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Memorandum

Date: January 18, 2019

To: Honorable Mayor, Members of City Council, and Cliff Moore, City Manager

From: Scott Schafer, Public Works Director  
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Subject: Follow Up to Councilman Hill's request for a Map and the definition of Main Arterial Streets

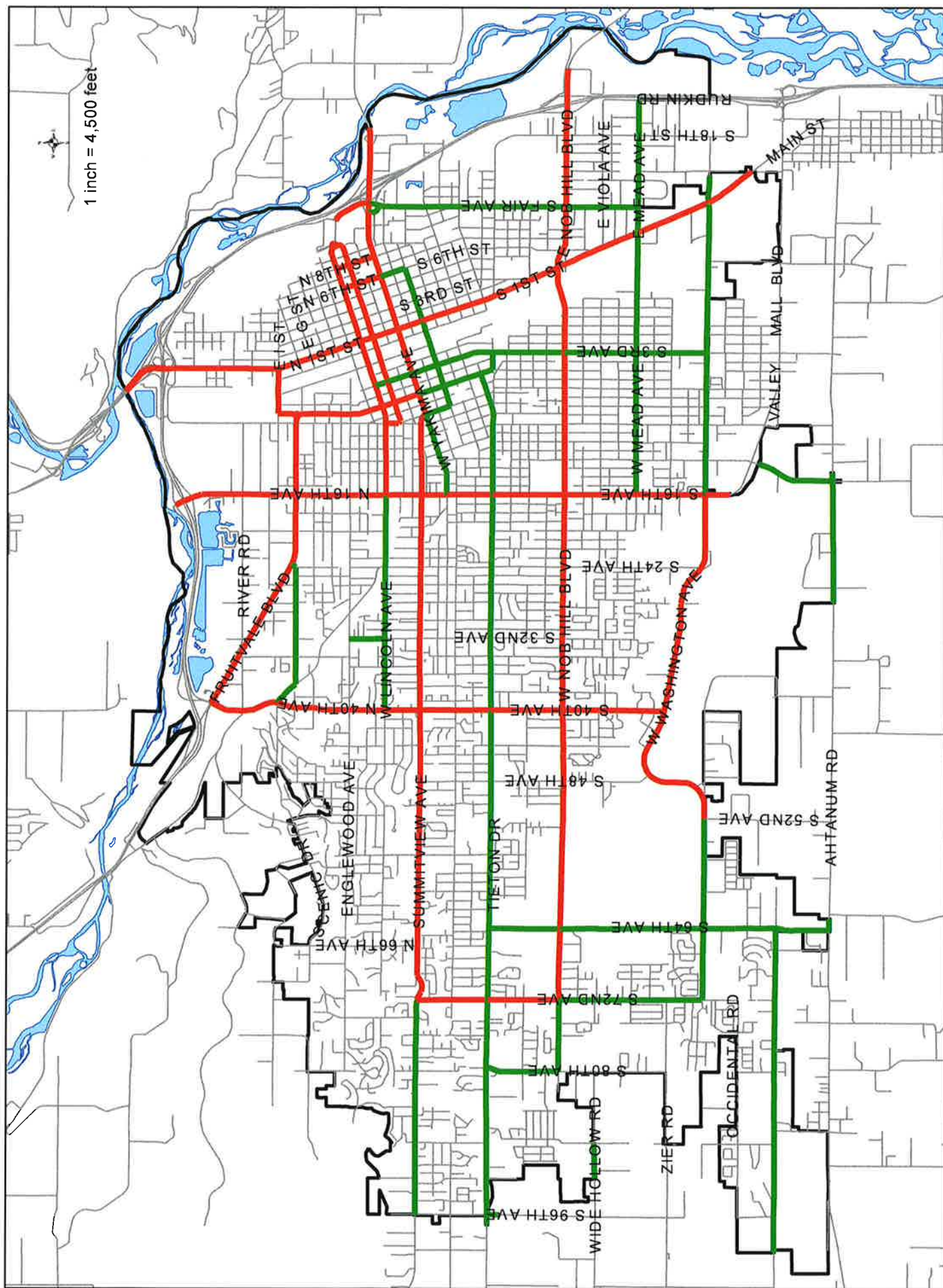
At the January 12, 2019 Special Meeting, City Council approved "Main Arterials" as one of its 2019 City Council Strategic Priorities. Councilman Brad Hill requested a map of the City's main arterials and a definition as to what constitutes a main arterial.

The network of Main Arterial Streets within the City of Yakima consist of both Principal Arterials and Minor Arterials.

**Principal Arterials** are the highest traffic volume corridors serving both local and through traffic entering and leaving the City while providing access to the City's major activity centers. These high-capacity urban roads usually serve more than 15,000 Average Daily Traffic (ADT). Principal Arterials also connect the Minor Arterial and Collector Street systems to the freeways; carrying a high proportion of the total urban area travel even though it constitutes a relatively small percentage of the total roadway network within the City.

**Minor Arterials** interconnect with the Principal Arterial system and generally have a higher degree of access and lower vehicular travel speeds than the Principal Arterials. These urban roads provide connections between neighborhoods and community/regional activity centers. Minor Arterials accommodate trips of moderate length; distributing vehicle travel to geographic areas smaller than those identified with the Principal Arterials. Minor Arterials usually serve between 3,000 and 15,000 ADT.

Attached is **Figure 1** showing all of the roads within the City of Yakima that are currently classified as Principal Arterials and Minor Arterials.



**CLASS**       Principle Arterial (Urban)       Minor Arterial (Urban)

### Figure 1