Skagit County Planning Commission's Recorded Motion Regarding the 2020-2025 Capital Facilities Plan and Transportation Improvement Program

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Proposal name: 2020-2025 Capital Facilities Plan and Transportation

Improvement Program

Documents available at: www.skagitcounty.net/cfp

Public hearing body: Skagit County Planning Commission

Public hearing date: Tuesday, November 19, 2019, at 6 p.m.

Written comment deadline: Thursday, November 21, 2019, at 4:30 p.m.

PC deliberations: Tuesday, November 26, 2019

BoCC deliberations: Monday, December 2, 2019

After considering the written and spoken comments and considering the record before it, the Planning Commission enters the following findings of fact, reasons for action, and recommendations to the Board of County Commissioners.

Findings of Fact and Reasons for Action

- 1. RCW 36.70A.070 (3) requires that a Comprehensive Plan include a capital facilities planning element that provides an inventory of publicly owned capital facilities, forecast of future needs, identification of the location and capacity of expanded or new facilities, a six-year financing plan for additional projects necessary to support development, and a requirement to reevaluate the land use element if the financing falls short of meeting existing needs. The statute further provides that park and recreation facilities must be included in the capital facilities plan element.
- 2. WAC 365-196-415(2)(a)(iv) recommends a jurisdiction "periodically" review and update its Capital Facilities inventory, at least at every periodic comprehensive plan update.
- 3. WAC 365-196-415(2)(c)(ii) recommends a jurisdiction update its six-year financing plan at least biennially.
- 4. Skagit County's most recent update of its Capital Facilities Plan was the 2019-2024 documents adopted in 2018.

- 5. The proposed Skagit County Capital Facilities Plan improves upon the 2019-2024 plan with an updated inventory, needs assessment, six-year financing plan, and by incorporating the most-recent draft of the Transportation Improvement Program.
- The proposed 2020-2025 Capital Facilities Plan appears consistent with GMA requirements for capital facilities planning described in RCW 36.70A.070, the Skagit County Comprehensive Plan, the Countywide Planning Policies, and supports the requirements of Skagit County Code Chapter 14.28, Concurrency.
- 7. RCW 36.81.121 requires a County to adopt a "comprehensive transportation program for the ensuing six calendar years" consistent with the comprehensive plan that "shall include any new or enhanced bicycle or pedestrian facilities identified pursuant to RCW 36.70A.070 (6) or other applicable changes that promote non-motorized transit."
- 8. RCW 82.46.035(5)(c) authorizes the use of excise tax funds for "planning, acquisition, construction, reconstruction, repair, replacement, rehabilitation, or improvement of facilities for those experiencing homelessness and affordable housing projects".
- 9. The transportation Improvement Program is incorporated by reference into the 2020-2025 Capital Facilities Plan to fulfill the requirement for the Plan to address transportation.
- 10. The proposed 2020-2025 Capital Facilities Plan includes the County's best efforts to incorporate capital facilities information from special purpose districts throughout the County.
- 11. The role of the Planning Commission in reviewing the 2020-2025 Capital Facilities Plan (and its Transportation Improvement Program component) is to help the county plan for capital facilities and public services to be provided to support development at the time development occurs.

Recommendation

The Planning Commission recommends that the Board of County Commissioners approve the proposal.

This recorded motion approved November 26, 2019:

Commission Vote	Support	Oppose	Absent	Abstain
Tim Raschko, Chair	✓			
Kathy Mitchell, Vice Chair	✓			
Tammy Candler			✓	
Amy Hughes			✓	
Annie Lohman	✓			
Mark Lundsten	✓			
Martha Rose	✓			
Joe Woodmansee	✓			
Vacant seat				
Total	6	0	2	0

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Tim Rasenko, Chair	Date
Hal D. Hart	11-20-19
Hal Hart. Secretary	Date