



Thornton Road Reconstruction & Improvement Project (Maureen to Vista)

Thornton Road is regionally significant, federally classified, and eligible for federal funds.

A MAJOR EAST/WEST CONNECTOR

FOR RESIDENTS

- Links access between residential neighborhoods and downtown core, including I-5.

FOR STUDENTS

- Ferndale School District buses make over 110 round trips to three schools on Thornton.
- The District’s policy of reduced bus service within a one-mile proximity of schools increases school pedestrian traffic.

FOR PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION

- Integral part of public bus service in Ferndale and Bellingham connector, including service to WTA’s Cordata Station and Whatcom Community College.

FOR WORKERS

- Several of the region’s major employers are immediately west of Ferndale, including:
 - Alcoa Intalco Works aluminum smelter, employing 640
 - BP’s Cherry Point Refinery, employing 825
 - ConocoPhillips’s Ferndale Refinery, employing 400

THIS PROJECT SUPPORTED BY:



“With three schools located on Thornton Road, Ferndale School District makes over 110 round trips to these schools every day.”

- Ferndale School District



“Thornton Road, connecting Church Road and Vista Drive, is a very important part of the WTA bus route that serves Ferndale... We have had service on Thornton Road for twenty-two years (from the first day of local Ferndale service in 1989).”

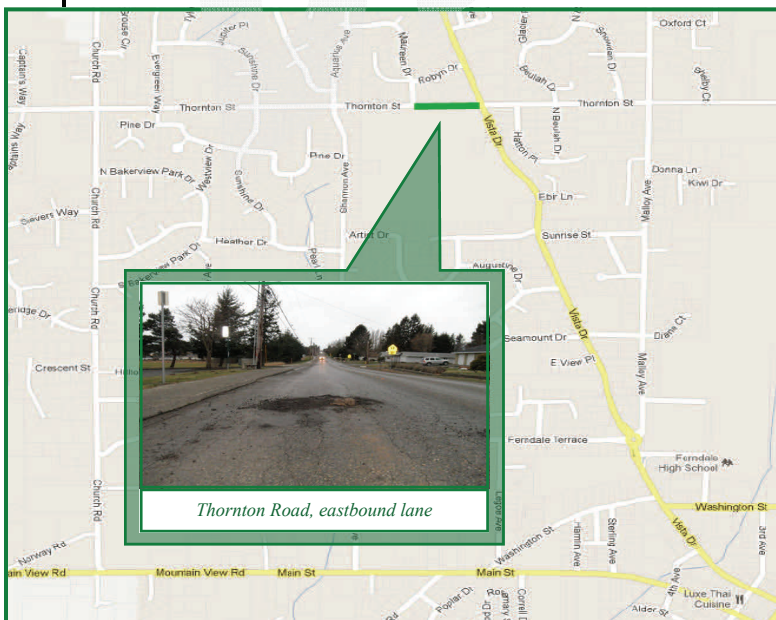
- Whatcom Transportation Authority

RECONSTRUCTION IS NEEDED

- Constructed over half a century ago as a rural county road, annexed into Ferndale in the 1960’s and is substandard in width.
- No shoulders or sidewalk on the north side of the roadway, and existing sidewalk is not ADA compliant
- The road is demonstrating structural failure and cannot accommodate added capacity needed to support increasing traffic volumes in the region.

ADDITIONAL FUNDS ARE REQUIRED

\$100k for design - 2012
\$800k for construction - 2013



This project ranks highest on Ferndale’s list of priority projects to receive Transportation Benefit District funds. These funds will be used to match federal and state grant funds.