



**RIDGEFIELD ROUNABOUT COMMITTEE
MEETING AGENDA**

**Monday, April 14, 2025
RACC - Columbia Assembly Room
510 Pioneer Street, Ridgefield, WA 98642**

I. GENERAL SESSION CALL TO ORDER - 6:30 PM

- 1. Flag Salute**
- 2. Roll Call**
- 3. Late changes to the agenda**

II. CONSENT AGENDA

- 1. Approval of Minutes from the March 10, 2025 Meeting**

III. PUBLIC COMMENT

Anyone requesting to speak to the Committee regarding all items not subject to a specific Public Hearing may come forward at this time. Please state your name and limit comments to three minutes. Written comments may be submitted to the Clerk prior to the meeting.

IV. BUSINESS

- 1. Final rendering of Pioneer Street at Discovery Drive roundabout - Chuck Green, Public Works Director**
- 2. Begin discussion of next roundabout: S Royle at S 15th Street/Wells Drive - Chuck Green, Public Works Director**
- 3. Roundabout plantings and maintenance discussion and ideas - Chuck Green, Public Works Director**

V. STAFF REPORTS

VI. FROM THE COMMITTEE

VII. ADJOURN

**CITY OF RIDGEFIELD
REQUEST FOR BOARD ACTION**

MEETING DATE: April 14, 2025

AGENDA ITEM NAME: Approval of Minutes from the March 10, 2025 Meeting

SUMMARY/BACKGROUND:

STAFF CONTACT:

ATTACHMENTS:

1. 3.10.25 Roundabout Committee Minutes



**CITY OF RIDGEFIELD, WASHINGTON
ROUNDBOUT COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
MARCH 10, 2025**

Regular Meeting - 6:30 PM

I. GENERAL SESSION CALL TO ORDER - 6:30 PM

- 1. Flag Salute**
- 2. Roll Call**

Present:

Committee Member Kelley McMorris
Committee Member Heather Gordon
Committee Member Dan Mittelstadt

Absent:

Committee Member Tim Shell
Committee Member Kathleen Huber

Motion to excuse Committee Member Shell and Committee Member Huber.

RESULT: (UNANIMOUS)

MOVER: Committee Member Dan Mittelstadt

SECONDER: Committee Member Heather Gordon

AYES: Committee Member McMorris

- 3. Late changes to the agenda**

II. CONSENT AGENDA

- 1. Approval of Minutes from the February 10, 2025 Meeting**

Approved

III. PUBLIC COMMENT

Anyone requesting to speak to the Committee regarding all items not subject to a specific Public Hearing may come forward at this time. Please state your name and limit comments to three minutes. Written comments may be submitted to the Clerk prior to the meeting.

NO PUBLIC COMMENT RECEIVED.

IV. BUSINESS

1. Review and recommendations on Pioneer Street at Discovery Drive roundabout design. - Chuck Green, Public Works Director

Jeff Creel, Landscape Architect with HHPR, presented two design concepts to the committee, each incorporating an art feature and plant selection. Following the discussion, the Committee made two recommendations for City Council approval: one recommending the inclusion of a single art piece, and the other recommending the inclusion of three art pieces. Both recommendations feature the agreed-upon plant selection.

Motion to designate Chair to solidify which plants that will be used in the Discovery Drive Roundabout, with HHPR Landscape Architect Jeff Creel.

RESULT: (UNANIMOUS)
MOVER: Committee Member Heather Gordon
SECONDER: Committee Member Kelley McMorris
AYES: Committee Member Mittellstadt

Motion to submit two (2) concepts to City Council; one (1) recommending the inclusion of a single art piece, and the other recommending the inclusion of three art pieces. Both recommendations feature the agreed-upon plant selection.

RESULT: (UNANIMOUS)
MOVER: Committee Member Kelley McMorris
SECONDER: Committee Member Heather Gordon
AYES: Committee Member Mittellstadt

V. STAFF REPORTS

VI. FROM THE COMMITTEE

VII. ADJOURN

7:46PM

Diana Allen, Clerk

Chair

**CITY OF RIDGEFIELD
REQUEST FOR BOARD ACTION**

MEETING DATE: April 14, 2025

AGENDA ITEM NAME: Final rendering of Pioneer Street at Discovery Drive roundabout

SUMMARY/BACKGROUND:

At their March 27, 2025 meeting, Council approved the roundabout Option 1 recommended by the Roundabout Committee, including comments from the Committee accompanying the recommendation. Council added a few comments and input of their own, as noted below.

Staff is now working with HHPR, the design consultant for the project, on the planting plan and civil plans for the Pioneer Widening contractor to use to build the roundabout center, except for the art piece. The center bird in a tree metal art will be separately procured.

Council comments included:

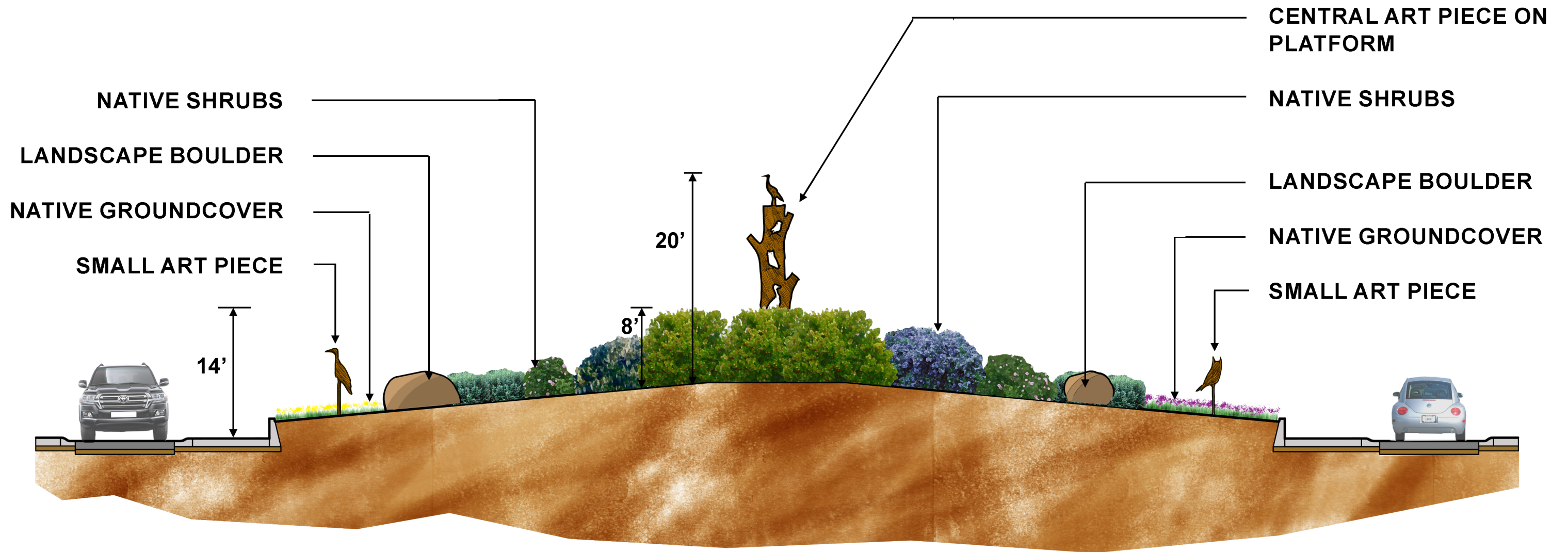
- Make sure the roundabout center is “mounded” so the plants and art can be seen above the knee wall
- Show the “tiered” plantings all around on the rendering
- Raise the art piece on a pedestal above the vegetation so all of the art can be seen from the roads
- Dimension the height of the art and vegetation so the public gets an idea of what to expect.

City staff will also be working with the American Legion for flag holders to be installed for holidays when they place flags at the roundabouts.

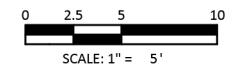
STAFF CONTACT: Chuck Green, Public Works Director

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Roundabout Sect_Elev_Pioneer_Discovery Drive



PIONEER STREET ROUNDABOUT CROSS SECTION



**CITY OF RIDGEFIELD
REQUEST FOR BOARD ACTION**

MEETING DATE: April 14, 2025

AGENDA ITEM NAME: Begin discussion of next roundabout: S Royle at S 15th Street/Wells Drive

SUMMARY/BACKGROUND:

Subsequent to the action to move forward with the Roundabout Committee's recommended concept at Pioneer Street and Discovery Drive, Council selected the S Royle Road at S. Wells Drive/15th Street as the next roundabout for Committee consideration. This roundabout was completed in 2023 with "placeholder" landscaping until a decision is made on the roundabout's center.

A presentation to initiate the discussion is attached to this staff report.

STAFF CONTACT: Chuck Green, Public Works Director

ATTACHMENTS:

1. S Royle_S Wells_15th_Roundabout Committee_Final

Roundabout Committee

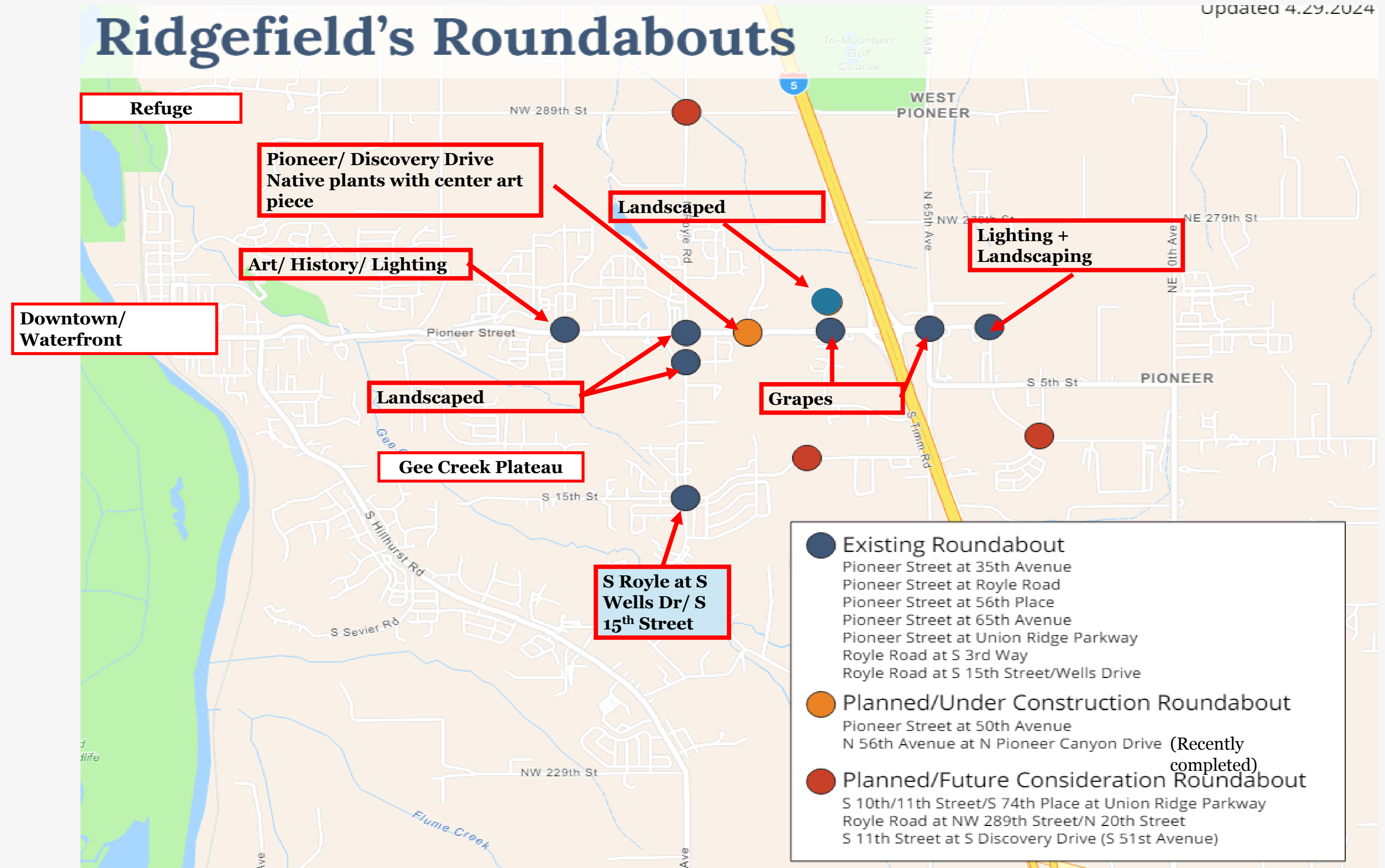
Discussion on S Royle Road at S Wells Drive/S 15th Street Roundabout

**Chuck Green, PE, Public
Works Capital &
Engineering Director**

April 14, 2025



Pioneer Street at Discovery Drive: Adjacent Roundabout Designs



S Royle at S Wells/15th Street Roundabout



S Royle at S Wells/15th Street Roundabout Features

- Single lane roundabout, center width ~48-50’.
- Irrigation stubbed to center (with meter)
- Electrical conduit available adjacent to roundabout
- No knee wall.



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**CITY OF RIDGEFIELD
REQUEST FOR BOARD ACTION**

MEETING DATE: April 14, 2025

AGENDA ITEM NAME: Roundabout plantings and maintenance discussion and ideas

SUMMARY/BACKGROUND:

Some members have asked to have a Committee discussion on landscape maintenance recommendations for the roundabouts. With the recent roundabouts planned to include pollinators and other native landscaping, let's have a discussion about ways to ensure success with effective ways the City can maintain these landscapes over time.

Members of the City's Utilities and Operations Department including street/roundabout maintenance personnel will be on hand for this discussion.

STAFF CONTACT: Chuck Green, Public Works Director

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Landscaping New Roundabouts

New Roundabouts = New Landscaping Practices (that are simpler & easier)

Heather Gordon, Roundabout Committee Chair

April 14, 2025

Traditional Landscaping





New Style with Native/Pollinator Plants



Why it matters: the Walgreens Example



April 2023

The **beauty** of *unpruned* Oregon Grape –lots of blossoms for pollinators, lots of space for bird/insect habitat



Two years later, the same Walgreen's Oregon Grape, pruned down, "maintained"



April 2025

Much less foliage, fewer blossoms, & becoming woody. Not much help to pollinators/birds now!



Landscape Maintenance Practices for Ridgefield's **Newest** Roundabouts, the ones designed with Native/Pollinator Plants

But wait, why are we using native plants anyway?

The reasons that new roundabouts utilize native plants:

- **Native plants**, if selected correctly for the site, *require less*: less water, little to no pruning, and no chemicals (artificial fertilizers, herbicides, etc.)
- They are **adapted to our climate and weather patterns**, and therefore can be more resilient and more likely to thrive.
- Native plants **help our local environment** by supporting necessary pollinators and wildlife that do not thrive on the usual landscaping plants that have been introduced over the last 200 years (Cedar waxwings & Nandina/"Heavenly Bamboo")
- Native plants help us **create and reinforce our Pacific Northwest identity. AND, they are beautiful!**

The new normal Landscaping Process for these roundabouts:

- Leave the leaves! No blowing of leaves or debris – establish a “forest floor” where plant material is left to break down in place and support the plants nearby
- Let plants grow as they will! No pruning or trimming. One exception: cutting back of dead perennial material in late spring (late April/early May). *Dead seedheads will feed birds, and the stalks of dead plants will house insects through the winter. (Insects = bird food!)*
- Weed removal mostly by hand unless large patches establish in areas where a string cutter can be useful. (Twice during the season.)
- No artificial chemicals. Use natural, organic mulch and/or wood chips (not bark) instead.

Allowing “dead stuff” to hang around is the idea. . .



Allowing plants to grow together to crowd out weeds and create pollinator/wildlife habitat.



Overall, *doing less* so that plants can grow and do their work!

