

## **Overview of Issues**

### ***Regional Nature of Transportation***

The transportation system in the Puget Sound region is a multi-modal system for pedestrians, bicyclists, motor vehicles, ferries, and airplanes. It consists of facilities, services, and programs under the jurisdiction of various governmental entities.

A map follows to illustrate the location of Mountlake Terrace in relationship to other parts of the region.



Mountlake Terrace is part of the Puget Sound region.

Continued regional population growth is anticipated. In 1998, the population of King and Snohomish Counties was approximately 2.2 million.\* By 2030, the population of the two counties is projected to be a million greater, totaling over 3.2 million people.\* As traffic congestion continues to increase, the need for viable, alternate modes of transportation also increases.

A vast network of streets, roads, and highways traverse the region, moving both people and goods. Interstate 5 and Interstate 405 are the region's primary north-south travel corridors and State Route 2, State Route 520 and Interstate 90 are the region's primary east-west corridors. Locally, Mountlake Terrace is connected to adjacent communities via arterials such as SR 99, SR 104 (244<sup>th</sup> Street SW), and 212<sup>th</sup> Street SW. The city's streets also lead to connections with arterials outside the city boundaries, such as SR 524.

In addition to the street and highway system, regional mobility is enhanced by public transit, carpooling/vanpooling systems, the ferry system, air and railroad transportation, and facilities for non-motorized transportation such as bicycle routes and walking trails. For example, Community Transit buses provide service from Mountlake Terrace to locations in Everett and Seattle. Faster service on Sound Transit express buses is also planned for the future. A few miles from Mountlake Terrace, ferry service is available in Edmonds. Less than 30 miles away, Sea-Tac International Airport is a gateway to global access.

\* Destination 2030, Puget Sound Regional Council, p. 15