



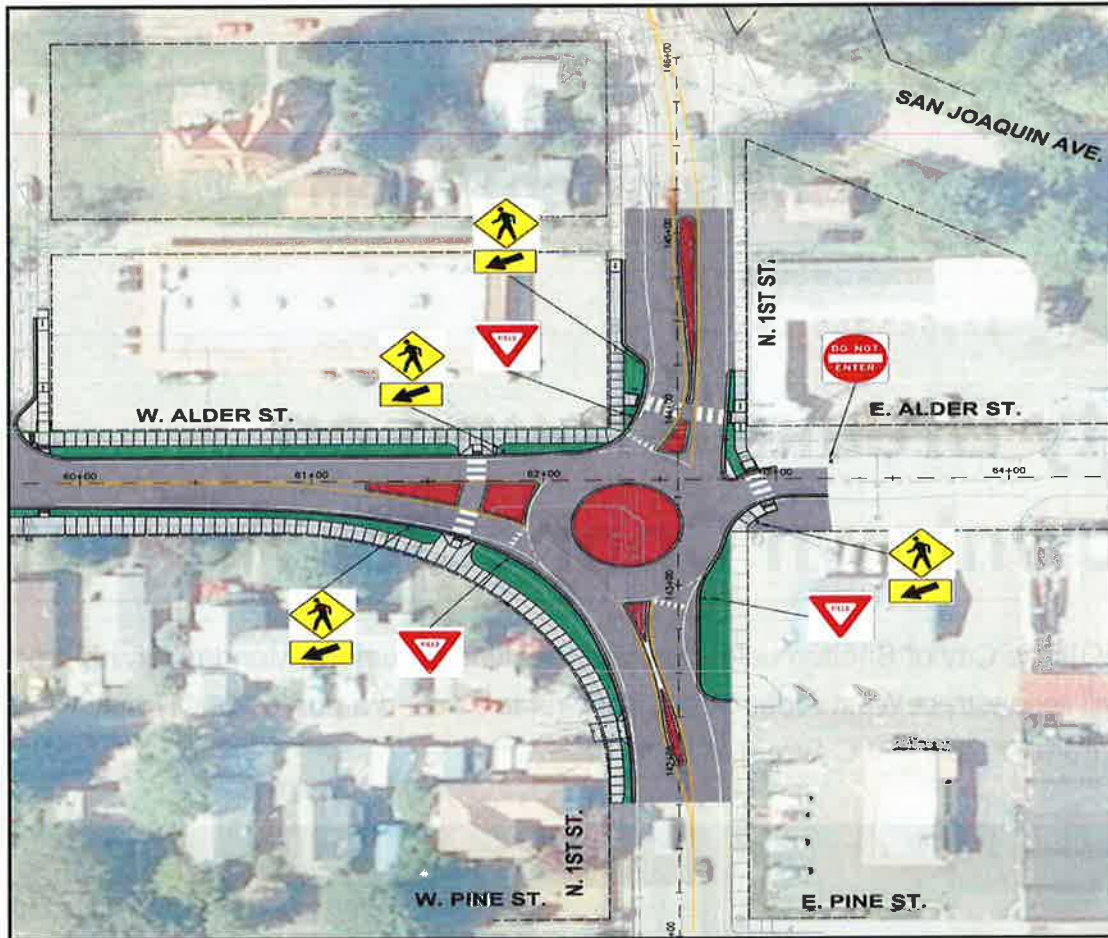
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City Breaks Ground on Downtown Connector Project

[VIDEO] The City of Shelton held a ground breaking ceremony Monday for the project that will reconstruct West Alder Street from 1st to 7th and a portion of Olympic Highway North from 7th to West C Street.



This \$4.3 Million project will feature new asphalt streets, sidewalks, streetscapes, street and pedestrian lighting, ADA ramps, stormwater upgrades, and intersection improvements, including the first roundabout in Shelton.



The project is fully funded through a combination of competitive grants, partner contributions, and direct state appropriations. And the City of Shelton will not incur additional debt. Shelton Mayor Gary Cronce:

Gary Cronce at DT Connector Groundbreaking



Last November, the Washington State Transportation Improvement Board (TIB) awarded the City an Urban Arterial Grant of over \$3.4 million dollars. State Representative Dan Griffey:

Dan Griffey at DT Connector Groundbreaking



During the 2018 Washington State Legislative Session, legislators allocated \$1 million dollars in the supplemental transportation budget for the completion of the project. State Senator Tim Sheldon sits on the Senate Transportation Committee:

Tim Sheldon at DT Connector groundbreaking



Mason Transit Authority is contributing \$100,000 as a bus pullout and bus shelter at 8th and Alder is part of the project. Mason PUD 3 is kicking in \$50,000 for improved lighting and Mason Conservation District contributed \$25,000 and designed a rain garden.

Waunch Construction and Trucking, Inc of Olympia was awarded the construction contract and has 240 days to complete the project with completion anticipated in February of next year.



Motorists will encounter periodic roadway and lane closures with signs displaying designated work areaa and rerouting traffic when necessary. Accommodations will be made for local traffic access. However, there will be some temporary restrictions on parking and pedestrian access will be temporarily restricted from time to time during construction.

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