

TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE MINUTES  
DECEMBER 6, 2022  
11:00 A.M. – 11:35 A.M.  
REMOTE AND IN PERSON ATTENDANCE

The recorded meeting is available on the City of Lacey's YouTube Channel:  
<https://youtu.be/LGLwZaeHk7k>

COUNCIL PRESENT: DEPUTY MAYOR MILLER (CHAIR), COUNCILMEMBERS STEADMAN (REMOTE) AND VAZQUEZ (REMOTE)

STAFF PRESENT: SCOTT SPENCE, SCOTT EGGER, SHANNON KELLEY-FONG, DAVE SCHNEIDER, RICK WALK, AUBREY COLLIER, TABETHA RESTOULE

**RIGHT-OF-WAY VACATION**

STAFF: AUBREY COLLIER, CITY ENGINEER

ACTION: INFORMATION ONLY

Staff discussed a proposed vacation of the Rainier Road 40-ft unnamed right-of-way (ROW).

A ROW vacation occurs when a government relinquishes its interest in a public ROW on a piece of property. If the ROW is vacated by the City, the property within the limits vacated shall belong to the abutting property owners, one-half each.

The 40-ft unnamed ROW was dedicated in a 1921 plat for future roadways. Portions of the ROW from the original plat were vacated when the area was further subdivided to create Indian Summer and The Links subdivisions. Development of The Links subdivision eliminated the need for a roadway in the location of the existing unnamed ROW.

This ROW is not maintained by the City and serves no public purpose. Since the City did not pay for the ROW it would not be appropriate to charge the property owners to vacate the ROW.

Property owners have been notified of the City's interest in vacating the ROW, and staff plans to hold additional outreach prior to the resolution being brought to Council.

**Next Steps:**

- Present a resolution to the full City Council in January 2023.
- Set a public hearing date no more than 60 days from the resolution date.
- Provide a minimum of 20-day notice to property owners of the intent to vacate and hearing date.

- If property owners object, they would need to file a written protest prior to the hearing.
- If 50% of property owners object, the City will be prohibited from vacating.
- After the public hearing, Council will decide whether to pass an ordinance to vacate the unnamed ROW.
- If the ordinance is approved by Council, the City Manager will sign quit-claim deeds for each property abutting the unnamed ROW.
- The signed quit claim-deeds will be recorded at the Thurston County Auditor's Office and a copy mailed to each property owner.