

Point Defiance Bypass Project

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Extensive Public Outreach

- Fall 2010
 - Lakewood City Council
 - Tacoma Farmer's Markets
 - Lakewood United
 - DuPont City Council
 - S. Tacoma Neighborhood Council
- Winter 2011
 - Tacoma City Council
 - Tillicum/Woodbrook Neighborhood Association
 - Regional Access Mobility Partnership (RAMP)
 - Steilacoom City Council



Project staff at a community meeting

Environmental Assessment Process

	Technical Input	NEPA Process (National Environmental Policy Act) Purpose and Need	Community Input
Summer/Fall 2010	Screening criteria	Identify recommended opportunities for study	Open houses/ citizen input
2011		Update and expand detailed environmental studies	Informal Outreach On-going
Winter/Spring 2012		Prepare environmental assessment	Informal Outreach On-going
Summer 2012	Regulatory Agency Comments Agency Review/Input	Public Review of Environmental Assessment Public Meeting	Public comments on Environmental Assessment
Summer 2013*		Federal Rail Administration NEPA Decision	

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Public comment analysis begins

Primary Technical Studies

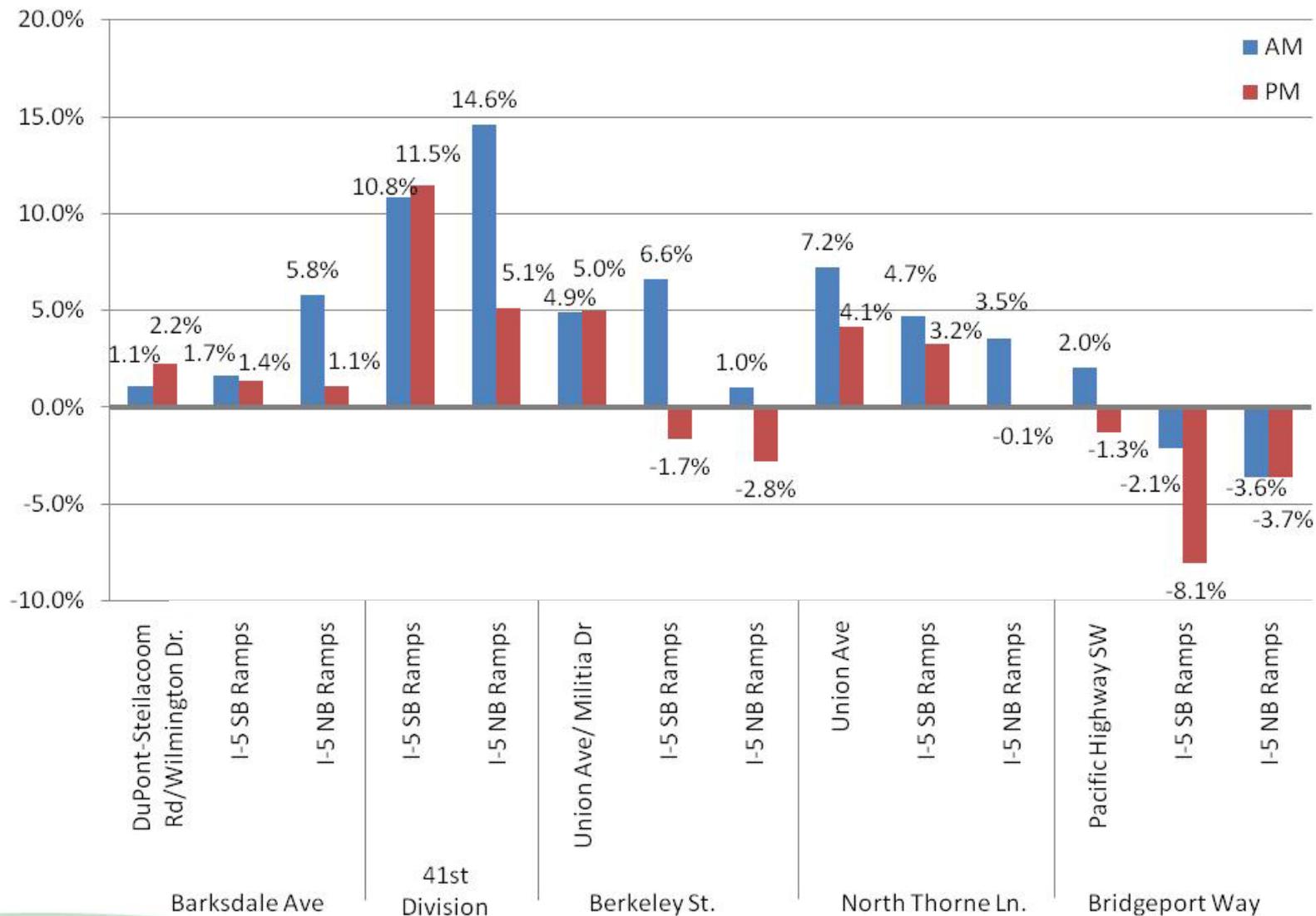
- Transportation
 - Updated traffic volume data
 - Grade Separation study
- Noise and Vibration
 - Enhanced noise and vibration studies
- Safety
- Socio Economic
 - Updated community profiles

Traffic and Transportation Study

- Traffic counts taken at several intersections in Tacoma, Lakewood and DuPont – fall 2010/winter 2011
- Count analysis and 2030 projections – winter 2011
- Traffic modeling – winter/spring 2011
- Traffic Analysis Results – spring 2011

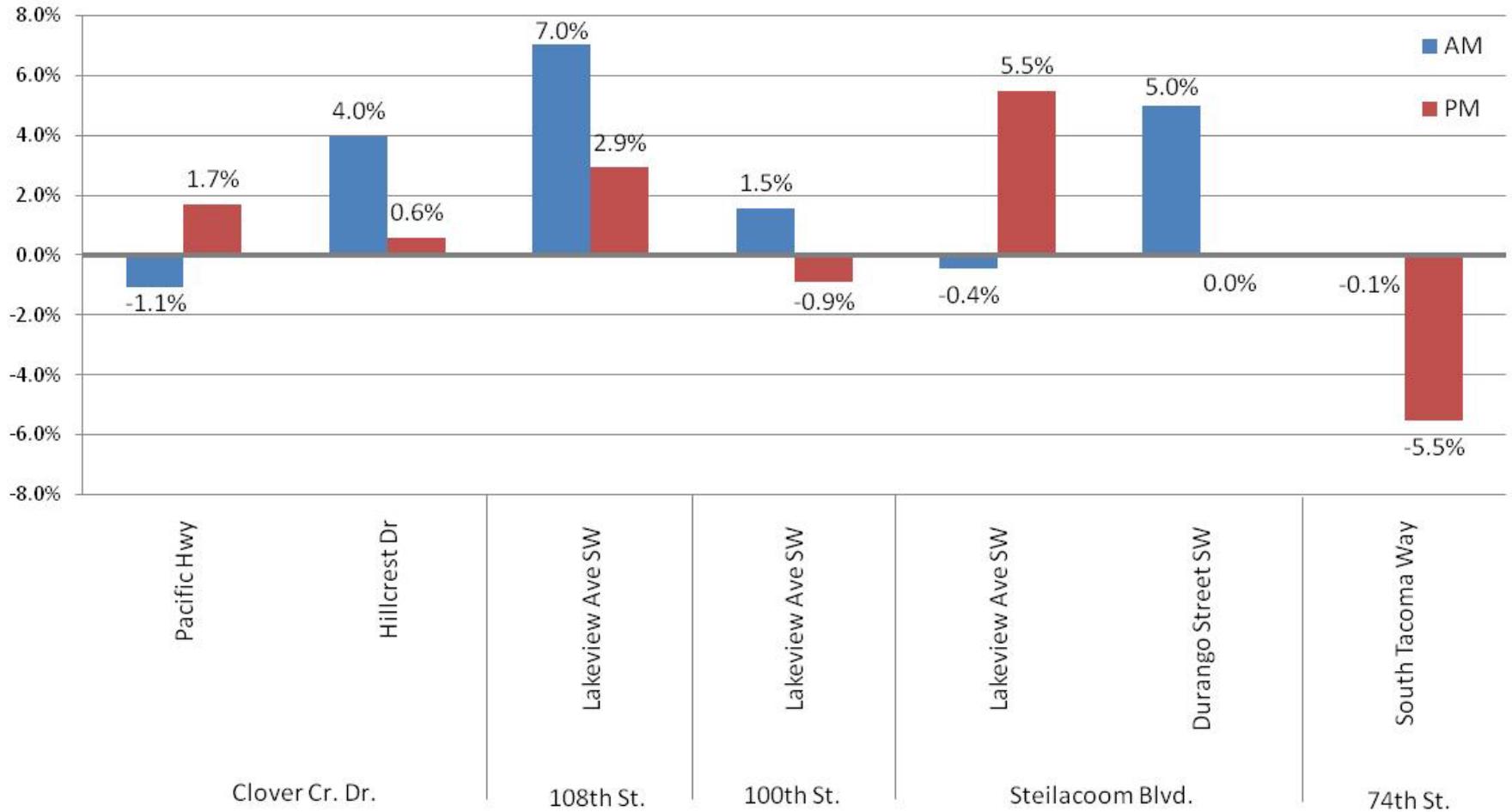
Annual Traffic Growth 2006 to 2010

Intersections at I-5 Interchanges



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Intersections away from I-5 Interchanges



2030 Traffic Assumptions

- Assumptions consistent with I-5 study and Tillicum Neighborhood Plan
 - SR 704 Cross-Base Hwy
 - includes grade separation at Thorne Lane
 - southbound-only connector road with sidewalk (Gravelly Lake Drive to Thorne Lane)
 - Camp Murray Gate move

For more information

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