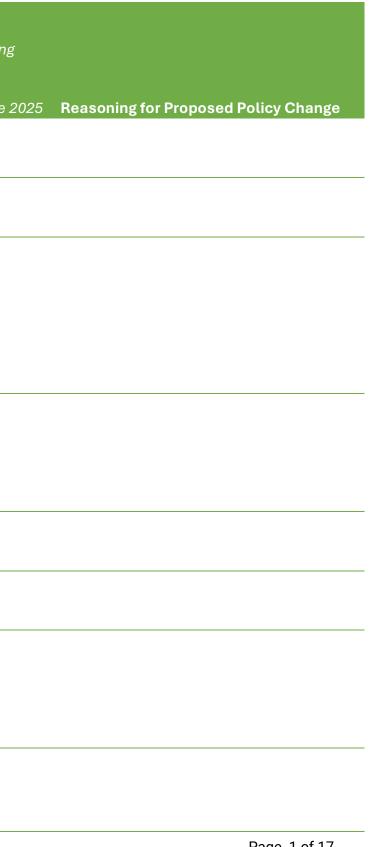
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9A		268	Environmental	Ensure the provision of high quality, cost effective and environmentally sensitive utility services in cooperation with public and private providers.	No change
9A	9A-1	268	Systems Coordination	Coordinate and encourage timely, safe, and cost- effective planning and design of utility systems with providers and state and federal agencies.	No change
9A	9A-1.1	268	Systems Coordination	Utility Agreements - Agreements between the county and utility system providers shall provide for the coordination between functional plans and capital facility plans; address the joint use of corridors, installations, and rights-of-way; ensure that development permit reviews address all affected utilities; and mitigate impacts of utility improvement projects.	No change
9A	9A-1.2	268	Systems Coordination	Human Health and Power Facilities – In reviewing proposals for new power facilities, the county shall consider whether the latest conclusions of scientific research on extremely low frequency (ELF) electromagnetic fields (EMF) have been used to reduce exposure that might affect human health.	No change
9A	9A-2	268	Consistency of Plans and Standards	Ensure the consistency, compatibility, and concurrency of utility functional plans through periodic review.	No change
9A	9A-2.1	269	Consistency of Plans and Standards	Utility Facility Planning – Utility system plans shall be reviewed for consistency with the County Comprehensive Plan.	No change
9A	9A-2.2	269	Consistency of Plans and Standards	Vegetation Management – The county shall use standards for vegetation management in public rights-of-way in approving utility providers' proposals. Such standards shall be based on similar standards of the state Department of Transportation.	No change
9A	9A-2.3	269	Consistency of Plans and Standards	Critical Areas – Any utility construction including maintenance and repair shall comply with county regulations including the Critical Areas Ordinance and vegetation management standards.	No change

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9A	9A-3	269	Utility Facility Siting	Site facilities consistent with the policies of the Land Use Element.	No change
9A	9A-3.1	269	Utility Facility Siting	Siting at Critical Areas – The county shall ensure that utility facilities are not sited in designated critical areas unless feasible alternatives are unavailable, in which case suitable mitigation in accordance with the critical areas regulations shall be required.	No change
9A	9A-3.2	269	Utility Facility Siting	Siting of Major Facilities - Outdoor installations of transfer and distribution stations providing electrical power, communications, and natural gas, should, where practicable, be located in industrial or commercially zoned areas. Stations should be reasonably compatible with surrounding uses. Where system design or economics necessitate location of such installations in residential or rural areas, installations shall be suitably screened or enclosed so as to eliminate or substantially reduce the visual impact. This may be achieved through appropriate setbacks and screening, such as, buildings, natural topography, landscaping, and vegetation.	No change
9A	9A-3.3	269	Utility Facility Siting	Land Use - Utility facilities may be permitted in all land use zones when and where utility franchises exist and if they are in compliance with this Comprehensive Plan and related codes and standards.	No change
9A	9A-3.4	270	Utility Facility Siting	Wireless Communications – Siting of wireless facilities shall minimize visual and noise impacts, through the utilization of existing sites and structures where possible, adequate setbacks, and appropriate landscape screening.	No change
9A	9A-4	270	Undergrounding	Encourage underground utility distribution lines to reduce visual and safety impacts of overhead lines where economically feasible.	No change

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<u>Number</u> 9A	<u>Number</u> 9A-4.1	<u>Number</u> 270	Subheading Undergrounding	Existing Policy Planning - Utility providers shall be encouraged to plan for underground installation of utility lines, and private developers shall be required to underground utilities as directed during permit review.	revision before their estimated final adoption in June 2 No change
9A	9A-4.2	270	Undergrounding	Implementation - Existing overhead utilities shall utilize joint support structures at such time as the system is upgraded if the cost to place lines underground is not reasonable for the rate payer under the rate structure set by state and federal regulation. If a situation exists where underground existing overhead utilities is desired and is technically feasible, a Local Improvement District or some other financial arrangement will be used to have the beneficiaries bear the cost, rather than the general rate payer.	No change
9A	9A-4.3	270	Undergrounding	Design - Provisions for future undergrounding of other utilities should be made in the design of initial utility undergrounding projects.	No change
9A	9A-5	270	Energy Conservation	Encourage conservation of energy resources, including the reduction of energy consumption in county facilities.	No change
9A	9A-5.1	270	Energy Conservation	Non-renewable Resources - Generating energy from non-renewable resources may be acceptable if proven to be economically feasible and environmentally sound.	No change
9A	9A-5.2	270-271	Energy Conservation	Conservation Methods - Energy conservation should conserve energy resources, minimize air pollution, and delay the need for additional electrical power generating facilities. This may be achieved through methods including, but not limited to: education of the public; insulation and weatherization as specified by building codes; and use of energy-efficient systems.	No change
9A	9A-5.3	271	Energy Conservation	Technology Solutions - Residential, commercial, and industrial development shall be encouraged to	No change

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				use energy-efficient, cost-effective, and environmentally sensitive technologies and resources in new construction.	
9A	9A-5.4	271	Energy Conservation	Alternative Energy Resources - The county shall encourage the use of alternative energy resources in the design and construction of new development.	No change
9A	9A-5.5	271	Energy Conservation	Co-generation - Commercial and industrial facilities shall be encouraged to incorporate co- generation whenever possible, if economically feasible and environmentally sound.	No change
9A	9A-5.6	271	Energy Conservation	Solar Energy - The use of solar energy for water and space heating should be encouraged and ordinances shall be developed to protect solar access.	No change
9A	9A-5.7	271	Energy Conservation	Design – The county should work with builders and developers through incentive programs to seek and implement alternative energy resources in building and site design, and land use.	No change
9A	9A-6	271	Solid Waste Management	Protect environmental quality and public health in Skagit County through effective practices, education, regulations, and economic incentives.	No change
9A	9A-6.1	271	Solid Waste Management	Waste Reduction - The county shall endeavor to reduce per capita waste production by changing consumer and industrial practices.	No change
9A	9A-6.2	271	Solid Waste Management	Recycling - The county shall encourage recycling.	Recycling – The county shall encourage recycling Maintain the county-wide recycling program.
9A	9A-7	272	Sanitary Sewer	Encourage public sewer services in Urban Growth Areas and limit them in the rural area.	No change
9A	9A-7.1	272	Sanitary Sewer	Rural Community Systems – Community-, and other innovative sewage treatment systems in Conservation and Reserve Development (CaRD) land developments and limited areas of more intensive rural developments (LAMIRDS) - or to	No change

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				considered on a case by case basis.	
9A	9A-8	273	Water	Influence the development and use of the water resources of Skagit County in a manner that is consistent with the Countywide Planning Policies and the Comprehensive Plan.	No change
9A	9A-8.1	273	Water	Cooperation with water districts and other water providers shall be extended to support them in their responsibility to provide a reliable service to assure an adequate quality and quantity of potable water and high quality water supply within their service areas.	No change
9A	9A-8.2	273-274	Water	 Water supply infrastructure expansion shall be designed to meet local needs and urban or rural levels of service standards, and comply with this Comprehensive Plan's land use densities. (a) Urban Water Service shall mean service provided by a water system(s) that has been designed to provide service throughout the designated urban growth area. The water service shall be designed to meet the water supply needs of the residential, commercial, industrial, and other water needs as defined by the Skagit County or City Comprehensive Plan, the Coordinated Water System Plan, and the designated water utility's Water System Plan. (i) The Utility's Water System Plan shall document a plan to meet urban water service using the design criteria outlined in Section 4 and on Table 4-1 of the Coordinated Water System Plan and in accordance with the schedule required by this Comprehensive Plan. (b) Rural Water Service shall mean water service provided by an individual well, a stand alone public water system, or extension of a water system from within an urban growth area that is designed to 	No change

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				 provide rural water service. The water service shall be designed to meet the rural water supply needs of the rural area users as defined by this Comprehensive Plan, the Coordinated Water System Plan, any designated water purveyor's Water System Plan (where applicable), and the criteria established for the water service in Section 4 and on Table 4-1 of the Coordinated Water System Plan and applicable state law. (i) The design shall be guided by the projected rural area water supply and fire protection associated with the requirements of this Comprehensive Plan, and based on the physical or hydraulic capacity requirements as outlined in the Coordinated Water System Plan and the designated water utility's water system plan. (ii) Pursuant to RCW 19.27.097 and RCW 58.17.110, Skagit County cannot legally issue a permit for a building requiring potable water or approve subdivision applications unless the applicant has demonstrated a lawful and adequate water supply. See Rural Element policy 3A-2.2. 	
9A	9A-8.3	274	Water	 Interlocal agreements shall be developed with the cities, towns, and water suppliers in the coordination of water service to urban growth areas. (a) The Skagit County Public Utility District #1, the cities, the Swinomish Tribal Community, and the County shall meet and enter into an interlocal agreement that provides for an increasing local and/or tribal government role in the provision of public water within their designated jurisdictional urban growth areas. 	No change
9A	9A-8.4	274	Water	Water supply development and service shall be consistent with all related plans, including but not limited to, the Coordinated Water Systems Plan,	No change

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				the Anacortes-Fidalgo Island Coordinated Water System Plan, this Comprehensive Plan, and related purveyor plans as they are developed.	
9A	9A-8.5	274	Water	New capital facilities for water-system compliance with state and federal safe-drinking-water rules, and water treatment standards shall be based on rural area densities and a level of service that is consistent with the existing character of the environment.	No change
9A	9A-8.6	275	Water	Skagit County shall enforce all county, state and federal laws regarding potable water, well head protection and the installation of water systems.	No change
9A	9A-8.7	275	Water	Connection to a public water system should be encouraged in those areas affected by the Skagit River Basin Instream Resources Protection Program Rule (WAC 173-503) or other low flow areas.	No change
9A	9A-8.8	275	Water	Limitations on uses and densities should be maintained within areas affected by the Skagit River Basin Instream Resources Protection Program Rule (WAC 173-503) and any other designated low flow stream corridors where necessary to limit individual wells and protect base flows.	No change
9A	9A-8.9	275	Water	The Coordinated Water Systems Plan should be reviewed to ensure consistency with the adopted Comprehensive Plan.	No change
9A	9A-8.10	275	Water	Water conservation measures shall be incorporated into water supply development and service plans as a method of addressing future water needs.	No change
9B		275	Stormwater	Protect and enhance natural hydrologic features and functions by: maintaining water quality and fish and wildlife habitat; incorporating natural drainage patterns into measures to protect the public from health and safety hazards and property damage; maintaining a sustainable groundwater	No change

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				discharge/recharge budget; and by promoting beneficial uses as well as water resource education and planning efforts.	
9B	9B-1	275	Risk Avoidance	Reduce risks to public health and safety and the loss of, or damage to public and private property.	No change
9B	9B-1.1	275	Risk Avoidance	Solutions: Nonstructural storm water measures should be preferred over structural measures.	No change
9B	9B-1.2	276	Risk Avoidance	Priority: Protection of existing development should take preference over the protection of undeveloped lands.	No change
9B	9B-1.3	276	Risk Avoidance	Planning: Strategies for surface water management should balance engineering, economic, environmental and social factors in relationship to stated comprehensive planning goals and policies.	No change
9B	9B-1.4	276	Risk Avoidance	Community Awareness: The county shall promote community awareness of the importance of water quality and flood hazard protection through education and outreach in conjunction with planning for water programs.	No change
9B	9B-1.5	276	Risk Avoidance	Stormwater Management Program Plan: The County shall continue to implement its stormwater management program and required compliance reports.	No change
9B	9B-1.6	276	Risk Avoidance	Structural Flood Protection: Dikes, levees, and other structural flood protection facilities should be designed to allow fish passage, protect flows in riparian zones, and complement or enhance the surrounding landscape.	No change
9B	9B-1.7	276	Risk Avoidance	Habitat: Flood protection measures should not result in a long-term net loss of-, or damage to, fish and wildlife resources, and wherever possible, should result in increased diversity of habitat.	No change
9B	9B-1.8	276	Risk Avoidance	Natural Drainage: Natural drainage shall be preferred over the use of pipelines or enclosed detention systems, where possible.	No change

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l <u>umber</u> B-1.9	<u>Number</u> 276	Subheading Risk Avoidance	Existing Policy Best Management Practices: Storm water runoff from impervious surfaces should be treated by utilizing best management practices (treatment BMPs) before the storm water is allowed to enter the natural drainage system, infiltrate into the	revision before their estimated final adoption in June 2025	Reasoning for Proposed Policy Change
			ground or enter Puget Sound. Examples of treatment BMPs are, but not limited to: detention ponds, oil/water separators, biofiltration swales and constructed wetlands.		
B-1.10	276	Risk Avoidance	Coordination of Regulations: The county shall work with other jurisdictions and agencies toward standardization and monitoring of regulations that affect storm water management.	No change	
	289	Public Facilities	 Ensure that adequate public facilities are provided to accommodate the needs of Skagit County citizens for the next 20 years by: maintaining level of service standards for capital facilities; providing consistency among functional plans; ensuring timely provision and financing of facility improvements; and taking advantage of revenue sources such as impact mitigation, grants, and loans. 	 Ensure that adequate public facilities are provided to accommodate the needs of Skagit County citizens for the next 20 years by: maintaining level of service standards for capital facilities; providing consistency among functional plans; ensuring compatibility of development adjacent to public facilities; ensuring timely provision and financing of facility improvements; and taking advantage of revenue sources such as impact mitigation, grants, and loans. 	CPP 12.11: Future development of land adjacent to existing and proposed schools and other public facilities shall be compatible with such uses.
0A-1	289	Capital Facilities Needs	Establish the baseline for the types of capital facilities to be addressed, levels of service, needed capital improvements to achieve and maintain the standards for existing and future populations, and to repair or replace existing capital facilities	No change	
0A-1.1	289-290	Capital Facilities Needs	 "Capital facility" is any publicly owned structure, improvement, or asset (including land) that meets all of the following criteria: (a) is related to providing one of the facilities or services identified above; (b) exists now or may be needed during the current 	 "Capital facility" is any publicly owned structure, improvement, or asset (including land) that meets all of the following criteria: (a) is related to providing one of the facilities or services identified above; (b) exists now or may be needed during the current GMA 	Updating planning period reference. Consider removing from policies, but keeping this content in the Capital Facilities element.
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				GMA 20-year planning period (2016 - 2036);14 (c) requires the expenditure of public funds over and above annual maintenance and operational expenses; and (d) costs \$10,000 or more; and (e) has a life expectancy of 10 years or more; (f) but not existing vehicles and equipment, the replacement of which is programmatically funded by the County's Equipment Rental & Repair fund.	 20-year planning period (201625 - 203645);14 (c) requires the expenditure of public funds over and above annual maintenance and operational expenses and (d) costs \$10,000 or more; and (e) has a life expectancy of 10 years or more; (f) but not existing vehicles and equipment, the replacement of which is programmatically funded by the County's Equipment Rental & Repair fund
10A	10A-1.2	290	Capital Facilities Needs	Capital Facilities Categories: For the purpose of Skagit County's Capital Facility planning efforts to support growth and ensure facilities necessary to support growth are provided, the following categories of capital facilities are defined: (a) Category A: Capital facilities owned or operated by Skagit County and subject to the requirement for concurrency including roads, Sheriff's facilities, and county-owned drainage facilities. (b) Category B: Capital facilities owned or operated by federal, state, or city governments, independent districts, or private organizations and subject to the requirement for concurrency including water, fire and sewer, and drainage facilities where applicable. (c) Category C: Capital facilities owned or operated by Skagit County but not subject to the requirement for concurrency including parks and recreation, general government, fair, senior services, public safety and solid waste. (d) Category D: Facilities owned or operated by Federal, State, or City governments, independent districts, or private organizations but not subject to the requirement for concurrency including parks and recreation, general government, fair, senior services, public safety and solid waste.	
10A	10A-1.3	290-291	Capital Facilities Needs	Application of Standards – Based on the categories defined above, the following application of LOS	
			110003	standards shall be used by the county in assessing	

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Muniper				 facility needs and financing: (a) Category A facility standards shall apply to development permits issued by the County and shall be used in evaluating future capital improvement programs and budgets. (b) Category-B standards shall apply to development permits issued by the County but shall not apply to the County's annual budget or its Capital Improvements Program. (c) Category-C & D standards shall be the basis for annual reporting but not for development permit review. 	
10A	10A-1.4	291-292	Capital Facilities Needs	Levels of Service (LOS): Skagit County adopts the following LOS standards (refer to comp plan)	
10A	10A-1.5	292	Capital Facilities Needs	Determining Public Facility Needs – Facility needs shall be determined by comparing existing facility capacity to adopted levels of service (LOS), national standards, regional averages, or assessments of a particular facility or service demand.	
10A	10A-1.6	292	Capital Facilities Needs	 Level of Service (LOS) Alternatives – Factors in addition to LOS for calculating needs include: (a) Repair, renovation, or replacement of existing facilities; (b) Provision of facilities exceeding LOS; (c) Use of non-capital solutions such as programs that reduce needs or substitute for facilities; reduce demands; (d) Replacement of traditional LOS; (e) Creation of additional capacity within existing facilities; or (f) Support for the provision of services at the end users' locations. 	
10A	10A-1.7	292-293	Capital Facilities Needs	Prioritizing Improvements - Capital improvement decisions shall be based on the following criteria:	No change

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				 (a) Safety – elimination of hazards; (b) Efficiency – reduction of operational costs; (c) LOS – achievement of adopted or desired standards; (d) Community – satisfaction of expressed desires; and (e) Funding – use of non-county funds. 	
10A	10A-1.8	293	Capital Facilities Needs	Coordination - All facilities scheduled for construction or improvement in accordance with adopted policies shall be coordinated with any plans of the State, other local governments or junior taxing districts that may have an effect on the County's proposed capital improvement.	No change
10A	10A-1.9	293	Capital Facilities Needs	Review of Other Providers' Plans - The County shall acknowledge and incorporate the Capital Facilities Plans of other public facility and service providers that are consistent with this Comprehensive Plan.	No change
10A-2		293	Financial Feasibility	Provide means to balance needs with available funding.	No change
10A-2	10A-2.1	293	Financial Feasibility	Financial Feasibility - The estimated costs of identified capital improvements shall not exceed dependable revenue sources that are available to the County.	No change
10A-2	10A-2.2	293	Financial Feasibility	Financial Responsibility - Funding for capital facilities shall be from both current and future users depending upon the timing of need.	No change
10A-2	10A-2.3	293	Financial Feasibility	Current Needs - Capital improvements that reduce or eliminate existing deficiencies; some or all of the replacement of obsolete or worn out facilities; and/or pay a portion of the cost of capital improvements needed by future growth shall be funded by user fees, service charges, special assessments and/or taxes.	No change
10A-2	10A-2.4	293-294	Financial Feasibility	Future Needs - New growth shall pay its fair share of capital improvements cost necessary to support its demands. This may include voluntary	No change

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				contributions for the benefit of any capital facility, impact fees, mitigation payments, capacity fees, dedications of land, provision of public facilities, and future payments of user fees, charges for services, special assessments and taxes. These revenue sources shall not be used to pay for the portion of any public facility that reduces or eliminates existing deficiencies.	
10A-2	10A-2.5	294	Financial Feasibility	 Financing Policies – Enterprise Funds. Capital improvements financed by County enterprise funds shall be financed by: (a) debt to be repaid by user fees and charges and/or connection or capacity fees for enterprise services; (b) current assets (i.e., reserves, equity or surpluses, and current revenue, including grants, loans, donations and interlocal agreements), or a combination of debt and current assets. 	No change
10A-2	10A-2.6	294	Financial Feasibility	 Financing Policies: Non-enterprise Funds Capital improvements financed by non-enterprise funds shall be financed from either current assets: (i.e., current revenue, fund equity and reserves), debt, private sources, or a combination thereof. Financing decisions shall include consideration for which funding source (current assets, debt, or both) will be the most cost effective; consistent with prudent asset and liability management; appropriate to the useful life of the project(s) to be financed and efficient use of the County's ability to borrow funds. 	No change
10A-2	10A-2.7	294	Financial Feasibility	Funding by Referendum - If projects requiring voter approval of funding remain unfunded for more than one year after listing in the CFP, the CFP shall be revised at the next annual amendment to adjust for the lack of such revenues. Adjustments can be made by reducing the level of service for one or	No change

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				 more public facilities; increasing the use of other sources of revenue; decreasing the cost, and therefore the quality of some types of public facilities while retaining the quantity of the facilities that is inherent in the level of service standard; decreasing demand for and subsequent use of capital facilities; or by combining any of the above alternatives. 	
10A-2	10A-2.8	295	Financial Feasibility	Uncommitted Revenue - All development permits issued by the County, which require capital improvements that will be financed by sources of revenue which have not been approved or implemented (such as future debt requiring referenda) may be conditioned on the approval or implementation of the indicated revenue sources, or the substitution of a comparable amount of revenue from existing sources.	No change
10A-2	10A-2.9	295	Financial Feasibility	Available Revenue and Capital Facilities to Support Land Use - The county must finance the six-year Capital Facilities Plan within the its financial capacity. If the projected costs exceed the financial capacity the county may elect to adjust level of service standards; revise the land use element; consider other sources of revenue; or select any combination of the preceding, to achieve a balance between available revenue and capital facilities needs.	No change
10A-2	10A-2.10	295	Financial Feasibility	Alternative Resources - The county may consider alternative funding sources such as outside service contracts and joint use of capital facilities to supplement capital funding.	No change
10A-2	10A-2.11	295	Financial Feasibility	Implementation Schedule Changes - Amendments to the schedule of capital facilities may be made in conjunction with Comprehensive Plan amendments or may be concurrent with adoption of or amendment to the County budget where the	No change

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				warranted, and adequate public notice is given.	
10A-2	10A-2.12	295	Financial Feasibility	Project Delays - Project implementation delays that affect concurrency provisions may only be allowed if other projects can substitute for addressing the need, or the adopted LOS can be reduced to be consistent with the shortfall.	No change
10A-2	10A-2.13	295	Financial Feasibility	Evaluation of Buildings and Space Improvements - The annual review of the six-year CFP should include the evaluation of buildings and space improvements needed to provide workspace for projected staffing levels.	No change
10A-2	10A-2.14	295-296	Financial Feasibility	Ensuring Concurrency - Impacts of development on capital facilities occur when development is constructed. The county may issue development permits only after it has determined that there is sufficient capacity of Category-A and Category-B public facilities to meet the LOS standards concurrent with the proposed development.	No change
10A-2	10A-2.15	296	Financial Feasibility	Concurrency Determination - Concurrency of public facilities for new development may be determined only if the facilities and services are, or will be, in place, at the time of development, or if the conditions of the permit are that the facilities or services will be in place, or the County has a binding commitment for the cost of the facility or service.	No change
10A-2	10A-2.16	296	Financial Feasibility	Capital Facilities and Concurrency in Municipal UGAs – The County plans in partnership with cities on Municipal UGAs, and the Cities must plan and demonstrate the capability of providing services in the future. Until Municipal UGAs are annexed, urban development is not allowed. Capital facility requirements and concurrency within municipal Urban Growth Areas that allow urban development shall be governed by the Capital Facilities Plan and	No change

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				concurrency requirements of the respective municipality.	
10A-2	10A-2.17	296	Financial Feasibility	Capital Facilities and Concurrency in Non- municipal UGAs – Capital facility requirements and concurrency within county-governed, non- municipal UGAs shall be developed for the specific urban growth area using a combination of county- and non-county-provided services at adopted urban levels of service appropriate to the planned urban development.	No change
10A-2	10A-2.18	296	Financial Feasibility	Land Use Compatibility of Category-A and Category-C Capital Facilities - Public capital facility improvements should be consistent with the adopted land use map and the goals and policies of other elements of this Comprehensive Plan.	No change
10A-2	10A-2.19	296	Financial Feasibility	Other Capital Facilities Plans - For informational and coordinating purposes the capital facilities plans of cities and special purpose districts, including water purveyors, fire districts, port districts, public utility districts, and others as appropriate are resources for county planning.	No change
10A-3		296	Citizen Involvement	Ensure that capital facility planning involves citizens.	No change
10A-3	10A-3.1	297	Citizen Involvement	Public Participation in Capital Facility Proposals – A public process that informs, notifies and encourages participation in formulating significant capital facility proposals shall be part of the on- going comprehensive plan amendment or budget processes.	No change
10A-3	10A-3.2	297	Citizen Involvement	Capital Facilities Financing - Citizens shall have the opportunity to participate in and comment on proposed capital facilities financing.	No change

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