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Utilities	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 recommended change.		
Utilities	9B, 9B-1.9, 276	Risk Avoidance	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 ground or enter Puget Sound. Examples of treatment BMPs are, but not limited to: detention ponds, oil/water separators, biofiltration swales and constructed wetlands.	No recommended change.		
Utilities	9B, 9B-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 recommended change.		
Utilities	New	Risk Avoidance		Participate in and develop an integrated strategic investment plan in partnership with Skagit tribes and diking/drainage districts to holistically address sea level rise, habitat enhancement, and farmland preservation on the Skagit/Samish Delta downstream of the Wild & Scenic portion of the Skagit River.		
Capital Facilities	10A, 10A-1.4, 289	Public Facilities	Ensure that adequate public facilities are provided to accommodate the needs of Skagit County citizens for the next 20 years by: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>maintaining level of service standards for capital facilities;</li> <li>providing consistency among functional plans;</li> <li>ensuring timely provision and financing of facility improvements; and</li> <li>taking advantage of revenue sources such as impact mitigation, grants, and loans.</li> </ul>	Ensure that adequate public facilities are provided to accommodate the needs of Skagit County citizens for the next 20 years by: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>maintaining level of service standards for capital facilities;</li> <li>ensuring compatibility of development adjacent to public facilities</li> <li>providing consistency among functional plans;</li> <li>ensuring timely provision and financing of facility improvements; and</li> <li>taking advantage of revenue sources such as impact</li> </ul>	CPP 12.11: Future development of land adjacent to existing and proposed schools and other public facilities shall be compatible with such uses.	Consistency with Countywide Planning Policies

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Capital Facilities	10A, 10A-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 recommended change.		
Capital Facilities	10A, 10A-1.1, 289-290	Capital Facilities Needs	<p>"Capital facility" is any publicly owned structure, improvement, or asset (including land) that meets all of the following criteria</p> <p>(a) is related to providing one of the facilities or services identified above;</p> <p>(b) exists now or may be needed during the current GMA 20-year planning period (2016 - 2036);<sup>14</sup></p> <p>(c) requires the expenditure of public funds over and above annual maintenance and operational expenses; and</p> <p>(d) costs \$10,000 or more; and</p> <p>(e) has a life expectancy of 10 years or more;</p> <p>(f) but not existing vehicles and equipment, the replacement of which is programmatically funded by the County's Equipment Rental &amp; Repair fund</p>	<p>"Capital facility" is any publicly owned structure, improvement, or asset (including land) that meets all of the following criteria</p> <p>(a) is related to providing one of the facilities or services identified above;</p> <p>(b) exists now or may be needed during the current GMA 20-year planning period (2025 - 2045);<sup>14</sup></p> <p>(c) requires the expenditure of public funds over and above annual maintenance and operational expenses; and</p> <p>(d) costs \$10,000 or more; and</p> <p>(e) has a life expectancy of 10 years or more;</p> <p>(f) but not existing vehicles and equipment, the replacement of which is programmatically funded by the County's Equipment Rental &amp; Repair fund</p>	Updating planning period reference.	Administrative Cleanup

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Capital Facilities	10A, 10A-1.2, 290	Capital Facilities Needs	<p>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:</p> <p>(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.</p> <p>(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.</p> <p>(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.</p> <p>(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 schools.</p>	No recommended change.		

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Capital Facilities 10A, 10A-1.3, 290-291	Capital Facilities Needs	Application of Standards – Based on the categories defined above, the following application of LOS standards shall be used by the county in assessing 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.	No recommended change.			
Capital Facilities 10A, 10A-1.4, 291-292	Capital Facilities Needs	Levels of Service (LOS): Skagit County adopts the following LOS standards (refer to comp plan)	No recommended change.			
Capital Facilities 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.	No recommended change.			
Capital Facilities 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.	No recommended change.			

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Capital Facilities	10A, 10A-1.7, 292-293	Capital Facilities Needs	Prioritizing Improvements - Capital improvement decisions shall be based on the following criteria: (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.	No recommended change.		
Capital Facilities	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 recommended change.		
Capital Facilities	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 recommended change.		
Capital Facilities	10A-2, New, 293	Financial Feasibility	Provide means to balance needs with available funding.	No recommended change.		
Capital Facilities	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 recommended change.		
Capital Facilities	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 recommended change.		
Capital Facilities	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 recommended change.		

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Capital Facili	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 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.	No recommended change.		
Capital Facili	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 recommended change.		
Capital Facili	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 recommended change.		

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Capital Facili	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 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	No recommended change.	
Capital Facili	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 recommended change.	
Capital Facili	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 recommended change.	
Capital Facili	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 fundin	No recommended change.	

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Capital Facili	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 Board determines that such changes are warranted, and adequate public notice is given.	No recommended change.		
Capital Facili	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 recommended change.		
Capital Facili	10A-2, 10A-2.13, 295	Financial Feasibility	Evaluation of Buildings and Space Improvements - The annual review of the six-yearCFP should include the evaluation of buildings and space improvements needed to provide workspace for projected staffing levels.	No recommended change.		
Capital Facili	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 recommended change.		
Capital Facili	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 recommended change.		

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Capital Facilities	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 concurrency requirements of the respective municipality.	No recommended change.		
Capital Facilities	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 recommended change.		
Capital Facilities	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 recommended change.		
Capital Facilities	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 recommended change.		
Capital Facilities	10A-3, New, 296	Citizen Involvement	Ensure that capital facility planning involves citizens.	No recommended change.		
Capital Facilities	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 a part of the on-going comprehensive plan amendment or processes.	No recommended change.		

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Capital Facilities	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 recommended change.		
Economic Development	New	Economic Growth and Land Use		Establish a land use framework in Skagit County that supports diverse businesses, enhances natural resource industries.	This aligns with SCOGs Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS).	Administrative Cleanup
Economic Development	New	Economic Growth and Land Use		Work with the cities to align comprehensive plans and future economic development opportunities through zoning and development regulations.	The County should continue to work with cities to find a balance between the rural natural resource lands and urban lands. As these lands provide support to one another.	Administrative Cleanup
Economic Development	New	Economic Growth and Land Use		Work with SCOG to align the County economic growth actions with regional actions and routinely participate to evaluate this relationship.	This aligns with SCOGs Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) and supports public engagement data about creating a resiliency economy.	Administrative Cleanup
Economic Development	11B-3, New, 316	Economic Growth and Land Use	Encourage the re-use of existing industrial sites that have potential for reuse or redevelopment.	Encourage the re-use of existing industrial sites that have potential for reuse or redevelopment.	This was converted to the policy moved to the economic growth and land use policies.	Administrative Cleanup
Economic Development	New	Economic Growth and Land Use	Encourage sufficient sites for human and social services, and improved access to those services, to meet the needs of Skagit County employees and employers.	<del>Encourage</del> Coordinate with cities to identify sufficient sites for human and social services, and improved access to those services, to meet the needs of Skagit County employees and employers.	This was converted to a policy and moved to the economic growth and land use section. The language was modified to better describe the action for the	Administrative Cleanup

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