

Draft

2024 – 2029 Transit Development Plan (TDP)

Public Comment Period

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Background

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2. Compilation document summarizing last year (2023) and a 6-year projection
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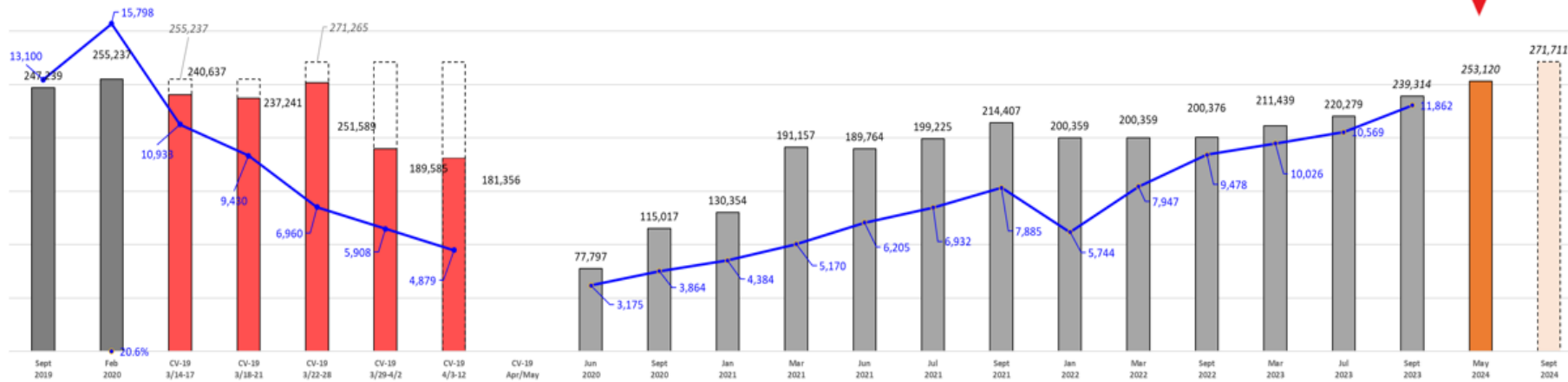
COVID-19 Reduction & Restoration

2020 – Present

Service Restoration Progress

2020
2021
2022
2023

Fixed Route Revenue Hours (annualized)
Avg. Weekday Boardings



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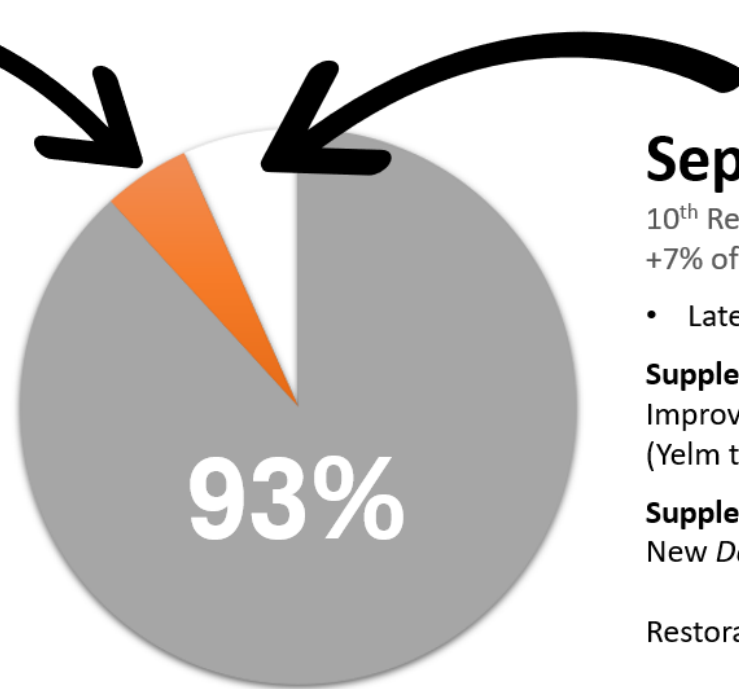
Restoration: 9 of 10

May 2024

9th Restorative change
+5% of service

- More frequency weekday service on *Olympia Express** (Route 620) between Olympia and Lakewood
- Resume *The One** high-performance corridor demonstration project
- Other miscellaneous adjustments including swapping the Route 65 and Route 68 Bays at the Lacey Transit Center

*Grant Funded Projects



September 2024

10th Restorative change
+7% of service

- Late-night service

Supplemental

Improved frequency on the Route 94
(Yelm to Olympia Transit Center)

Supplemental

New *Dash* service, multi-phased

Restoration Complete!!

~~2020~~

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2024

2025....

Picking up where we left off

Long-Range Plan

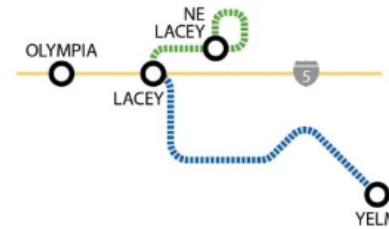
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2. **Improved Frequency** – Buses will serve each stop more frequently throughout the day. The busiest routes will go from 30 to 15-minute service, seven days a week. All other routes will receive 30-minute service instead of 60-minute service.



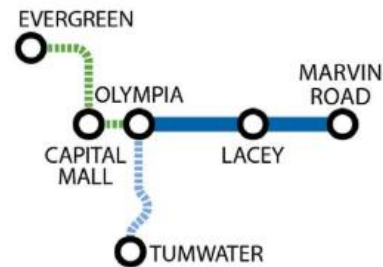
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A Need for Speed

2025 - 2029

Bus Rapid Transit...or something like that

1. September 2025

- Rebrand *The One* with a new permanent identity
- Extend service eastward

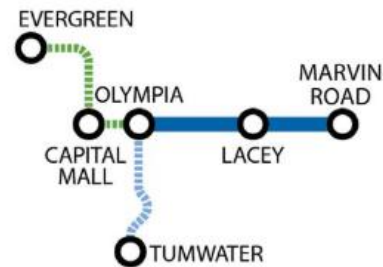
2. Redistribution of underlying service—Whoa!!

5. Enhanced Capital

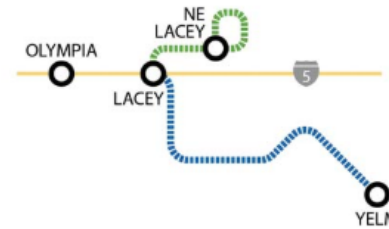
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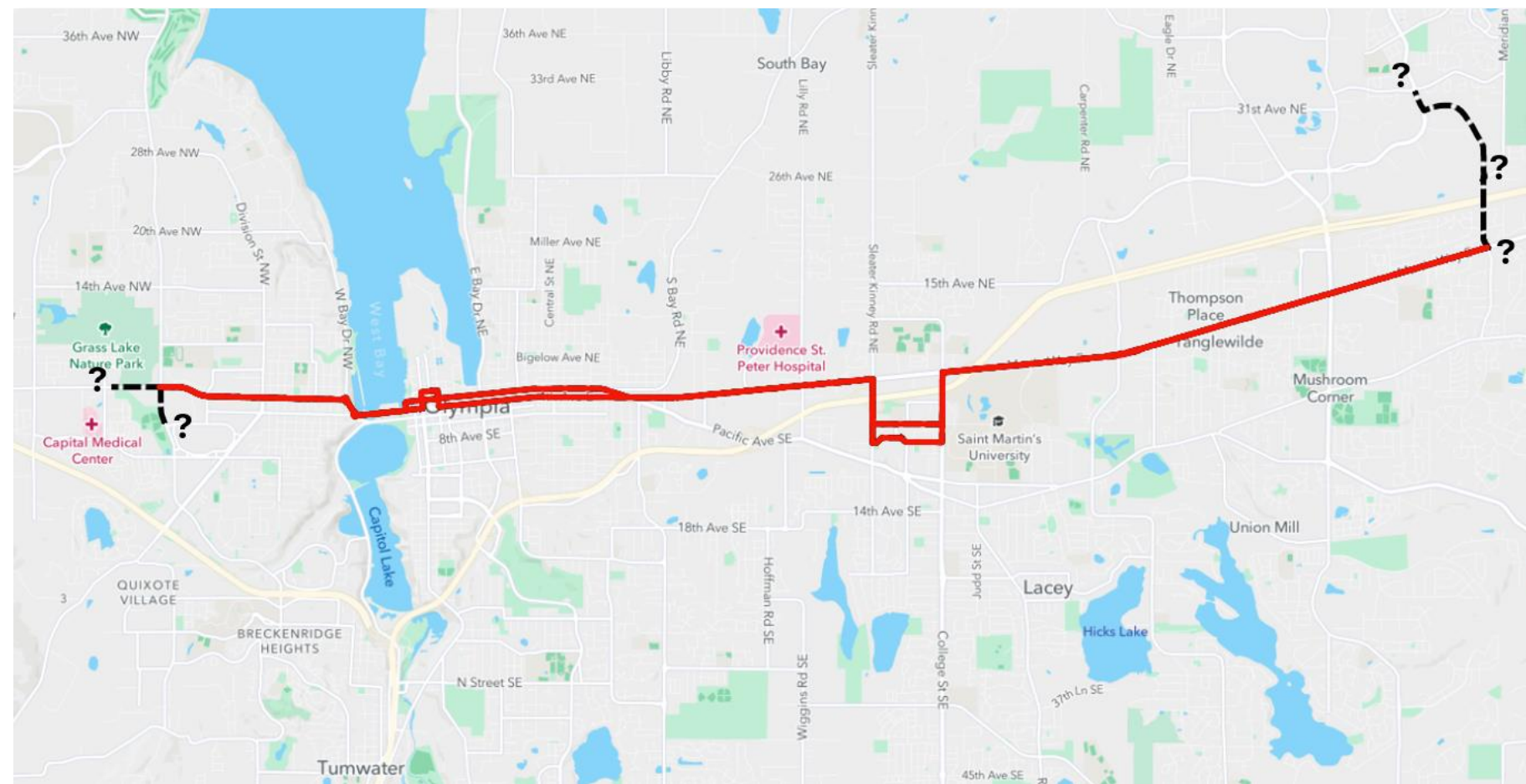
A new Route 94?

Options to transform the Route 94 to reach the spirit of "Limited Express Service to Yelm"

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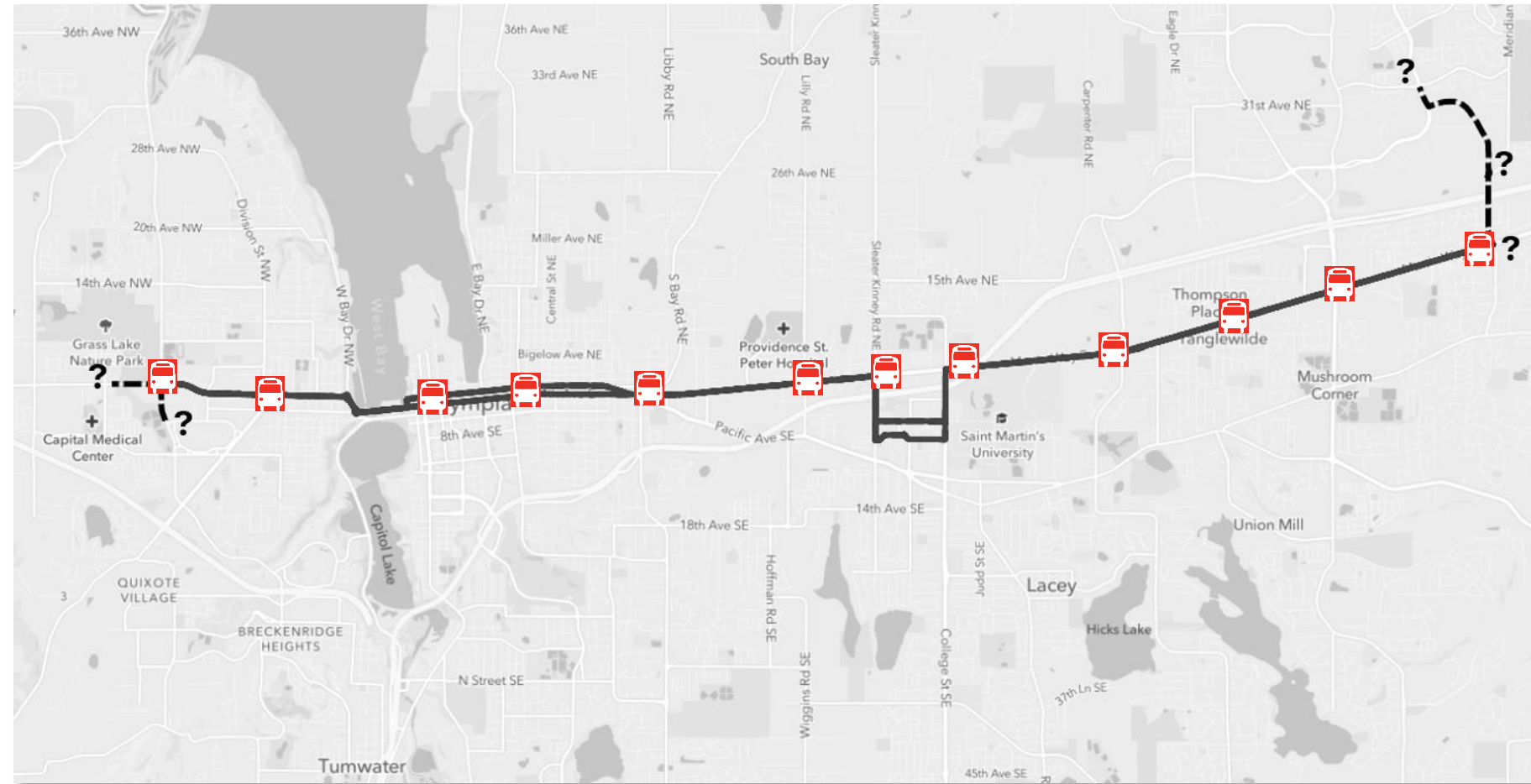
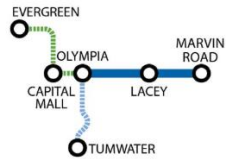
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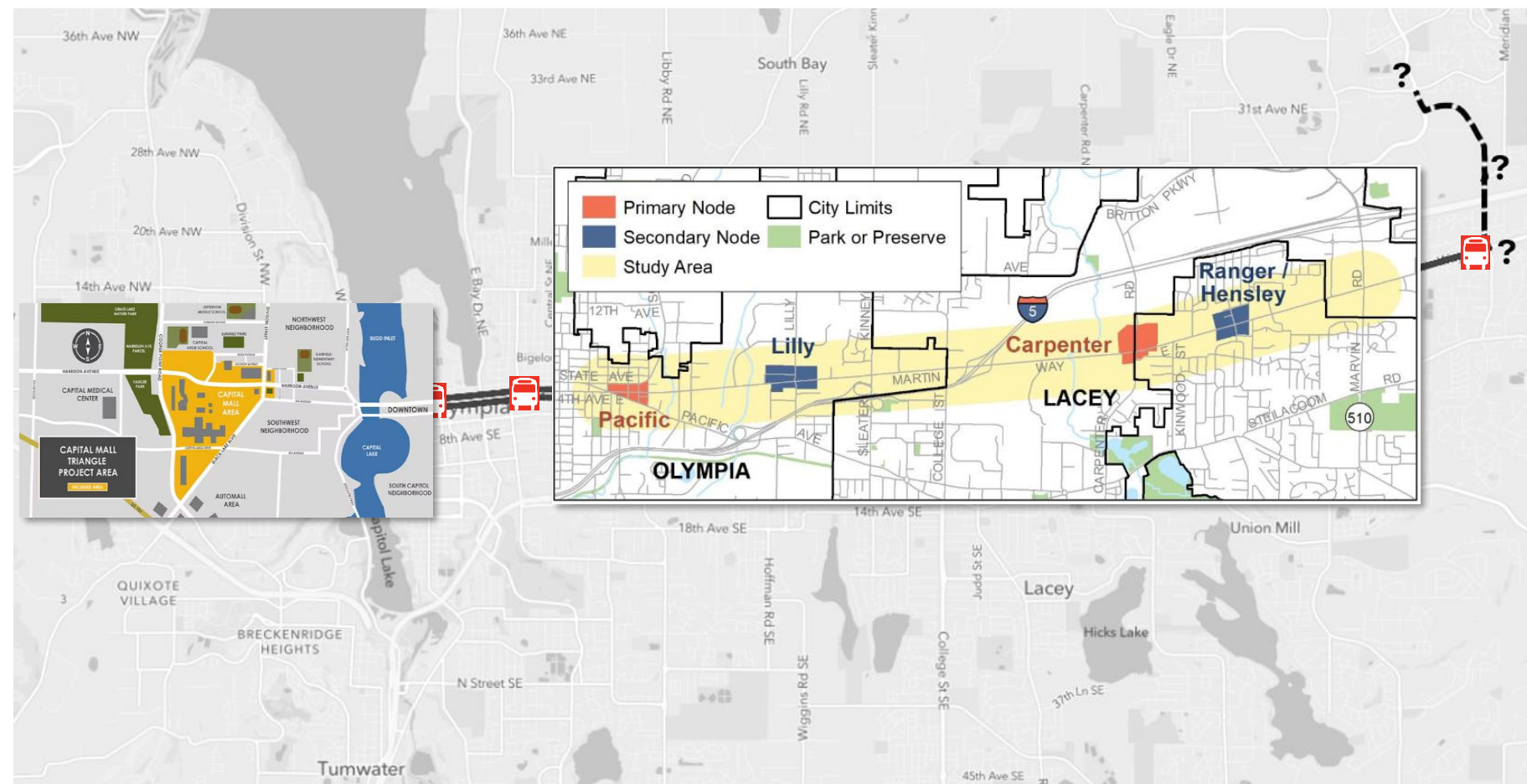
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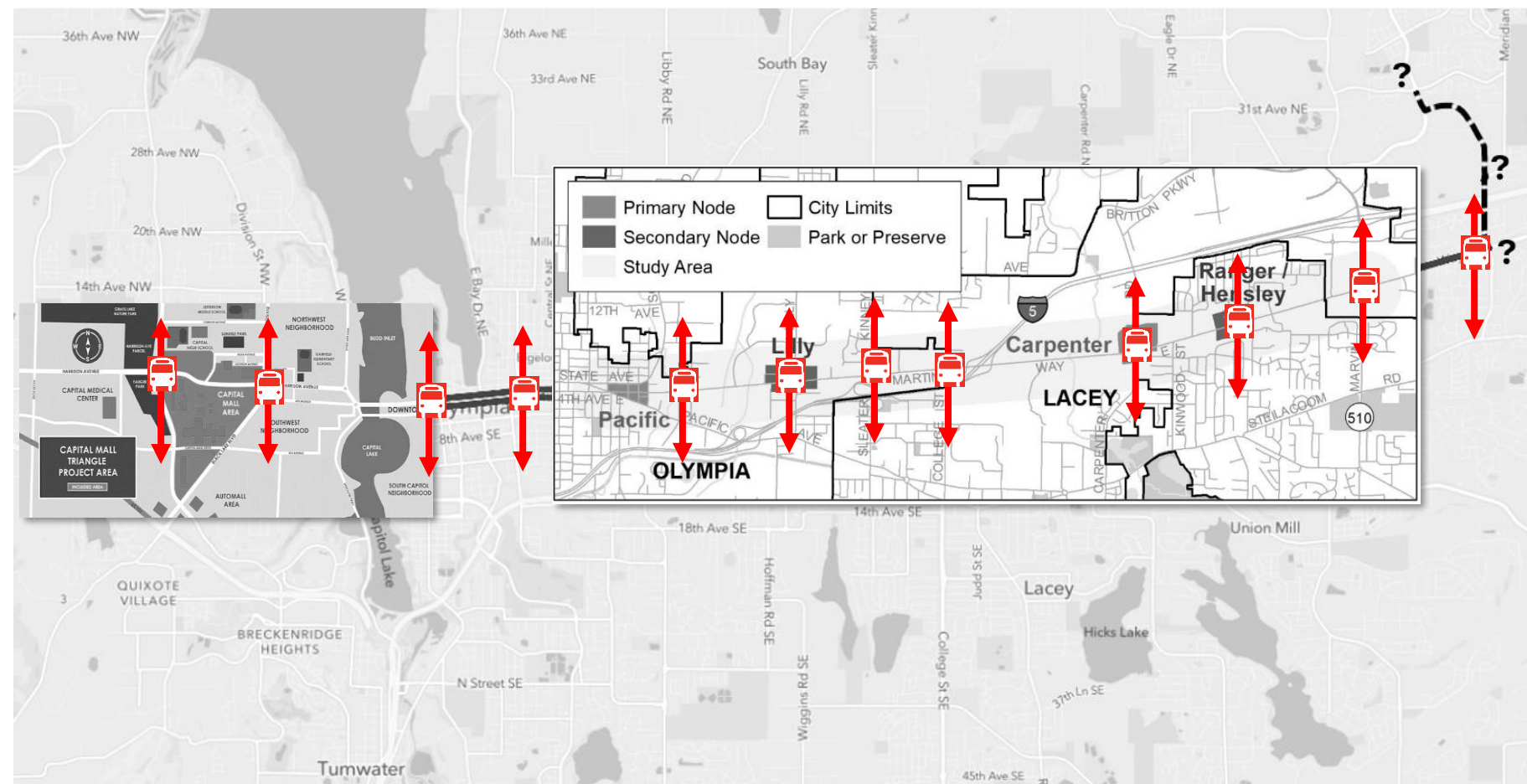
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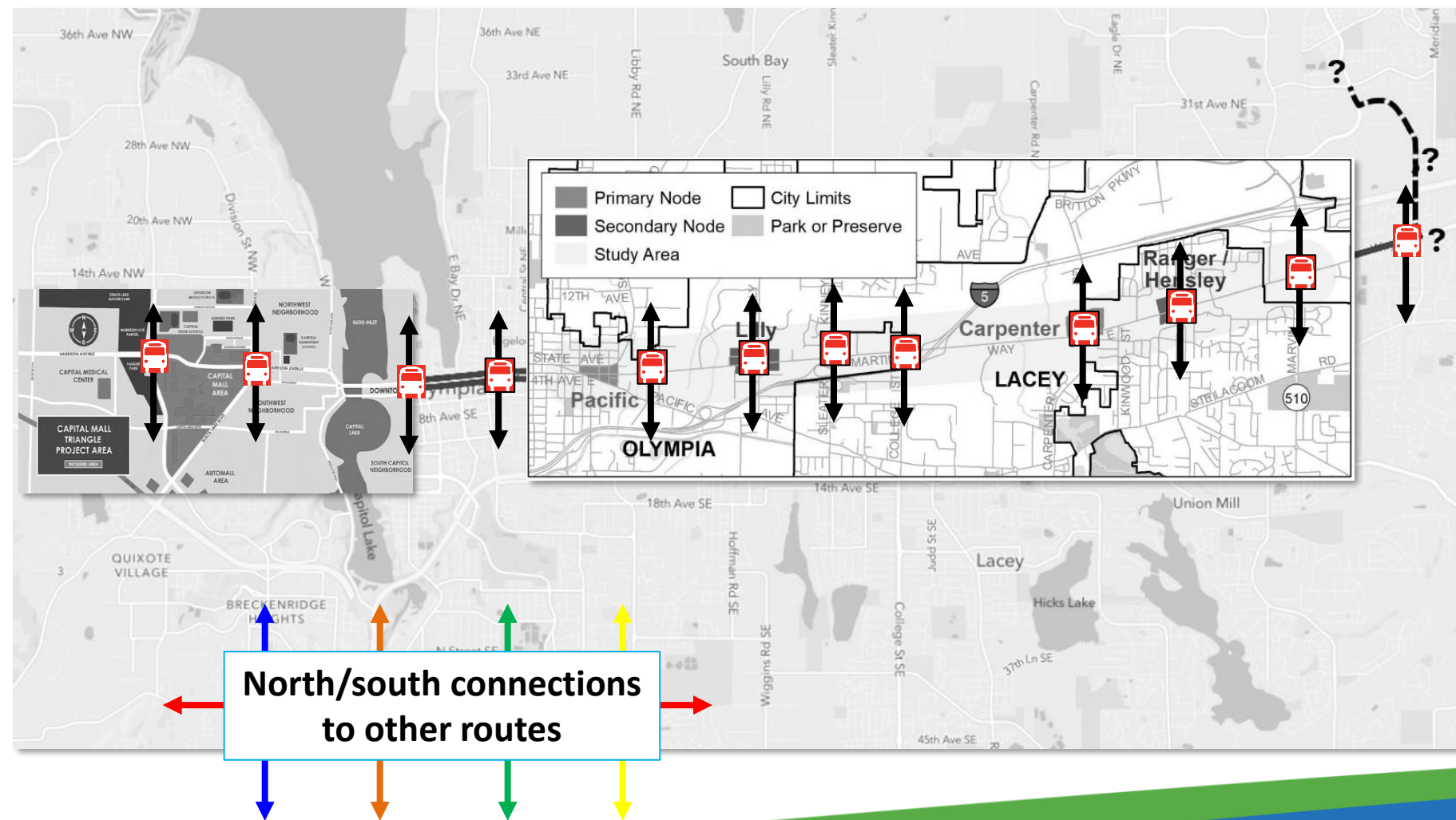
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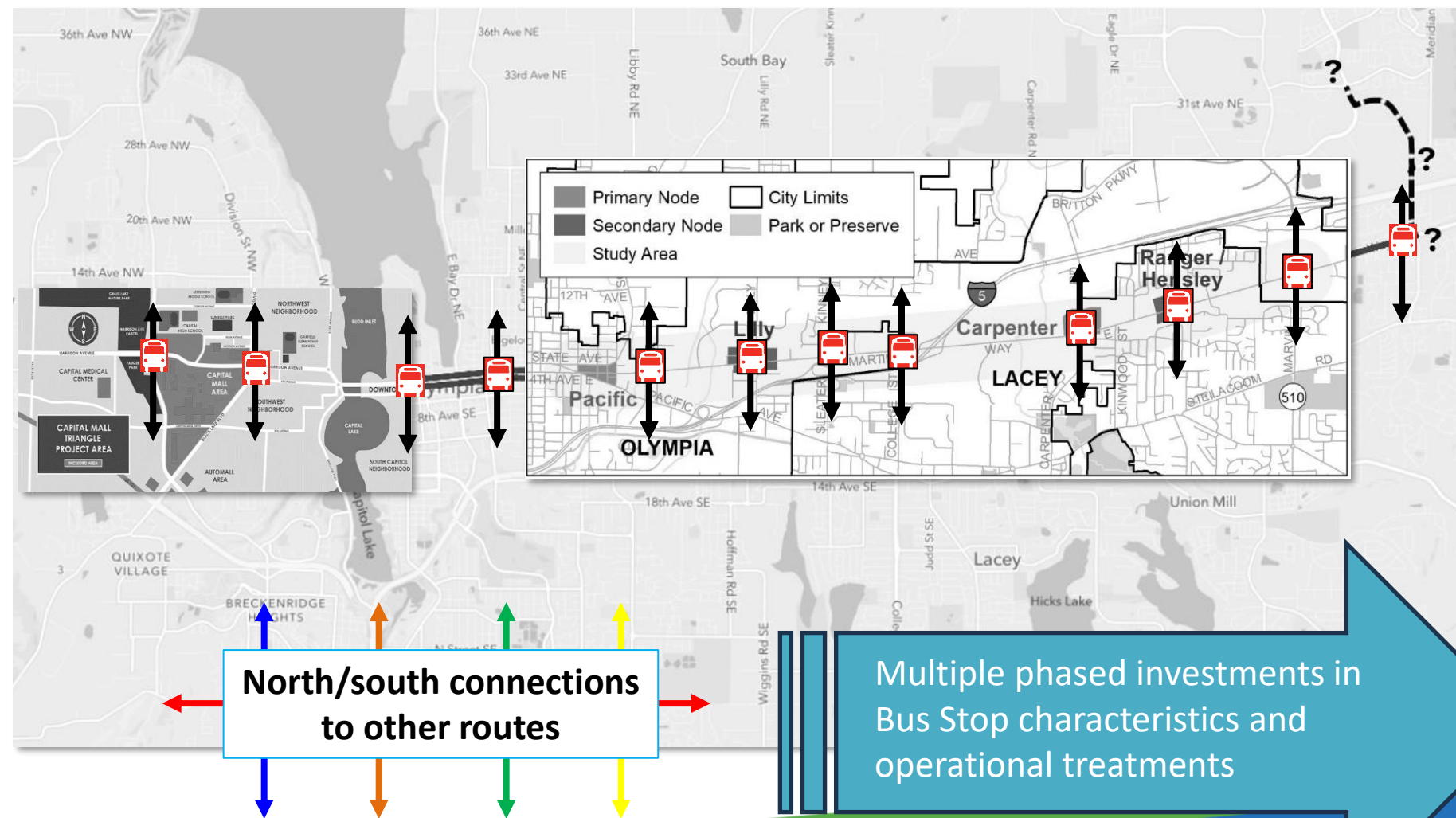
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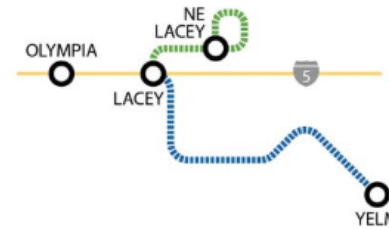
2025 - 2029

3 Elements, 1 Effort

Getting to those hard-to-reach places

1. Reviewing potential fixed route options:
 - Old Hwy 99, Henderson Blvd, Linderson Way
 - Lilly Rd, Black Lake Blvd
 - Kinwood Rd, Mullen Rd.
 - Several others
2. Micro-Transit Pilot projects (on-demand service)
 - Yelm?
Doing more with more
 - Night Owl?
Doing more with less
3. Commuter Service linking Hawks Prairie with JBLM
 - Pending grant application

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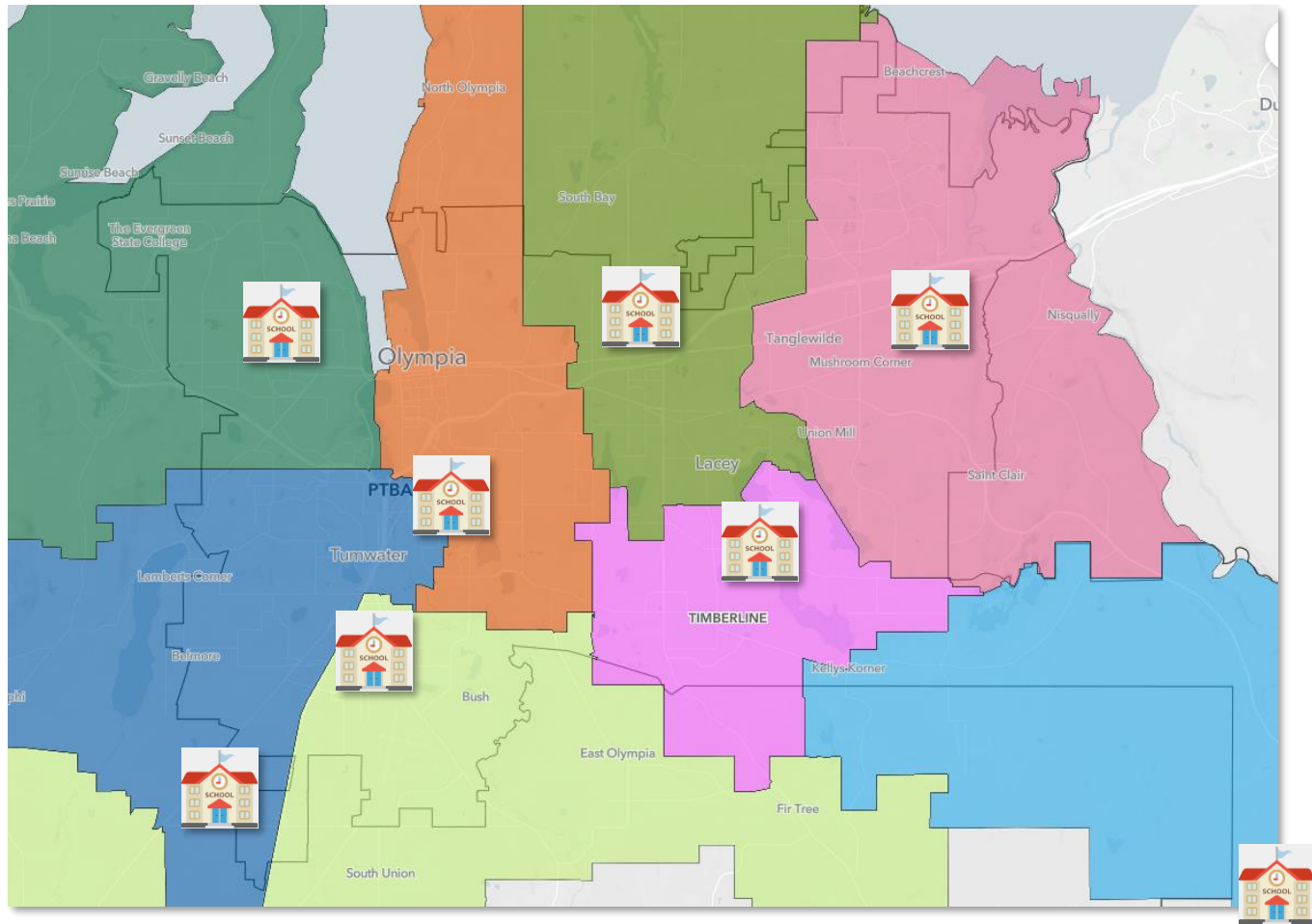


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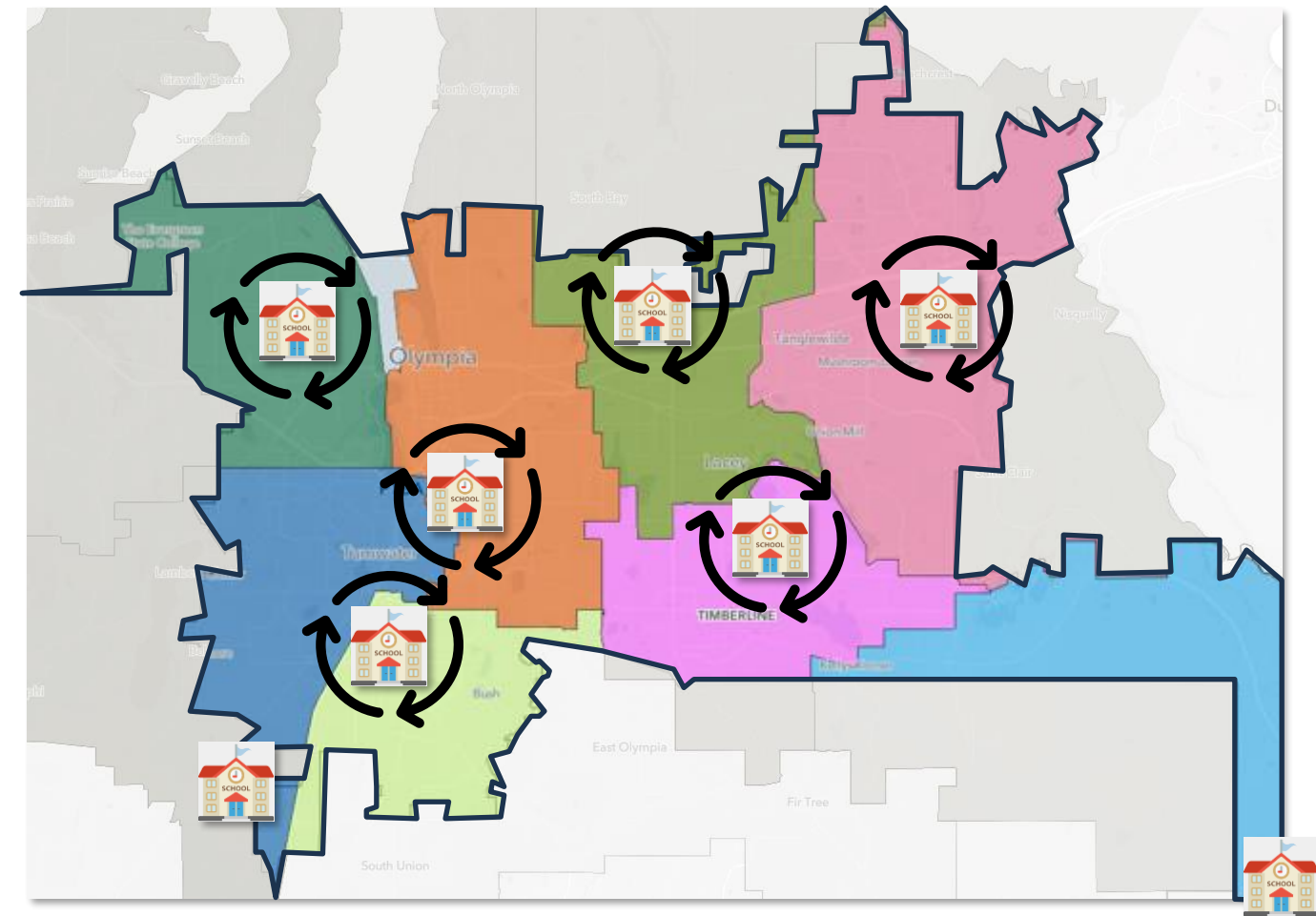
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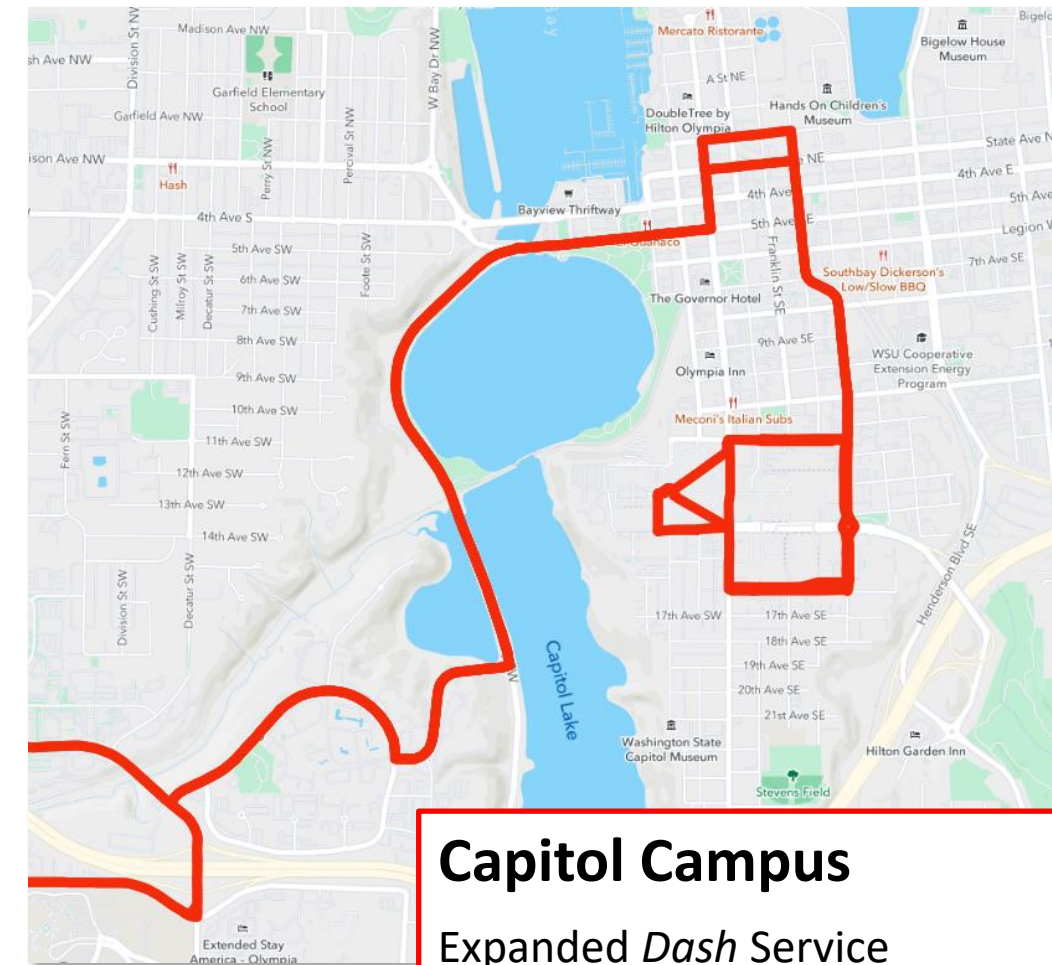
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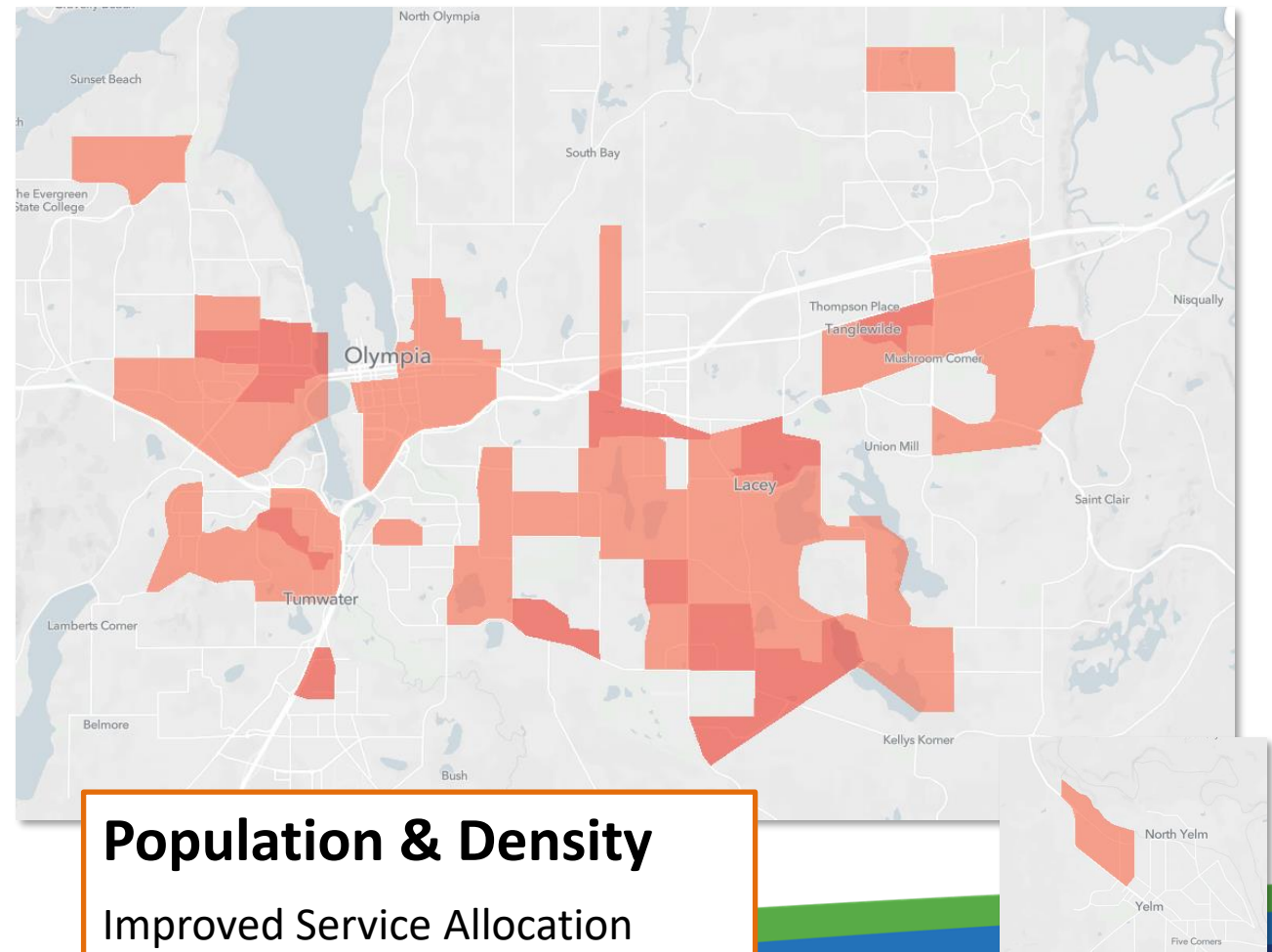
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Capitol Campus

Expanded *Dash* Service

- Deschutes Parkway (parking)
- West Olympia



Population & Density

Improved Service Allocation

- Overlapping routes to improve frequency

Planned Operating Changes– Post COVID Edition

Aligning 2024 – 2029 Transit Development Plan with the Long-Range Plan

Figure 14-2 Long-Range Service Improvements Implementation Schedule

Year	Recommended Start
2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Restored SpanRestored Frequency
2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Improve Frequency of ServiceImprove Span of ServiceEnhance Capital Facilities <div>NEW VERSION</div> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Bus Rapid Transit... <i>or something like it</i>Route 94 to/from Yelm
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Crystal Ball

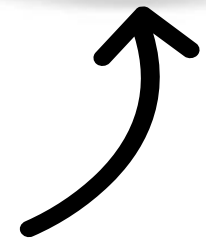


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