with school traffic, and create better flow than what a roundabout can make. It's become the easy way to solve intersections, just throw a roundabout on it, yet Anderson road is so tight trucks can hardly get around it. Please reconsider for community safety.	WSDOT has recorded your preference. WSDOT selected the project location and design based on analysis of traffic volumes and crash data. WSDOT assessed several alternatives as potential safety improvements, including a traffic signal. A roundabout at this location has the best potential safety benefits for the project cost. The design concept for this roundabout accounts for the types of vehicles that usually use the intersection. Trucks will be able to maneuver through the roundabout.
26	Seems like a great idea. Causes traffic to slow down in the area. As a mom of a student at GMES and RPS this can be a scary turn when leaving the schools.	WSDOT has recorded your preference.
27	This is great and I hope the change requires a reduction in speed. HWY 12 has become more dangerous with the rise in population and 50mph is too fast to handle all the frequent turns off the highway.	WSDOT has recorded your preference. The speed limit approaching the new roundabout will be decreased. The design team will determine the new speed limit and the precise locations of the speed limit changes.
28	Much needed!	WSDOT has recorded your preference.
29	Way overdue! Certain times of day, I avoid that intersection altogether. Has anyone considered the effect a roundabout will create at the intersection of Old Highway 9 and Carper Rd SW? Traffic leaving the high school headed towards Highway 12 (i.e, turning left from Carper Rd onto Old Hwy 9) likely will bottleneck at the stop sign as drivers exit the roundabout to head east on Old Hwy 9.	WSDOT has recorded your preference. The intersection of Old Highway 9 and Carper Rd SW belongs to Thurston County.

30	I love the roundabout in grand mound, the size makes it easier to navigate. I hope this one is also large. Would it be possible to make the lane going out to the west into two lanes, and connect the existing right turn lane to it? That would allow more traffic through and possible lower congestion during school times.	WSDOT has recorded your preference. WSDOT selected the project location and design based on analysis of traffic volumes and crash data.
31	Roundabout looks good. Safer than a traffic light.	WSDOT has recorded your preference.
32	This is a horrible idea. A lot of people in the area dislike it. All of the semi trucks will have to downshift and slow down and it will create MORE traffic. Also kids near the highschool will not use the road about correctly causing more crashes and problems. Please do not do this.	WSDOT has recorded your preference. WSDOT selected the project location and design based on analysis of traffic volumes and crash data. The speed limit approaching the new roundabout will be decreased. The design team will determine the new speed limit and the precise locations of the speed limit changes. WSDOT assessed several alternatives as potential safety improvements, including a traffic signal. A roundabout at this location has the best potential safety benefits for the project cost.
33	There isn't enough room for a real round about there. It is also completely unnecessary. It also is at the bottom of a high speed overpass. This is really stupid. An accident waiting to happen and a total waste of time.	WSDOT has recorded your preference. The speed limit approaching the new roundabout will be decreased. The design team will determine the new speed limit and the precise locations of the speed limit changes. The design will fit within the existing right-of-way.
34	Great idea, need some kind of help. What would be the possibility of an extended right turn lane to allow the busses to back up for there turn? Otherwise for the improvement .	WSDOT has recorded your preference. WSDOT selected the project location and design based on analysis of traffic volumes and crash data.
35	This seems like a waste of time and money. Sure if you frind traffic from 50mph to 0 it will be safer. I live right next to this intersection and use it daily. Keep highway traffic at highway speed. There are ample turn lanes already.	WSDOT has recorded your preference. WSDOT selected the project location and design based on analysis of traffic volumes and crash data.
36	This should work	WSDOT has recorded your preference.
37	As a long time Rochester resident, parent, and teacher, this is way overdue. Too many accidents and close calls occur at this location. I believe this project can save lives and help with traffic issues. This could also help with decreasing the speeding that occurs here.	WSDOT has recorded your preference. The speed limit approaching the new roundabout will be decreased. The design team will determine the new speed limit and the precise locations of the speed limit changes.
38	I am a retired law-enforcement officer. I was the school resource officer for Rochester high school that roundabout would be excellent for alleviating the congestion when the high school releases currently it's a nightmare.	WSDOT has recorded your preference.

39	I like the idea of adding a roundabout at this location but I have to say – \$4.3 million to design and build it is an absolutely absurd price. It's hard to wrap my head around how a single intersection improvement could possibly cost that much. That said, I do appreciate all y'all do to keep our roads safe and maintained.	WSDOT has recorded your preference. WSDOT assessed several alternatives as potential safety improvements, including a traffic signal. A roundabout at this location has the best potential safety benefits for the project cost.
40	Westbound traffic coming over the railroad is usually at or above the speed limit on the downhill side and will need serious warning/speed control prior to this roundabout.	The speed limit approaching the new roundabout will be decreased. The design team will determine the new speed limit and the precise locations of the speed limit changes. Signage at the roundabout will conform to WSDOT's design standards.
41	I believe this will cause MORE accidents with the HS students that are inexperienced drivers already. I live on Tea St SW and the reason these accidents are occurring presently is due to the excessive speeds on our street. More police presence is what is needed! I have personally witnessed vehicles traveling at speeds well above 50-60 mph, usually when HS releases, or early mornings. Not to mention the bushes located on the property of 201st & Tea St intersection. You literally have to pull out into the intersection to see if there are any approaching vehicles.	WSDOT assessed several alternatives as potential safety improvements, including a traffic signal. A roundabout at this location has the best potential safety benefits for the project cost. The speed limit approaching the new roundabout will be decreased. The design team will determine the new speed limit and the precise locations of the speed limit changes. The intersection of 201 st Ave & Tea Street belongs to Thurston County.
42	This is a much needed improvement for this section of road. So many young, inexperienced high school drivers pull out heading West there everyday. It's a dangerous stretch if road right now.	WSDOT has recorded your preference.
43	<p>I really feel like it's going to increase congestion in an already congested area during weekday mornings and afternoons. Im worried more accidents will occur as people come down the overpass</p> <p>Where most accidents actually occure are at the Hwy 12-Denmark st /hilt st</p> <p>So sooo many accidents happen there. There's no turn lane for either street and I really feel that needs to be addressed. Pulling onto hwy 12 from Denmark is also troublesome as it's hard to see left when the trees/bushes grow to far.</p>	<p>The pre-design team completed a traffic analysis. It shows that traffic will flow freely through the roundabout. The speed limit approaching the new roundabout will be decreased. The design team will determine the new speed limit and the precise locations of the speed limit changes. The crash analysis WSDOT conducted for this roundabout project also included the intersection of US 12 and Denmark Street. The analysis assessed the cost-benefit of three alternatives, including a roundabout at US 12 and Denmark Street. The roundabout project at US 12 and Old Highway 9 has the best benefit to cost ratio of the three alternatives. WSDOT may pursue a safety project at Denmark Street in the future. The section of US 12 between Denmark Street and Hilt Street has been identified for safety improvements.</p>

44	Excellent idea for a roundabout! Only 1 flaw in the design. If you've ever seen the 1st one you put in @ Sargent Rd. You will know that there is way too much traffic at peak times for a single lane roundabout!! It needs to be a 2 lane roundabout.	WSDOT has recorded your preference. The pre-design team completed a traffic analysis. It shows that traffic will flow freely through the roundabout.
45	why isn't anything being done about the exit 88 over pass? This would be a better use of funds than another roundabout! The sink holes are going to cause damage to someone's vehicle at some point!	A paving project is planned for the interchange of US 12 and I-5 in 2028.
46	I like roundabouts and know they are safer	WSDOT has recorded your preference.
47	I'm not convinced this is needed and your website doesn't talk ANYTHING about why it's needed. Can you update your website to actually specifically talk about its need?	WSDOT has recorded your preference.
48	<p>This is a great idea! Long time resident(43 years old) who went to high school in Rochester. I have a couple of suggestions that I think would be beneficial to the community and pass through travelers along that stretch:</p> <p>1) reduced speed east of pecan st(dangerous intersection also) with a blinking light stating your speed. They are effective with me!!!</p> <p>2) reduced speed at or near outback rv heading west.</p> <p>3) Widening bridge over scatter creek by nearly double plus a turn median/turn lane from new roundabout to Rochester.</p> <p>I'm sure you guys have the statistics, but as an everyday driver of that stretch multiple times it feels dangerous with the speeds/turns/semis. There's a lot more I can suggest locally but that's a great start!</p>	WSDOT has recorded your preference. The speed limit approaching the new roundabout will be decreased. The design team will determine the new speed limit and the precise locations of the speed limit changes. WSDOT does not currently have plans to changes the locations described in this comment. Thank you for your feedback.
49	More roundabouts?! They can be very confusing for people, especially when there are two lanes. I've seen too many accidents.	WSDOT has recorded your preference.
50	Of all the new roundabout's here in Olympia, my favorite is the one at Britton Parkway and Carpenter Rd. It's one lane and seems to go very smoothly. The one's with more lanes get pretty confusing to quite a few people. You're more apt to get in a fender bender.	WSDOT has recorded your preference.

51	<p>What feedback are you expecting from the general public that will help? If you want better feedback, provide more information:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Put the ICE on the webpage. -Let people know the inscribed diameter of the roundabout (130'). -Tell them what the design vehicle is and why. -List how many single-lane roundabouts we already have on the system at locations with speed limits of 50 mph and higher. -List the change in crash history from them. <p>and ask them specifically what you want input on.</p> <p>Nobody needs to hear the same untrue things over and over again and you are wasting everyone's time and taxpayer money to solicit that.</p> <p>You are going to hear the exact same comments on every one of these until you begin to add more information so that the public understands more of the considerations that go into project identification, the ICE process, environmental review, funding approval, and design. You make it sound as though WSDOT hasn't designed a roundabout before and/or staff is completely unaware of traffic operations here. Accept your role as the expert in this process and make it meaningful.</p> <p>By the way, you should explain why the PD process appears to be way too long for this intersection - a single lane roundabout is supposed to be a default intersection treatment, particularly over a high-speed signal which shouldn't even be in the discussion. Were you close to a multilane? A single lane decision should also not require an advisory committee so it would be good to explain why one is needed unless you are just talking about the I-2 Panel to approve the funds?</p>	<p>Additional information about this project and location are available by public records request. Learn about how to submit a request for public records by clicking here.</p>
52	<p>That intersection makes it difficult for merging traffic to safely operate. Drivers coming off 9 are forced to wait till the traffic on 12 is safe to turn on to, this exceedingly results in impatience drivers taking unnecessary risk resulting in dangerous behavior. I have witnessed many accidents at that intersection. I have seen big rigs, automobiles, and even school buses make unsafe decisions there.</p>	<p>Thank you for providing this information.</p>

53	This will be great! I live in Oakville with my family and I'm honestly always afraid of the cars coming into the Hwy 12 from the 99. I always told my husband "they should have a roundabout around here!", so it's going to definitely be a great thing!	WSDOT has recorded your preference.
54	Absolutely unnecessary. Traffic already backs up from the light at grand mound to pecan st due to the newest roundabout. Stop adding unnecessary things when there are several pot holes between tenino and rochester that are in much greater need of repair.	WSDOT has recorded your preference. The pre-design team completed a traffic analysis. It shows that traffic will flow freely through the roundabout.
55	Personally I travel this route almost daily and feel a roundabout at hwy 12 and old hwy 9 is a dangerous location given the overpass that cars heading west on hwy 12 . Turning this area into a roundabout would be more of a hinderance than a feasible solution for traffic coming off old hwy 9. Especially since the traffic coming off old hwy 9 is very little compared to the traffic on hwy 12.	WSDOT has recorded your preference. WSDOT selected the project location and design based on analysis of traffic volumes and crash data. The speed limit approaching the new roundabout will be decreased. The design team will determine the new speed limit and the precise locations of the speed limit changes. The pre-design team completed a traffic analysis. It shows that traffic will flow freely through the roundabout.
56	Make this round about the same size as the one further east. The large ones are so much safer to negotiate, enable trucks to pass easily through them, and allow ample time for drivers to enter and exit. I hated round abouts until I encountered the one I mentioned (on Hwy 12 and Sargent road), and the one on 93rd in Tumwater by the truck stop. Both are large and very easy to use. The smaller one on Hwy 99 south of the Grand Mound interchange is too small. The trucks have a hard time getting around it and it is hard to enter because traffic is moving too quickly through it.	The design concept for this roundabout accounts for the types of vehicles that usually use the intersection. Trucks will be able to maneuver through the roundabout.
57	There's absolutely no need for this, other than make-work to keep unionized DOT personnel employed for the next three years working on another useless project that will only anger everyone trying to get from Grand Mound to Rochester. There's already a turn lane there, and it works quite well. Accidents at this intersection are rare, at worst. Putting a roundabout on a 50 mph highway, right at the bottom of a viaduct, will have a severe negative impact on the commercial vehicles that are just hitting their stride coming over that bridge. The roundabout will also likely force many more vehicles down Old Hwy 9 (the back way), merely moving any traffic issues from the highway to the road that runs right in front of the elementary school. It's a bad idea, it's unnecessary, it's a waste of time and taxpayer money and it should be scrapped altogether.	WSDOT has recorded your preference. WSDOT selected the project location and design based on analysis of traffic volumes and crash data. The speed limit approaching the new roundabout will be decreased. The design team will determine the new speed limit and the precise locations of the speed limit changes.

58	Thank you for moving forward with this! My husband was involved in a car accident that resulted in a fatality at this very same intersection in 2008. We've been hoping to see something done here since then so no family ever has to experience what we, and the other driver's family, did. Between the school busses and young drivers using this intersection, it's just a matter of time that something happens again. Great move. Thank you.	WSDOT has recorded your preference.
59	I think it's a wonderful idea! Would be much safer for all the buses and vehicles going or coming from the school. The roundabout on Sargeant works extremely well!	WSDOT has recorded your preference.
60	We do not need another round about in grand mound half of the drivers around dont even know how to use the ones that we're recently put in	WSDOT has recorded your preference.
61	Much needed location. Please add to future study the location of US 12 and 183rd by the tracks,much needed there as well.	WSDOT has recorded your preference. The section of US 12 between Denmark Street and Hilt Street has been identified for safety improvements.
62	I think this is a WONDERFUL idea. I used to live with my elderly mother out in Oakville, now I live in Lacey but travel to see her regularly - I've been nearly hit MULTIPLE times at this specific intersection while I had the right away going straight. This roundabout is needed just like the new one down the road by the casino. Perfect idea and I hope it goes through	WSDOT has recorded your preference.
63	I am against a round about at this site. I would prefer a no left turn at Old Hwy 9 access to Hwy 12 and at Pecan St access to Hwy 12. Putting a round about at the end of an overpass will cause a blind spot for traffic to back up and more chance of accidents. The round about should be at Denmark St. Thank you for taking my feedback.	WSDOT has recorded your preference. The speed limit approaching the new roundabout will be decreased. The design team will determine the new speed limit and the precise locations of the speed limit changes. The pre-design team completed a traffic analysis. It shows that traffic will flow freely through the roundabout. The crash analysis WSDOT conducted for this roundabout project also included the intersection of US 12 and Denmark Street. The analysis assessed the cost-benefit of three alternatives, including a roundabout at US 12 and Denmark Street. The roundabout project at US 12 and Old Highway 9 has the best benefit to cost ratio of the three alternatives. WSDOT may pursue a safety project at Denmark Street in the future.
64	I fully support this one. I live in the area and it wouldn't hurt to slow folks down in the area. Especially since we	WSDOT has recorded your preference.

	have young drivers from the high school at that intersection	
65	<p>I think I read in the plans that the roundabout would have a single lane. Seems more prudent to provide two lanes if I'm viewing things correctly. I am a huge fan of using roundabouts to improve traffic flow and safety. However, I believe there's need for better signage, zero or low vegetation in the middle, and education on how to use them. The roundabout that connects Sargeant to 12 has been fabulous, except folks don't understand correct procedures, so it's getting horribly snagged up during busy traffic hours. While I see a need for these roundabouts, I hope that budget money is being set aside to fix places along the existing Hwy, like the terrible mess at the exit 88 bridge. The exits and entrances to all ramps are pretty messed up. Lastly, WA State budgets have consistently sat in deficit for way too long. Please, please, please don't spend money that isn't there. Don't fix anything at all if there's no money. I can't afford any more tax hikes and I'm among the more fortunate in the area. I'm sure the folks at WADOT have their hearts in the right place, so thanks for all you're trying to accomplish. My hubby used to work in that department.</p>	<p>WSDOT has recorded your preference. The pre-design team completed a traffic analysis. It shows that traffic will flow freely through the roundabout. Plantings in the center of roundabouts are carefully thought out. Drivers should look for traffic approaching from the left to choose the right moment to enter the roundabout. Drivers do not need to watch for traffic at other legs of the roundabout, which may be blocked from view by the plants in the center island. A paving project is planned for the interchange of US 12 and I-5 in 2028.</p>
66	<p>I LOVE the idea of a roundabout here! I've driven this stretch of hwy almost daily for the last 27 years. As someone who attended Rochester schools and now has children in Rochester schools, this is the one of the scariest places to get on the highway whether you're trying to turn left or right.</p> <p>Next think to look at is Hwy 12 and Denmark St :)</p>	<p>WSDOT has recorded your preference. The crash analysis WSDOT conducted for this roundabout project also included the intersection of US 12 and Denmark Street. The analysis assessed the cost-benefit of three alternatives, including a roundabout at US 12 and Denmark Street. The roundabout project at US 12 and Old Highway 9 has the best benefit to cost ratio of the three alternatives. WSDOT may pursue a safety project at Denmark Street in the future.</p>
67	<p>I drive west on hwy 12 and turn left onto old hwy 9 daily. On a regular basis I get people turning left off of old hwy 9 turning in front of me or turning at the exact same time as me almost causing wrecks. I think a round about here would be fantastic.</p>	<p>WSDOT has recorded your preference.</p>
68	<p>This is a great idea. Long time coming. Scares me for the students who are new to driving and go to high school there. As well as myself the left turn on to hwy 12 is scary.</p>	<p>WSDOT has recorded your preference.</p>
69	<p>This is a wonderful idea! For the safety of student drivers, buses, and to help ease the amount of accidents and near accidents, (of which there are PLENTY)...great idea. My son drives to the highschool every day and I am at the</p>	<p>WSDOT has recorded your preference.</p>

	high school often, I am looking forward to the completion of this project!	
70	As a resident of Rochester and a parent of a student with Rochester - I highly agree with this project. The number of wrecks on Hwy 12 is high. It is a matter of time before there is a wreck involving a student that will kill them. This project is well over due. Thank you for doing it.	WSDOT has recorded your preference.
71	I think the roundabout is a great, safe solution to a dangerous intersection.	WSDOT has recorded your preference.
72	This roundabout is a terrible idea.	WSDOT has recorded your preference.
73	buy enough land to make it easy to use, not a little one like you put in everywhere else	The design will fit within the existing right-of-way.
74	There are more pressing road repairs needed over this. Already have merge lanes there, no need for around about.	WSDOT has recorded your preference.
75	I think it's a great idea. I manage several dump trucks that would prefer to take that route out to the harbor to avoid the congestion in grand mound, as well as the way too small round about on Harrison Ave. My only recommendation would be to straighten out Hwy 9 right before it meets hwy 12. That curve and incline is too tight for trucks, and they have to cheat over into the other lane so their trailers make the curve. I'd also suggest looking at the other end of 9 where it intersects with old 99/Harrison Ave. I foresee some problems with the increased traffic that will be turning on and off Harrison once the round about is in place. But biggest thing is just make sure it's big enough for trucks without them having to split lanes to get through :)	Thank you for providing this information. Community engagement during the pre-design phase brought this issue to light. We adjusted the design to improve this turning movement for trucks.
76	I like roundabouts for safety reasons primarily, but also for flow. In the case where these will be around schools, I'm guessing they will reduce severe crashes and back ups. I live in Lewis Co, and go that way occasionally.	WSDOT has recorded your preference.
77	As a parent of a 16 year old new driver who attends Rochester High School, I am excited to see plans for a roundabout at this intersection! I know that my son is not allowed to turn left onto Hwy 12 from Old Hwy 9 due to the number of accidents that happen there. I have heard this from many other parents as well. I know of many students who have been involved in wrecks there. Thank you for looking out for the safety of young, inexperienced drivers, as well as those of us who are experienced drivers who must turn left at this intersection. This is very much needed in our community!	WSDOT has recorded your preference.
78	Totally agree we need this to correct current traffic issues	WSDOT has recorded your preference.

79	As a parent to a high schooler and as a teacher in Rochester, this is such a great idea! The Hwy 12/ Old Hwy 9 intersection is so dangerous, and numerous accidents happen there every year. This would be such a huge safety net for our community.	WSDOT has recorded your preference.
80	No! I think that is a horrible spot for a round about. It will create more traffic and more back ups.	WSDOT has recorded your preference.
81	Not sure why we need more round abouts... I realized people need to slow down and such but, ur just making a bigger mess and costing money that should be spent elsewhere... Let's not keep spending omwhen we have roads that actually need to be repaired, paved and fixed up a good bit...	WSDOT has recorded your preference.
82	I wish you would review the "Geometric design of roundabouts" published by the UK government. If not you should know that most already constructed roundabouts are designed poorly from a flow and safety point of view. Maximizing the distance between directions in travel is the key to improving flow and safety. When a roundabout follows the common WA design of sharper turns/corners and decreased distance between opposite directions of travel you have two problems, 1. reducing the time for the waiting driver to react to the oncoming roundabout vehicle (less safe & less flow due to driver uncertainty). 2. Changing the angle of how vehicles exiting the roundabout present to drivers wishing to enter the circle (again less safe and less flow). Please do a real life mock up and see for yourselves. Notice when you design to a WA common roundabout standard you have little time and distance to judge the oncoming vehicle and can't judge whether the oncoming vehicle is exiting or continuing to use the roundabout. NOW just do one thing and increase the distance between the exiting lane and entering lane 20ft and you will immediately notice that it is easy and safe with extra time to judge the actions of the other driver in the roundabout. You can reach out and I will make a mock up for you as I am tired of seeing such poor roundabout designs in Washington, and the likely design hubris that has allowed them to fester.	WSDOT has recorded your preference. Thank you for providing this information.
83	I moved here from San Diego in 2017 and the roundabouts were a little hard to get used to, but I'm so happy we have them up here. They slow traffic down. The only bad thing about roundabouts is people who think they can speed through them and then end up going over them or into other cars or they will not wait their turn because they are too impatient. The only bad thing about roundabouts are the people who think they don't have to wait their turn, they aren't paying attention or they are speeding.	WSDOT has recorded your preference.

84	I think it's a great idea, I take this route daily, and especially then school let's out it's very hard to get off hwy 9 on to hwy 12. I personally will appreciate it.	WSDOT has recorded your preference.
85	Speed limit is way to high to come flying up on that round about	The speed limit approaching the new roundabout will be decreased. The design team will determine the new speed limit and the precise locations of the speed limit changes.
86	Roundabouts are a great way to help control the flow of traffic. This will be great.	WSDOT has recorded your preference.
87	The mock up honestly looks pretty good. My experience with roundabouts is that they are a problem when you can't see oncoming traffic which is mainly a problem if it's too small combined with being raised above sight line. You are already avoiding the other problem I see commonly which is creating special lanes for turning right that extend past the roundabout itself. Those lanes always cause problems. Watching people trying to pull into the cat clinic on Lacey Blvd is painful and looks so dangerous as people turning right off Golf Course do not yield. It's very dangerous so please avoid such lanes. I don't see that in your design so I think you've done well.	WSDOT has recorded your preference. Plantings in the center of roundabouts are carefully thought out. Drivers should look for traffic approaching from the left to choose the right moment to enter the roundabout. Drivers do not need to watch for traffic at other legs of the roundabout, which may be blocked from view by the plants in the center island.
88	I hate, hate, hate roundabouts. Every time I have to enter one, I'm filled with fear. It feels so risky to proceed into a roundabout and it's hard to know where the other cars are heading. And, people drive too fast in them. It feels like being in a pinball machine. Roundabouts are the most dangerous types of intersections in the entire area.	WSDOT has recorded your preference.
89	Use a person who is competent in figuring out how to properly expand a roadway without stealing taxpayer money to fuck around for months on end and not fix any traffic problems statewide. Yall are fucking idiots who don't deserve to be paid for what you do not do!	WSDOT has recorded your preference.
90	I feel as though a roundabout would be a little unnecessary right there, traffic flows well overall and adding something that slows traffic would only cause congestion on the roads. Thank you for taking this into consideration. - a common commuter of that road	WSDOT has recorded your preference. The pre-design team completed a traffic analysis. It shows that traffic will flow freely through the roundabout.
91	Great Idea for this intersection. Will help tremendously with the school right there!	WSDOT has recorded your preference.
92	This is a great location for a roundabout. As a parent of a high schooler I can tell you a roundabout will solve a major traffic backup at that location when school is out. Please also consider that 195th ave is becoming a raceway for people avoiding hwy 12 especially at night. We sure could use a couple speed humps.	WSDOT has recorded your preference. 195 th Ave belongs to Thurston County.

93	<p>Not a fan. This will force a change in my morning commute, making me take back roads to enter HWY 12 closer to Grand Mound.</p> <p>It's already difficult to turn left from Joselyn Rd already at certain times. I'd expect a roundabout in the proposed location would make it nearly impossible, as traffic will back up heading eastbound.</p> <p>Considering the blind hill with a 50mph speed limit, that is the overpass to the east, I can see more wrecks on the overpass or right before the roundabout. Eastbound traffic, traveling at speed, might get a surprise as they crest the hill if traffic entering the roundabout has backed up. (Which it will at times)</p> <p>This project seems to be catering to traffic entering the schools, which wouldn't be so bad if fewer parents insisted on driving their kids to school. For everyone else, I believe it's a step in the wrong direction.</p>	<p>WSDOT has recorded your preference. Thank you for providing this information. WSDOT selected the project location and design based on analysis of traffic volumes and crash data. The speed limit approaching the new roundabout will be decreased. The design team will determine the new speed limit and the precise locations of the speed limit changes.</p>
94	<p>Roundabouts dont slow traffic down when they are big. Cars drive through them at speeds in excess of 15 miles per hour everywhere. Stoplights are safer</p>	<p>WSDOT has recorded your preference.</p>
95	<p>NO ROUNDABOUTS!</p>	<p>WSDOT has recorded your preference.</p>
96	<p>I think a traffic circle at Hwy 12 and Old 9 would be a good thing. I don't travel through there every day, but when I do, trying to turn from 9 to 12 is crazy dangerous. I didn't think I would like the circle at Sargent, but I think it has helped tremendously, so I am all in for one at this intersection.</p>	<p>WSDOT has recorded your preference.</p>
97	<p>This intersection has always given me stress trying to imagine high schoolers driving to and from school while traveling Hwy 12. Glad to see some care happening here</p>	<p>WSDOT has recorded your preference.</p>
98	<p>Although I don't particularly care for traffic circles, I understand that they are inevitable. But if you have to build them, please build them with the lanes wide enough that they are easy to negotiate with a 45 foot long, 8'6" wide bus. We don't bend in the middle like the articulated buses in town...</p>	<p>WSDOT has recorded your preference. The design concept for this roundabout accounts for the types of vehicles that usually use the intersection. Trucks will be able to maneuver through the roundabout.</p>
99	<p>How about no we have enough roundabouts in washington state alone and this will make traffic more of a mess as it already is we do not need more. i don't know why WSDOT thinks we need more and more all it is doing is spending more money that WSDOT doesn't have. We need to stop adding all these roundabouts and messing up the traffic just stop</p>	<p>WSDOT has recorded your preference.</p>
100	<p>Yes! Our business is at the corner of Hwy 12 and Joselyn St. I think this is a great solution to a challenging</p>	<p>WSDOT has recorded your preference.</p>

	intersection. Especially at school hours. We fully support this.	
101	I think the roundabout is a very good idea. How will traffic flow while it's being built? Will those of us that live in Rochester have to detour during construction? How long is the estimated build time? Again, my partner and I are in favor of this. Thank you.	WSDOT has recorded your preference. After this pre-design phase, the project will move to the design phase. The design team will determine construction and traffic control plans. Traffic should be able to flow through the project area during the entire construction phase.
102	I think this is a fantastic idea! As a bus driver for the Rochester School district, I can't tell you how many times we've been stuck on Old 9 trying to get onto Hwy 12. It's so dangerous and I really think a roundabout is exactly what's needed there.	WSDOT has recorded your preference.
103	This is a waste of money, the intersection is not nearly busy enough to be necessary. How about a turn lane if that's a issue	WSDOT has recorded your preference.
104	I'm a dump truck driver and the only problem I have and see with roundabouts is there is absolutely no signage telling people to use their turn signals and very few people actually do. If you are staying in the roundabout, left signal, right signal approximately 100ft before your exit. If everyone knew to do this roundabouts would work so much better and be much safer for all. Another sign (?) absolutely no running beside a semi in any roundabout.	WSDOT has recorded your preference. Signage at the roundabout will conform to WSDOT's design standards.
105	This seems absolutely ridiculous, the road way is fine, and traffic rarely backs up threw here, why are we creating unnecessary roundabouts when we have hwy12 that looks like it's a gravel road over white pass	WSDOT has recorded your preference. WSDOT has a project planned for 2028 to pave the section of US 12 in the vicinity of White Pass.
106	This roundabout is a good idea, given the amount of traffic that uses the intersection, and the important places that the intersection serves. That being said, there are other intersections along this stretch of US 12 that could also use some attention. Those include Pecan Street, 183rd Ave, Forstrom Street, Moon Road, Sickman-Ford Road, Road 89412 (Oakville), Elma Gate Road, Porter Creek Road, Mox Chehalis Road, Blockhouse Road/Murray Place, and both sets of on and off ramps at the SR 8/US 12 interchange. Are there plans to address any of these other intersections? Thank you.	WSDOT has recorded your preference. The section of US 12 between Denmark Street and Hilt Street has been identified for safety improvements.
107	I'm curious about the drivers coming down from the bridge. The current speed limit there is 50 with many drivers speeding. What will be done to have the drivers slow down in time? I think the locals will get used to it but there are a lot of out of town drivers throughout the year driving trucks pulling travel trailers heading to the beach, etc. is there enough room for them to slow down?	The speed limit approaching the new roundabout will be decreased. The design team will determine the new speed limit and the precise locations of the speed limit changes.
108	As a local resident who frequents this intersection often, I feel that due to the amount of traffic on hwy 12 which is	WSDOT has recorded your preference.

	often at 60+mph, and the amount of traffic(including school buses, teen drivers from the HS, Trucks & locals using it as a cutoff to avoid the slow trains on hwy 99) entering hwy12 from the old hwy, and the number of near misses I personally have seen that it is high time for this round about before anymore serious injury accidents occur.	
109	Doesn't placing ever more and more roundabouts on a highway to slow down traffic defeat the very purpose of a highway? Especially in light of the new roundabout that's only a little ways down? At speed; no, slow down; back at speed; oops slow down again; back up to speed...yeah, that sounds much safer and not annoying at all. Just how many of these roundabouts will accumulate along Highway 12 over the years? Couldn't we fix all the potholes on Highway 12, instead? Hmm?	WSDOT has recorded your preference. The speed limit approaching the new roundabout will be decreased. The design team will determine the new speed limit and the precise locations of the speed limit changes.
110	Use a light not a round about!	WSDOT has recorded your preference.
111	Use a light not a round about!	WSDOT has recorded your preference.
112	I am opposed to Roundabouts on Highway 12. 3 They are dangerous and have caused accidents. They create trouble areas and are ugly as they disturb traffic flow.	WSDOT has recorded your preference. The pre-design team completed a traffic analysis. It shows that traffic will flow freely through the roundabout.
113	The majority of RABs are way to small, making it difficult for larger vehicles like semis, buses and RVs to navigate. Being the main intersection for Rochester Schools I would think that is a major factor. To be large enough I would assume DOT would have to exercise eminent domain. I doubt the right away is large enough. That will tie it in court for years. NOT MY BACK YARD. I hate roundabouts. Almost as much as metered freeway on ramps.	WSDOT has recorded your preference. The design concept for this roundabout accounts for the types of vehicles that usually use the intersection. Trucks will be able to maneuver through the roundabout. The design will fit within the existing right-of-way.
114	They are a good idea usually. You have one down the road already. I don't know if we need to many of them.	WSDOT has recorded your preference.
115	I agree with the roundabout, it would be so much safer to turn from Hwy 12 when I go to sport events at the Rochester High School.	WSDOT has recorded your preference.
116	I do not want a round about put it. The round about that was put in in grand mound has caused so much traffic that I do what I can do avoid it. People do not know how to drive in a round about either and it constantly causes back ups. The amount of traffic they create is insurmountable. Not to mention what a nightmare they are for truck drivers. Highway 12 is a huge road for truckers and round about a make it so hard for them to drive through. The people of Rochester do not want this round about.	WSDOT has recorded your preference. The pre-design team completed a traffic analysis. It shows that traffic will flow freely through the roundabout. The design concept for this roundabout accounts for the types of vehicles that usually use the intersection. Trucks will be able to maneuver through the roundabout.

117	Yes please! This intersection is hard to navigate even as an experienced driver let alone all of the beginners trying to gage how fast the traffic is going and whether or not they can accelerate in time. I vote yes please!	WSDOT has recorded your preference.
118	I don't think that a round about so close to an overpass is a good idea. I think it may cause more accidents and traffic issues. I think that accidents are much more frequent at Denmark and Highway 12.	WSDOT has recorded your preference. The crash analysis WSDOT conducted for this roundabout project also included the intersection of US 12 and Denmark Street. The analysis assessed the cost-benefit of three alternatives, including a roundabout at US 12 and Denmark Street. The roundabout project at US 12 and Old Highway 9 has the best benefit to cost ratio of the three alternatives. WSDOT may pursue a safety project at Denmark Street in the future.
119	I am in favor of this round about. I just want to say I hope it is looked at to out a traffic light by the middle school or the post office in Rochester. It is very difficult to get out of either of those drive ways during high traffic times.	WSDOT has recorded your preference. WSDOT does not currently have plans to change the accesses to Rochester Middle School and the Post Office. Thank you for your feedback.
120	I don't agree. It's not a good idea. A merging lane or way to go under the bridge to merge on the other side of the road would be better.	WSDOT has recorded your preference.
121	I believe the roundabout at Hwy. 12 and Old Hwy. 9 is a good idea. Has any thought been given to the impact that it will have on semis going up over the overpass? They will lose momentum going around the roundabout and I fear that cars that follow such vehicles will become impatient, especially the high school drivers. Just a thought.	WSDOT has recorded your preference. The design concept for this roundabout accounts for the types of vehicles that usually use the intersection. Trucks will be able to maneuver through the roundabout.
122	Anything to improve the safety of our community members is always a great idea in my book. I love the thought and effort into planning this. My husband and I are all for it. Highway 12 can be dangerous (hence all of the roadside memorial crosses). My street (Hilt St) does NOT even have a street light nearby. It can be VERY dangerous. I hope one day we can have some sort of middle turn lane. This way we (along with other members of the community who live off Huntington St, Denmark St and Roseburg St.) won't have to worry as much for being rear ended at 50+ mph. Thank you for your time and consideration! Stay blessed.	WSDOT has recorded your preference. The section of US 12 between Denmark Street and Hilt Street has been identified for safety improvements.

123	<p>As a mother of three one of which will be driving in the next two years I think this is a very necessary addition. This is such a busy intersection and the fact that it's used by nearly every high schooler in the district makes it very scary. A skip-lane roundabout seems like a good choice for the spot to reduce as much congestion as possible especially since it will be used by lots of busses. It does concern me that there is a house right on the corner there and how will this affect the homeowner and their land?</p>	<p>WSDOT has recorded your preference. The design will fit within the existing right-of-way.</p>
124	<p>Is this all the information regarding the project?</p>	<p>Additional information about this project and location are available by public records request. Learn about how to submit a request for public records by clicking here.</p>
125	<p>I'm begging you and wsdot to STOP all these roundabouts.</p> <p>I know its a very European and modern infrastructure thing to keep traffic moving, seen too many accidents and more aggressive drivers than happy people going in circles.</p> <p>I began hating circles during my first of many pregnancies, its horrific to circles circle when you're already nauseated.</p> <p>The circles make groceries, cell phones, purses try to go sliding off when you circles.</p> <p>Now after all these years im disabled ha e multiple health issues including needing blood thinner injections twice daily on my wasteband/lap seat belt area. I get bruised easily when going in circles it pulls that lap belt tight on my hematoma blood thinner injection sites, pushes on my stomach making me want to puke, and causes bruises at times on the cross body portion of my chest as I have a pulmonary embolism in scar tissue limiting my ability to breathe as I circle circle.</p> <p>I can't tell you enough how much and why I avoid if possible the circling.</p> <p>It's more than a nuisance.</p> <p>I know the health and comfort is never a consideration when thinking of traffic flow, however in a somewhat smaller town to consider that i am likely not the only person hating circles for similar reasons, please take these comments with more weight since people in similar conditions might not know or take opportunity to comment.</p>	<p>WSDOT has recorded your preference.</p>

	<p>Stopping at a light in a controlled fashion, or stop sign doesn't present the above discomfort issues.</p> <p>Aside from all of this young car sick children I have been so close to home multiple times thinking we're going to make it, but then that one last circle presents too much for the toddlers in back, and its all over the car, car seat, floors besides they immediately start crying, rightfully so.</p> <p>Please consider human affects of circles. I'm dizzy just typing about them.</p>	
126	I think it would be great! It would definitely take some locals some time and some drunk drivers some getting used to but ultimately better than stopping traffic to turn that way	WSDOT has recorded your preference.
127	Love it	WSDOT has recorded your preference.
128	I drive through this intersection intermittently for work, not daily, yet I think a roundabout would probably make things work more smoothly.	WSDOT has recorded your preference.
129	I think this is a genuinely good idea. As a local, this spot has always felt risky to turn on, especially for the teens just learning to drive. Not bad, WSDOT, not bad at all	WSDOT has recorded your preference.
130	My feed back is the signage on hy 12, take out the 40 mile/hour limit sign on the westbound direction in arriving to the roundabout, and I on this trip saw 50 mile sign before the 40/ mile take those out and maybe slow down warning as it mark as I arrive to the roundabout. maybe additional sign. but take away throws speeding signs out. they are not needed. after the roundabout if it applies.	Signage at the roundabout will conform to WSDOT's design standards.
131	This improvement has been needed for years. It's too bad it can't include the road coming in from the north side of the highway just to the west of the proposed site. Pecan is another intersection that would benefit from a round about. It would be nice if the center could be planted with native plants instead of rocket like the one on Sargent.	WSDOT has recorded your preference. The section of US 12 between Denmark Street and Hilt Street has been identified for safety improvements.

Appendix A. Online Open House

US 12/Old Highway 9 Roundabout Pre-Design

PAGE 1: Welcome

Background

The Washington State Department of Transportation is conducting a study of the intersection of US 12 and Old Highway 9. The study will look at the existing intersection and develop a project to improve safety.

This online open house includes:

- Why we are doing this study,
- The existing conditions of the study location, and
- How you can share input.

The online open house is available through **May 28, 2025**. Once you have reviewed the information, please visit the Feedback section. We welcome any concerns or questions about the project. Your input will help us develop the best project to improve the intersection.



Map caption: Study location at the intersection of US 12 and Old Highway 9.

Graphic alt text: Map of the project location, near Grand Mound on US 12 at Old Highway 9

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PAGE 2: Study overview

Why are we conducting this study?

US 12 is an important north-south link that moves people and goods. It connects I-5 at Grand Mound (a census designated area) to US 8 at the City of Elma. WSDOT identified the intersection of US 12 and Old Highway 9 for safety improvements. The recommended treatment is a single-lane roundabout. This study will use data and community input to develop a project to improve safety.

Funding

This study and the upcoming design phase are funded by

- \$177,785 in federal National Highway Performance Program (NHPP) funding
- \$19,754 in state funding

\$1.8 million in federal NHPP funding and state funding is allocated to the construction phase.

Schedule

Dates are subject to change.

January-March 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Study background• Engage subject matter experts• Collect and analyze data
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April-May 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community outreach and online open house • Identify community issues • Share initial analysis • Gather feedback on draft recommendation
June 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Refine recommendation • Complete engagement report and shared with the community

Outcomes

WSDOT will publish the recommended concept and use it to inform the design phase.

PAGE 3: Existing Conditions

About the study area

The study area encompasses the intersection of US 12 and Old Highway 9. It is between Grand Mound and Rochester, two census-designated areas in southwest Thurston County.

The intersection serves several schools in the Rochester School District:

- Rochester High School,
- Grand Mound Elementary School
- Rochester Primary School
- Rochester Middle School

Transportation modes

People use multiple travel modes to move along the US 12 and Old Highway 9:

Bicycling, walking, and rolling: US 12 and Old Highway 9 do not have sidewalks. Pedestrians and cyclists must use the shoulders.

Transit: US 12 and Old Highway 9 are served by ruralTRANSIT.

Crashes at US 12 and Old Highway 9

Safety is WSDOT's number one priority. This study will apply [Target Zero](#) practices to reduce traffic fatalities and serious injuries. The proposed roundabout is expected to reduce at-angle crashes at the intersection of US 12 and Old Highway 9.

In November 2022, WSDOT completed a Crash Analysis Report (CAR). The CAR analyzed crashes on US 12 from Denmark Street to Old Highway 9 (1.4 miles) between 2015 and 2019. It identified two crash types to target on the corridor:

- rear-end crashes along the whole section
- crashes at the intersection of Old Highway 9

Rear-end crashes are the most common type of crash on the corridor and account for 20 of 39 total crashes. 10 rear-end crashes were clustered at Denmark St SW, Huntington St SW, and the driveway to Briarwood Farms.

The second most common crash type was at-angle crashes. 6 of 7 at-angle crashes were at Old Highway 9.

Between 2019 and 2024, 6 crashes occurred in the intersection. 1 crash resulted in possible injury.

Table 1. Study area crash data, 2019-2024

Severity	Crashes	Percentage
All Modes		
No Apparent Injury	5	83%
Possible Injury	1	17%
Serious Injury	0	0%
Fatality	0	0%
Total	6	100%

Environment

The study will identify the potential environmental impacts of the proposed project. The project may change based on the level of impact they may have on these environmental factors.

Equity and health disparities

The study will consider how the proposed design affects minority, low-income, or other disadvantaged communities.

Planned future improvements

Several proposed projects in the study area would improve travel for people driving, walking, rolling, or biking. Thurston Regional Planning Council’s [Regional Trails Plan](#) (December 2023) includes two proposed projects.

- Rochester Grand Mound Trail (TRPC’s Regional Trails Plan): proposed – less than 20 years
- Powerline Trail (TRPC’s Regional Trails Plan): conceptual – more than 20 years

Page 5: Proposed Alternatives

The 2022 Crash Analysis Report (CAR) proposed three alternatives for the corridor. A single-lane roundabout at the intersection of US 12 and Old Highway 9 has the best benefit-cost ratio. Roundabouts

reduce intersection-related crashes and reduce speeds in the segments approaching the intersection. As a result, the proposed concept is expected to reduce the frequency and severity of crashes.

PAGE 4: What's Next & Contact

WSDOT will use community feedback to inform the design concept. WSDOT will share the draft design with the community and stakeholders.

Contact

Name

Email

Message