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Supplemental Staff Report

From: Ryan Walters, Assistant Director

Re: Capital Facilities Plan 2017-2022 Update

Date: October 11, 2016

This memo addresses public comments received during the written comment period between September 2 and September 22, and testimony received at the public hearing on September 20. There were very few comments on this annual, technical update to the County's capital facilities planning.

Public Works has also revised the Transportation Improvement Program; the latest version is now on the website.

Public Comments

The written comments received at the public hearing or during the public comment period are available on the proposal website at www.skagitcounty.net/cfp.

Responses to Public Comments

🗨️ Request that an archive of prior CFPs be made available to the public.

CFPs from 2008 to present are and have been available at www.skagitcounty.net/cfp.

🗨️ Need for analysis on combining facilities, and costs of maintaining services in separate facilities.

The Department agrees those analyses could be valuable, but are not specifically required by statute, and is outside of the Department's purview. The comment is best directed at the Board of County Commissioners, who can task other departments with performing those analyses.

🗨️ Libraries should be included in CFP.

Library services are not a publicly owned facility within the meaning of GMA. Those GMA facilities include things like streets, roads, highways, and sidewalks; street and road lighting systems; traffic signals; domestic water systems; storm and sanitary sewer systems; parks and recreation facilities; and schools. "Public facilities" are defined by RCW 36.70A.030(12). See also WAC 365-196-415. We also suspect that most libraries do not have separate capital facilities plans.

🗨️ Need for better access through South Fidalgo Island.

Public Works has noted this for potential inclusion in future updates.