

Skagit County Planning Commission’s Recorded Motion Regarding the 2025-2030 Capital Facilities Plan and Transportation Improvement Program

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Written comment deadline:	Thursday, October 31, 2024, at 4:30 p.m.
PC deliberations:	Tuesday, November 12, 2024

After considering the written and spoken comments and considering the record before it, the Planning Commission enters the following findings of fact, reasons for action, and recommendations to the Board of County Commissioners.

Findings of Fact and Reasons for Action

1. RCW 36.70A.070 (3) requires that a Comprehensive Plan include a capital facilities planning element that provides an inventory of publicly owned capital facilities, forecast of future needs, identification of the location and capacity of expanded or new facilities, a six-year financing plan for additional projects necessary to support development, and a requirement to reevaluate the land use element if the financing falls short of meeting existing needs. The statute further provides that park and recreation facilities must be included in the capital facilities plan element.
2. WAC 365-196-415(2) recommends a jurisdiction “periodically” review and update its inventory, at least at every periodic comprehensive plan update, and updates its six-year financing plan at least biennially.
3. Skagit County’s most recent update of its Capital Facilities Plan was the 2024-2029 document adopted in 2023.
4. The proposed Skagit County Capital Facilities Plan improves upon the existing plan with an updated inventory, needs assessment, six-year financing plan, and by referencing the most-recent draft of the Transportation Improvement Program.

5. The County published a Notice of Availability, Public Comment, and SEPA Threshold Determination for the Capital Facilities Plan in the Skagit Valley Herald on October 10, 2024.
6. RCW 36.81.121 requires a County to adopt a “comprehensive transportation program for the ensuing six calendar years” consistent with the comprehensive plan that “shall include any new or enhanced bicycle or pedestrian facilities identified pursuant to RCW 36.70A.070 (6) or other applicable changes that promote non-motorized transit.”
7. The Transportation Improvement Program is incorporated by reference into the Capital Facilities Plan to fulfill the requirement for the Plan to address transportation.
8. Changes to the 2025-2030 Capital Facilities Plan were incorporated when requested by the district.
9. The role of the Planning Commission in reviewing the 2025-2030 Capital Facilities Plan is to help the county plan for capital facilities and public services to be provided to support development at the time development occurs.
10. Based on the projects, financing, and levels of service described in the Capital Facilities Plan, a reassessment of the land use element of the Skagit County Comprehensive Plan is not required.
11. The proposed 2025-2030 Capital Facilities Plan is consistent with GMA requirements for capital facilities planning described in RCW 36.70A.070, the Skagit County Comprehensive Plan, the Countywide Planning Policies, and supports the requirements of Skagit County Code Chapter 14.28, Concurrency.
12. The proposed amendments reflect local conditions and promote the general public health, safety, morals, and welfare.

Recommendation

The Planning Commission recommends that the Board of County Commissioners **approve** the Capital Facilities Plan as amended.

This recorded motion approved November 12, 2024:

<i>Commission Vote</i>	Support	Oppose	Absent	Abstain
<i>Tim Raschko, Chair</i>				
<i>Tammy Candler, Vice Chair</i>				
<i>Angele Day</i>				
<i>Kathy Mitchell</i>				
<i>Vincent Henley</i>				
<i>Amy Hughes</i>				
<i>Jennifer Hutchinson</i>				
<i>Joe Woodmansee</i>				
<i>Kiera Wright</i>				
<i>Total</i>				

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Tim Raschko, Chair

Date

Jack Moore, Planning Director

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