

6 Year Update (2025-2030)

Capital Facilities Plan

Planning Commission Work Session



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What is the purpose of a Capital Facility Plan?

The County must “ensure that those public facilities and services necessary to support development shall be adequate to serve the development at the time the development is available for occupancy and use without decreasing current service levels below locally established minimum standards.”



What is the Capital Facilities Plan?

- **Required element of GMA** that supports the comprehensive plan land use element
- Broadly, capital facilities are the **infrastructure needed to support development**
- Ensures we don't build more than we can support and that we have the **funding to build what is needed for future development**
- This CFP addresses capital facilities planning within **unincorporated areas of the County**, but outside of UGAs – except for **Bayview**
- **Impact fees** cannot be charged if the projects are not identified in CFP or CIP



RCW 36.70A.070(3)

- (a) an **inventory of existing capital facilities** owned by public entities, showing the **locations and capacities** of the capital facilities;
- (b) a **forecast of the future needs** for such capital facilities; [including] (c) the proposed **locations and capacities** of expanded or new capital facilities;
- (d) **at least a six-year plan** that will **finance** such capital facilities within projected funding capacities and **clearly identifies sources** of public money for such purposes; and
- (e) a **requirement to reassess the land use element if probable funding falls short of meeting existing needs** and to ensure that the land use element, capital facilities plan element, and financing plan within the capital facilities plan element are coordinated and consistent. Park and recreation facilities shall be included in the capital facilities plan element



Skagit County Definition

Any publicly-owned structure, improvement, or asset that meets all of the following criteria:

- related to providing facilities/services that are related to development;
- exists now or may be needed during the current GMA 20-year planning period (2016-2036);
- requires the expenditure of public funds over and above annual maintenance and operational expenses; and
 - costs \$10,000 or more; and
 - has a life expectancy of 10 years or more;

But not: existing vehicles and equipment funded by the County's Equipment Rental & Revolving fund.



Summary of Internal Changes

- Edison Clean Water District (Edison Sewer System) received DOH Grant funding to upgrade the UV system has been obtained; design and construction is anticipated in 2024 and 2025.
- Public Health secured a CDBG for 2025 improvements to the Concrete Community Center, enhancing the kitchen, restrooms, HVAC, and adding an electric generator for year-round emergency shelter support.
- PW Solid Waste Division is planning to upgrade wiring in Transfer Station Building in 2025.
- Public Health has secured multiple grants for a 22,318 sq. ft. Crisis Stabilization Center at the County's Star Center in Sedro-Woolley, set to be completed in 2025, featuring 3 units with 16 beds each for Mental Health Crisis Stabilization, Withdrawal Management/Detox, and Inpatient/Co-occurring Treatment.



Summary of External Changes

- Updated school district enrollment numbers based on the Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction for the 2023-2024 school year.
- Fire Districts updated facility needs and existing facilities. Skagit County Regional Fire Authority (established 2024) composed of SCFDs No. 10 and 19.
- Skagit County Dike and Drainage Districts updated Facility Needs and Existing Facilities.



Recommendation

Based on the projects, locations, and levels of service described in the CFP, a **reassessment** of the land use element of the Skagit County **Comprehensive Plan** is **not required**.



Timeline – Next Steps

Draft is posted online: www.skagitcounty.net/cfp

Public Hearing: **October 29, 2024**

Deliberation **November 19, 2024**

Board consideration is concurrent with the Budget adoption anticipated
December 9, 2024

Comments:

Email to: pdscomments@co.skagit.wa.us

Subject line : Comments on 2025-2030 CFP Update

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Comments on “2025-2030 CFP Update”

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Written Comment Deadline: Thursday, October 31st at 4:30 p.m.

