



Capital Facilities Plan 6 Year Update

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PLANNING COMMISSION WORK SESSION

What is the purpose of a Capital Facility Plan?

The County must “ensure that those public facilities and services necessary to support development shall be adequate to serve the development at the time the development is available for occupancy and use without decreasing current service levels below locally established minimum standards.”



**New Public Health
Department Location**
301 Valley Mall Way, Mount Vernon



What is capital facilities planning?

- **Required element of GMA** that supports the comprehensive plan land use element
- Broadly, capital facilities are the **infrastructure needed to support development**
- Ensures we don't build more than we can support and that we have the **funding to build what is needed for future development**
- This CFP addresses capital facilities planning within **unincorporated areas of the County**, but outside of UGAs – except for **Bayview**
- **Impact fees** cannot be charged if the projects are not identified in CFP or CIP

RCW 36.70A.070(3)

- (a) an **inventory of existing capital facilities** owned by public entities, showing the locations and capacities of the capital facilities;
- (b) a **forecast of the future needs** for such capital facilities; [including] (c) the proposed locations and capacities of expanded or new capital facilities;
- (d) at least a **six-year plan** that will **finance** such capital facilities within projected funding capacities and **clearly identifies sources** of public money for such purposes; and
- (e) **a requirement to reassess the land use element if probable funding falls short of meeting existing needs** and to ensure that the land use element, capital facilities plan element, and financing plan within the capital facilities plan element are coordinated and consistent. Park and recreation facilities shall be included in the capital facilities plan element.

Skagit County Definition

Any publicly-owned structure, improvement, or asset that meets all of the following criteria:

- related to providing facilities/services that are related to development;
- exists now or may be needed during the current GMA 20-year planning period (2016-2036);
- requires the expenditure of public funds over and above annual maintenance and operational expenses; and
 - costs \$10,000 or more; and
 - has a life expectancy of 10 years or more;

But not: existing vehicles and equipment funded by the County's Equipment Rental & Revolving fund.

What is in the Capital Facilities Plan?

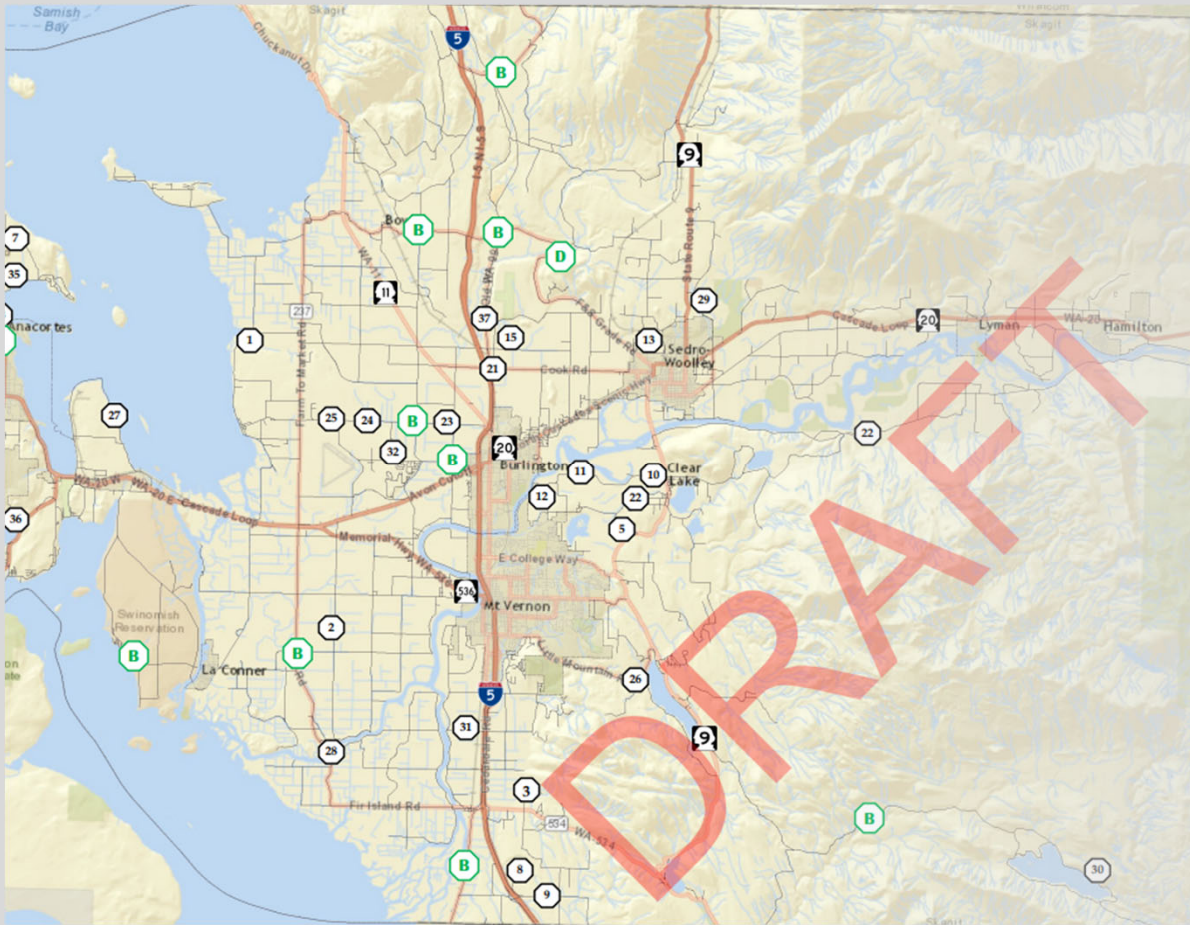
- Policies are in Comprehensive Plan – This is the technical document, which gives **funding**
- Both **County owned** and **Special Purpose Districts**
- 24 **Dike/Drainage** districts
- 24 **Fire Districts**
- 7 **School Districts**
- 9 Public **Water Systems**
- **Transportation**—incorporate (TIP) by reference – (Forrest to Present the TIP to the PC)
- Concurrency report for transportation 7/8/22 by reference

Summary of Internal Changes

- Public Health Department is relocating from the Administration Building to the Market Building at 301 Valley Mall Way in Mount Vernon which is set to take place November 2023.
- Public Health Department has also received a Community Development Block Grant to improve the Concrete Community Center.
- Public Health has received multiple grants toward construction of a Crisis Stabilization Center, a behavioral health facility that will be located on the County's Stabilization Campus in Sedro-Woolley.
- Ovenell Solid Waste Transfer Station is receiving upgrades to the stormwater system.

Summary of External Changes

- Updated school district enrollment numbers based on the Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction for the 2022-2023 school year.
- Fire Districts updated Facility needs and existing Facilities. Fire District 4 may potentially build a new fire station at 24435 Gunderson Road near Clear Lake but the future need at this location is still in discussion.
- Skagit County Dike and Drainage Districts updated Facility Needs and Existing Facilities
- Edison – completed a Capacity Study which identified likely sources of infiltration and inflow (I and I) and the projects needed to address needs.



Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) presented by

Forrest Jones, PW

Updated annually to show anticipated road improvements for the next 6 years

- Incorporated by reference in the CFP
- 2022 Skagit County Road Segment and Intersection Concurrency Report – this report shows LOS for key roads and intersections

Recommendation

- Based on the projects, locations, and levels of service described in the CFP, a reassessment of the land use element of the Skagit County Comprehensive Plan is not required.

Timeline- Next Steps

Questions?

Draft is posted online: www.skagitcounty.net/cfp

Public hearing **November 14, 2023**

Deliberation **November 28, 2023**

Board consideration is concurrent with the Budget adoption anticipated **December 11, 2023**

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