

**ENVIRONMENTAL CHECKLIST  
SKAGIT COUNTY SIX-YEAR CAPITAL FACILITIES PLAN (CFP) AND  
TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM, 2015-2020**

**A. BACKGROUND**

**1. NAME OF PROPOSED PROJECT, IF APPLICABLE:**

Skagit County Six-Year Capital Facilities Plan (CFP) and Transportation Improvement Program (TIP),  
2015-2020

**2. NAME OF APPLICANT:**

Skagit County

**3. ADDRESS AND PHONE NUMBER OF APPLICANT AND CONTACT PERSON:**

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**4. DATE CHECKLIST PREPARED:**

September 2, 2014

**5. AGENCY REQUESTING CHECKLIST:**

Skagit County

**6. PROPOSED TIMING OR SCHEDULE (INCLUDING PHASING, IF APPLICABLE):**

Public Hearing on Tuesday, September 23, 2014. Adopt updated CFP concurrent with County budget by  
end of December 2014.

**7. DO YOU HAVE ANY PLANS FOR FUTURE ADDITIONS, EXPANSION, OR FURTHER ACTIVITY RELATED  
TO OR CONNECTED WITH THIS PROPOSAL? IF YES, EXPLAIN:**

Yes. The Capital Facilities Plan is updated periodically to account for changes in facility inventories, levels  
of service, planned capital improvements, and financing/revenue options.

**8. LIST ANY ENVIRONMENTAL INFORMATION YOU KNOW ABOUT THAT HAS BEEN PREPARED, OR WILL  
BE PREPARED, DIRECTLY RELATED TO THIS PROPOSAL:**

If appropriate, planned capital improvements will be subject to separate permitting and environmental  
review process prior to development.

**9. DO YOU KNOW WHETHER APPLICATIONS ARE PENDING FOR GOVERNMENTAL APPROVALS OF OTHER PROPOSALS DIRECTLY AFFECTING THE PROPERTY COVERED BY YOUR PROPOSAL? IF YES, EXPLAIN:**

None known. Various capital improvements, such as the construction and maintenance of parks, roads, and public buildings are ongoing and subject to applicable federal, state and local regulations.

**10. LIST ANY GOVERNMENT APPROVALS OR PERMITS THAT WILL BE NEEDED FOR YOUR PROPOSAL, IF KNOWN:**

The CFP update is an amendment to the Skagit County Comprehensive Plan and is required by RCW 36.70A Growth Management Act. The CFP will undergo a public hearing and review by the Skagit County Planning Commission, and requires approval of the Board of County Commissioners via ordinance.

**11. GIVE BRIEF, COMPLETE DESCRIPTION OF YOUR PROPOSAL, INCLUDING THE PROPOSED USES AND THE SIZE OF THE PROJECT AND SITE. THERE ARE SEVERAL QUESTIONS LATER IN THIS CHECKLIST THAT ASK YOU TO DESCRIBE CERTAIN ASPECTS OF YOUR PROPOSAL. YOU DO NOT NEED TO REPEAT THOSE ANSWERS ON THIS PAGE. (LEAD AGENCIES MAY MODIFY THIS FORM TO INCLUDE ADDITIONAL SPECIFIC INFORMATION ON PROJECT DESCRIPTION.):**

A non-project legislative action to adopt an updated Six-Year Capital Facilities Plan (2015-2020) for Skagit County.

The Capital Facilities Plan is an element of the Skagit County Comprehensive Plan (Chapter 11) and is required by RCW 36.70A Growth Management Act. Capital facilities generally have very long useful lives, significant costs, and are not mobile (except fire apparatus). The focus of the CFP is the planning and provision of needed public facilities for the county's growing population. A high priority of the CFP is to provide adequate public facilities to support the adopted level of service (LOS) for each type of capital facility within the county. The county's population base and other demand factors, together with the adopted LOS, are the principal bases for the CFP.

This year's Capital Facilities Plan includes Skagit County's Six Year Transportation Improvement Program for 2015-2020.

**12. LOCATION OF THE PROPOSAL. GIVE SUFFICIENT INFORMATION FOR A PERSON TO UNDERSTAND THE PRECISE LOCATION OF YOUR PROPOSED PROJECT, INCLUDING A STREET ADDRESS, IF ANY, AND SECTION, TOWNSHIP, AND RANGE, IF KNOWN. IF A PROPOSAL WOULD OCCUR OVER A RANGE OF AREA, PROVIDE THE RANGE OR BOUNDARIES OF THE SITE(S). PROVIDE A LEGAL DESCRIPTION, SITE PLAN, VICINITY MAP, AND TOPOGRAPHIC MAP, IF REASONABLY AVAILABLE. WHILE YOU SHOULD SUBMIT ANY PLANS REQUIRED BY THE AGENCY, YOU ARE NOT REQUIRED TO DUPLICATE MAPS OR DETAILED PLANS SUBMITTED WITH ANY PERMIT APPLICATIONS RELATED TO THIS CHECKLIST (INDICATE IF MAPS OR PLANS HAVE BEEN SUBMITTED AS PART OF A PERMIT APPLICATION.)**

This proposal affects all lands and all land uses within unincorporated Skagit County.

**B. ENVIRONMENTAL ELEMENTS**

**1. EARTH**

**a. General description of the site (circle one): Flat, rolling, hilly, steep slopes, mountainous, other.**

Not applicable. This is a non-project proposal.

**b. What is the steepest slope on the site (approximate percent slope)?**

Not applicable. This is a non-project proposal.

**c. What general types of soils are found on the site (for example, clay, sand, gravel, peat, muck)? If you know the classification of agricultural soils, specify them and note any agricultural land of long-term commercial significance and whether the proposal results in removing any of these soils.**

Not applicable. This is a non-project proposal.

**d. Are there surface indications or history of unstable soils in the immediate vicinity? If so, describe.**

Not applicable. This is a non-project proposal.

**e. Describe the purpose, type, and approximate quantities of any filling, excavating, and grading proposed. Indicate source of fill.**

Not applicable. This is a non-project proposal.

**f. Could erosion occur as a result of clearing, construction, or use? If so, generally describe.**

Not applicable. This is a non-project proposal.

**g. About what percent of the site will be covered with impervious surfaces after project construction (for example, asphalt or buildings)?**

Not applicable. This is a non-project proposal.

**h. Proposed measures to reduce or control erosion, or other impacts to the earth, if any:**

Not applicable. This is a non-project proposal.

**2. AIR**

**a. What types of emissions to the air would result from the proposal (i.e., dust, automobile, odors, industrial wood smoke) during construction and when the project is completed? If any, generally describe and give approximate quantities if known.**

Not applicable. This is a non-project proposal.

**b. Are there any off-site sources of emissions or odor that may affect your proposal? If so, generally describe.**

Not applicable. This is a non-project proposal.

**c. Proposed measures to reduce or control emissions or other impacts to air, if any:**

Not applicable. This is a non-project proposal.

### **3. WATER**

**a. Surface:**

**1) Is there any surface water body on or in the immediate vicinity of the site (including year-round and seasonal streams, saltwater, lakes, ponds, wetlands)? If yes, describe type and provide names. If appropriate, state what stream or river it flows into.**

Not applicable. This is a non-project proposal.

**2) Will the project require any work over, in, or adjacent to (within 200 feet) the described waters? If yes, please describe and attach available plans.**

Not applicable. This is a non-project proposal.

**3) Estimate the amount of fill and dredge material that would be placed in or removed from surface water or wetlands and indicate the area of the site that would be affected. Indicate the source of fill material.**

Not applicable. This is a non-project proposal.

**4) Will the proposal require surface water withdrawals or diversions? Give general description, purpose, and approximate quantities if known.**

Not applicable. This is a non-project proposal.

**5) Does the proposal lie within a 100-year floodplain? If so, note location on the site plan.**

Not applicable. This is a non-project proposal.

**6) Does the proposal involve any discharges of waste materials to surface waters? If so, describe the type of waste and anticipated volume of discharge.**

Not applicable. This is a non-project proposal.

**b. Ground:**

**1) Will ground water be withdrawn, or will water be discharged to ground water? Give general description, purpose, and approximate quantities if known.**

Not applicable. This is a non-project proposal.

**2) Describe waste material that will be discharged into the ground from septic tanks or other sources, if any (for example: Domestic sewage; industrial, containing the following chemicals; agricultural; etc.). Describe the general size of the system, the number of such systems, the number of houses to be served (if applicable), or the number of animals or humans the system(s) are expected to serve.**

Not applicable. This is a non-project proposal.

**c. Water runoff (including stormwater):**

**1) Describe the source of runoff (including storm water) and method of collection and disposal, if any (include quantities, if known). Where will this water flow? Will this water flow into other waters? If so, describe.**

Not applicable. This is a non-project proposal.

**2) Could waste materials enter ground or surface waters? If so, generally describe.**

Not applicable. This is a non-project proposal.

**d. Proposed measures to reduce or control surface, ground, and runoff water impacts, if any:**

Not applicable. This is a non-project proposal.

**4. PLANTS**

**a. Check or circle types of vegetation found on the site:**

**deciduous tree: alder, maple, aspen, other**

**evergreen tree: fir, cedar, pine, other**

**shrubs:**

**grass:**

**pasture:**

**crop or grain:**

**wet soil plants: cattail, buttercup, bullrush, skunk cabbage, other**

**water plants: water lily, eelgrass, milfoil, other**

**other types of vegetation:**

Not applicable. This is a non-project proposal.

**b. What kind and amount of vegetation will be removed or altered?**

Not applicable. This is a non-project proposal.

**c. List threatened or endangered species known to be on or near the site.**

Not applicable. This is a non-project proposal.

**d. Proposed landscaping, use of native plants, or other measures to preserve or enhance vegetation on the site, if any:**

Not applicable. This is a non-project proposal.

**e. List all noxious weeds and invasive species known to be on or near the site.**

Not applicable. This is a non-project proposal.

**5. ANIMALS**

**a. Circle any birds and animals which have been observed on or near the site or are known to be on or near the site:**

**birds:** hawk, heron, eagle, songbirds, other

**mammals:** deer, bear, elk, beaver, other

**fish:** bass, salmon, trout, herring, shellfish, other

Not applicable. This is a non-project proposal.

**b. List any threatened or endangered species known to be on or near the site.**

Not applicable. This is a non-project proposal.

**c. Is the site part of a migration route? If so, explain.**

Not applicable. This is a non-project proposal.

**d. Proposed measures to preserve or enhance wildlife, if any:**

Not applicable. This is a non-project proposal.

**e. List any invasive animal species known to be on or near the site.**

Not applicable. This is a non-project proposal.

**6. ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES**

**a. What kinds of energy (electric, natural gas, oil, wood stove, solar) will be used to meet the completed project's energy needs? Describe whether it will be used for heating, manufacturing, etc.**

Not applicable. This is a non-project proposal.

**b. Would your project affect the potential use of solar energy by adjacent properties? If so, generally describe.**

Not applicable. This is a non-project proposal.

**c. What kinds of energy conservation features are included in the plans of this proposal? List other proposed measures to reduce or control energy impacts, if any:**

Not applicable. This is a non-project proposal.

## **7. ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH**

**a. Are there any environmental health hazards, including exposure to toxic chemicals, risk of fire and explosion, spill, or hazardous waste, that could occur as a result of this proposal? If so, describe.**

Not applicable. This is a non-project proposal.

**1) Describe any known or possible contamination at the site from present or past uses.**

Not applicable. This is a non-project proposal.

**2) Describe existing hazardous chemicals/conditions that might affect project development and design. This includes underground hazardous liquid and gas transmission pipelines located within the project area and in the vicinity.**

Not applicable. This is a non-project proposal.

**3) Describe any toxic or hazardous chemicals that might be stored, used, or produced during the project's development or construction, or at any time during the operating life of the project.**

Not applicable. This is a non-project proposal.

**4) Describe special emergency services that might be required.**

Not applicable. This is a non-project proposal.

**5) Describe special emergency services that might be required.**

Not applicable. This is a non-project proposal.

**6) Proposed measures to reduce or control environmental health hazards, if any:**

Not applicable. This is a non-project proposal.

**b. Noise**

**1) What types of noise exist in the area which may affect your project (for example: traffic, equipment, operation, other)?**

Not applicable. This is a non-project proposal.

**2) What types and levels of noise would be created by or associated with the project on a short-term or a long-term basis (for example: traffic, construction, operation, other)? Indicate what hours noise would come from the site.**

Not applicable. This is a non-project proposal.

**3) Proposed measures to reduce or control noise impacts, if any:**

Not applicable. This is a non-project proposal.

## **8. LAND AND SHORELINE USE**

**a. What is the current use of the site and adjacent properties?**

Not applicable. This is a non-project proposal.

**b. Has the site been used for agriculture? If so, describe. Has the project site been used as working farmlands or working forest lands? If so, describe. How much agricultural or forest land of long-term commercial significance will be converted to other uses as a result of the proposal, if any? If resource lands have not been designated, how many acres in farmland or forest land tax status will be converted to nonfarm or nonforest use?**

Not applicable. This is a non-project proposal.

**1) Will the proposal affect or be affected by surrounding working farm or forest land normal business operations, such as oversize equipment access, the application of pesticides, tilling, and harvesting? If so, how:**

Not applicable. This is a non-project proposal.

**c. Describe any structures on the site.**

Not applicable. This is a non-project proposal.

**d. Will any structures be demolished? If so, what?**

Not applicable. This is a non-project proposal.

**e. What is the current zoning classification of the site?**

Not applicable. This is a non-project proposal.

**f. What is the current comprehensive plan designation of the site?**



Not applicable. This is a non-project proposal.

**g. If applicable, what is the current shoreline master program designation of the site?**

Not applicable. This is a non-project proposal.

**h. Has any part of the site been classified as a critical area by the city or county? If so, specify.**

Not applicable. This is a non-project proposal.

**i. Approximately how many people would reside or work in the completed project?**

Not applicable. This is a non-project proposal.

**j. Approximately how many people would the completed project displace?**

Not applicable. This is a non-project proposal.

**k. Proposed measures to avoid or reduce displacement impacts, if any:**

Not applicable. This is a non-project proposal.

**l. Proposed measures to ensure the proposal is compatible with existing and projected land uses and plans, if any:**

Not applicable. This is a non-project proposal.

## **9. HOUSING**

**a. Approximately how many units would be provided, if any? Indicate whether high, middle, or low-income housing.**

Not applicable. This is a non-project proposal.

**b. Approximately how many units, if any, would be eliminated? Indicate whether high, middle, or low-income housing.**

Not applicable. This is a non-project proposal.

**c. Proposed measures to reduce or control housing impacts, if any:**

Not applicable. This is a non-project proposal.

## **10. AESTHETICS**

**a. What is the tallest height of any proposed structure(s), not including antennas; what is the principal exterior building material(s) proposed?**

Not applicable. This is a non-project proposal.

**b. What views in the immediate vicinity would be altered or obstructed?**

Not applicable. This is a non-project proposal.

**c. Proposed measures to reduce or control aesthetic impacts, if any:**

Not applicable. This is a non-project proposal.

**11. LIGHT AND GLARE**

**a. What type of light or glare will the proposal produce? What time of day would it mainly occur?**

Not applicable. This is a non-project proposal.

**b. Could light or glare from the finished project be a safety hazard or interfere with views?**

Not applicable. This is a non-project proposal.

**c. What existing off-site sources of light or glare may affect your proposal?**

Not applicable. This is a non-project proposal.

**d. Proposed measures to reduce or control light and glare impacts, if any:**

Not applicable. This is a non-project proposal.

**12. RECREATION**

**a. What designated and informal recreational opportunities are in the immediate vicinity?**

Not applicable. This is a non-project proposal.

**b. Would the proposed project displace any existing recreational uses? If so, describe.**

Not applicable. This is a non-project proposal.

**c. Proposed measures to reduce or control impacts on recreation, including recreation opportunities to be provided by the project or applicant, if any:**

Not applicable. This is a non-project proposal.

**13. HISTORIC AND CULTURAL PRESERVATION**

**a. Are there any buildings, structures, or sites, located on or near the site that are over 45 years old listed in or eligible for listing in national, state, or local preservation registers located on or near the site? If so, specifically describe.**

Not applicable. This is a non-project proposal.

**b. Are there any landmarks, features, or other evidence of Indian or historic use or occupation? This may include human burials or old cemeteries. Are there any material evidence, artifacts, or areas of cultural importance on or near the site? Please list any professional studies conducted at the site to identify such resources.**

Not applicable. This is a non-project proposal.

**c. Describe the methods used to assess the potential impacts to cultural and historic resources on or near the project site. Examples include consultation with tribes and the department of archeology and historic preservation, archaeological surveys, historic maps, GIS data, etc.**

Not applicable. This is a non-project proposal.

**d. Proposed measures to avoid, minimize, or compensate for loss, changes to, and disturbance to resources. Please include plans for the above and any permits that may be required.**

Not applicable. This is a non-project proposal.

#### **14. TRANSPORTATION**

**a. Identify public streets and highways serving the site, and describe proposed access to the existing street system. Show on site plans, if any.**

Not applicable. This is a non-project proposal.

**b. Is site currently served by public transit? If not, what is the approximate distance to the nearest transit stop?**

Not applicable. This is a non-project proposal.

**c. How many parking spaces would the completed project have? How many would the project eliminate?**

Not applicable. This is a non-project proposal.

**d. Will the proposal require any new roads or streets, or improvements to existing roads or streets, not including driveways? If so, generally describe (indicate whether public or private).**

Not applicable. This is a non-project proposal.

**e. Will the project use (or occur in the immediate vicinity of) water, rail, or air transportation? If so, generally describe.**

Not applicable. This is a non-project proposal.

**f. How many vehicular trips per day would be generated by the completed project? If known, indicate when peak volumes would occur. If known, indicate when peak volumes would occur and what percentage of the volume would be trucks (such as commercial and nonpassenger vehicles). What data or transportation models were used to make these estimates?**

Not applicable. This is a non-project proposal.

**g. Will the proposal interfere with, affect or be affected by the movement of agricultural and forest products on roads or streets in the area? If so, generally describe.**

Not applicable. This is a non-project proposal.

**h. Proposed measures to reduce or control transportation impacts, if any:**

Not applicable. This is a non-project proposal.

## **15. PUBLIC SERVICES**

**a. Would the project result in an increased need for public services (for example: fire protection, police protection, health care, schools, other)? If so, generally describe.**

Not applicable. This is a non-project proposal.

**b. Proposed measures to reduce or control direct impacts on public services, if any.**

Not applicable. This is a non-project proposal.

## **16. UTILITIES**

**a. Circle utilities currently available at the site:**

**electricity, natural gas, water, refuse service, telephone, sanitary sewer, septic system, other.**

Not applicable. This is a non-project proposal.

**b. Describe the utilities that are proposed for the project, the utility providing the service, and the general construction activities on the site or in the immediate vicinity which might be needed.**

Not applicable. This is a non-project proposal.

**C. SIGNATURE**

The above answers are true and complete to the best of my knowledge. I understand that the lead agency is relying on them to make its decision.



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Signature: Date Submitted: 9/2/2014

**D. SUPPLEMENTAL SHEET FOR NON PROJECT ACTIONS**

(do not use this sheet for project actions)

Because these questions are very general, it may be helpful to read them in conjunction with the list of the elements of the environment.

When answering these questions, be aware of the extent the proposal, or the types of activities likely to result from the proposal, would affect the item at a greater intensity or at a faster rate than if the proposal were not implemented. Respond briefly and in general terms.

**1. HOW WOULD THE PROPOSAL BE LIKELY TO INCREASE DISCHARGE TO WATER; EMISSIONS TO AIR; PRODUCTION, STORAGE, OR RELEASE OF TOXIC OR HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCES; OR PRODUCTION OF NOISE?**

It is not anticipated that any of the planned capital improvements would cause these things to occur.

**Proposed measures to avoid or reduce such increases are:**

All capital projects, particularly road construction and improvement, and surface water management projects are subject to applicable federal, state and local regulations, and subject to mitigation measures if required at the time of development.

**2. HOW WOULD THE PROPOSAL BE LIKELY TO AFFECT PLANTS, ANIMALS, FISH, OR MARINE LIFE?**

It is not anticipated that any of the planned capital improvements would affect plant or animal life.

**Proposed measures to protect or conserve plants, animals, fish, or marine life are:**

All capital projects are subject to applicable federal, state and local regulations and subject to mitigation measures if required at the time of development.

**3. HOW WOULD THE PROPOSAL BE LIKELY TO DEplete ENERGY OR NATURAL RESOURCES?**

Most or all capital improvements will require energy or natural resources.

**Proposed measures to protect or conserve energy and natural resources are:**

Capital improvements will be constructed using the most efficient means available.

**4. HOW WOULD THE PROPOSAL BE LIKELY TO USE OR AFFECT ENVIRONMENTALLY SENSITIVE AREAS OR AREAS DESIGNATED (OR ELIGIBLE OR UNDER STUDY) FOR GOVERNMENTAL PROTECTION; SUCH AS PARKS, WILDERNESS, WILD AND SCENIC RIVERS, THREATENED OR ENDANGERED SPECIES HABITAT, HISTORIC OR CULTURAL SITES, WETLANDS, FLOODPLAINS, OR PRIME FARMLANDS?**

It is not anticipated that any of the planned capital improvements would be likely to use or affect these types of areas.

**Proposed measures to protect such resources or to avoid or reduce impacts are:**

All capital projects are subject to applicable federal, state and local regulations and subject to mitigation measures if required at the time of development.

**5. HOW WOULD THE PROPOSAL BE LIKELY TO AFFECT LAND AND SHORELINE USE, INCLUDING WHETHER IT WOULD ALLOW OR ENCOURAGE LAND OR SHORELINE USES INCOMPATIBLE WITH EXISTING PLANS?**

It is not anticipated that any of the planned capital improvements would be likely to negatively affect land and shoreline use.

**Proposed measures to avoid or reduce shoreline and land use impacts are:**

All capital projects are subject to applicable federal, state and local regulations and subject to mitigation measures if required at the time of development. The Capital Facilities Plan is designed to serve, and is consistent with the County's comprehensive land use plan. The CFP provides for adequate public facilities to support anticipated population growth in accordance with GMA.

**6. HOW WOULD THE PROPOSAL BE LIKELY TO INCREASE DEMANDS ON TRANSPORTATION OR PUBLIC SERVICES AND UTILITIES?**

Planned transportation infrastructure and improvements are designed to maintain road and intersection capacity at an adopted level of service. The CFP in general is intended to meet anticipated demand on these things.

**Proposed measures to reduce or respond to such demand(s) are:**

Transportation, fire, sewer and water are subject to concurrency requirements and are reviewed annually and during project review according to applicable state and local regulations.

**7. IDENTIFY, IF POSSIBLE, WHETHER THE PROPOSAL MAY CONFLICT WITH LOCAL, STATE, OR FEDERAL LAWS OR REQUIREMENTS FOR THE PROTECTION OF THE ENVIRONMENT.**

No conflicts are anticipated.