

**TESTIMONY AND WRITTEN PUBLIC COMMENTS:  
2017-2022 CAPITAL FACILITIES PLAN (CFP) &  
TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP)  
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**Subject:** Comments on Skagit County's Capital Facilities Plan 2017-2022  
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Ryan,

In addition to the comments that I made on behalf of Friends of Skagit County before the Planning Commission on Tuesday, Sept. 20th, I'd like to submit the following concerning the CFP.

We note that the combining of the CFP into the Comprehensive Plan simplifies, consolidates and eliminates duplicate information in both documents. We ask that there be an archive of previous plans available to the public for the CFP, much as has been done for the older CPs.

The CP has been developed based on an additive process, when the County needed new facilities, it added the request to the CP and sought or allocated funds to complete the projects. We don't see any process that determines the efficiency of older facilities (other than life span calculations), whether these facilities have activities that can be combined with other facilities (for example: administrative billing or other activities that could be combined in a more efficient manner) or an analysis of the costs incurred because services are in separate departments (where appropriate).

The workshop for the TIP done by Public Works as well as Forrest's powerpoint presentation is a good start on presenting summary information to the public for education and transparency. We'd like to see that happen for the CP as well.

We urge PD&S and the BOCC to consider initiating a process that evaluates existing capital facilities, uses a public process to determine and review future capital facilities needs and updates that process on an annual or bi-annual basis within the CP updates. We propose that would include a summary of assets, costs, life, operations and maintenance of these facilities, so the public has some idea the cost to the taxpayers.

If we never evaluate efficiency and effectiveness, structure and costs, we will no doubt probably make the same errors made in the past in future CP projects.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

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**From:** Roy Donaldson [<mailto:roydonaldson4201@gmail.com>]  
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You have a big job ahead of you, and I commend you for your efforts.

As the resident at the corner of Prairie Road and Saje Lane I have had first hand experience with a number of situations that help me appreciate the scope of your efforts. The water runoff from the hill have been an ongoing challenge for years. Skagit County taking over the project is a positive step. Nikki Davis has been on point with the recent road drainage improvements and has done an admirable job. Hopefully, the efforts will protect my property and Prairie Road.

The railroad bridge over Prairie Road and the overpass just North of Cook Road are a long standing concern. Anything that happens to them will impact both road and rail traffic, plus our economy and revenue.

Hwy 9 has seen an increase in commercial traffic over the years and it appears to have the potential to continue if the road can support it. Since commerce is our lifeblood, I believe that any improvements will be a good investment.

Over the years we have all experienced the difficulties that road closures and utility problems create. By improving the many weak points in the systems, it will help prevent more catastrophic incidents.

As your TIP list shows, there is more need than there are dollars, but well planned improvements in the infrastructure are an investment, not an expense.

I have another commitment on the 15th, but would appreciate a print copy of your plan. Please advise me of any cost.

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