



A 6-year plan, updated annually, that identifies capital projects and equipment purchases, provides a planning schedule, and identifies options for financing.

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10B.1 INTRODUCTION

The Capital Improvement Program (CIP) is a short-term plan that identifies capital projects and equipment purchases, provides a planning schedule and identifies options for financing. While preceding sections of this Element have addressed capital facility needs and projects by type or use of facility, this final section is intended to summarize the CIP. Such a summary enables both the reader and decision maker to examine the complete expenditure plan for project prioritization, revenue sufficiency, timing, and capital budget preparation.

Each year the CIP must be updated. The annual update must be completed before the County’s budget is adopted in order to incorporate the capital improvements from the updated CIP in the County’s annual budget. Counties shall perform their activities and make budget decisions in conformity with their comprehensive plan (see RCW 36.70A.120).

Also in accordance with the Planning Enabling Act, “each governmental body whose jurisdiction lies within the county, except incorporated cities and towns, whose functions include preparing and recommending plans for, or constructing major public works, shall submit to the respective planning agency a list of the proposed public works being recommended for initiation or construction during the ensuing year,” (RCW 36.70.520). The planning agency is required to prepare and submit a report to the Board through the Planning Director on “how each project relates to all other proposed projects on the list and to all features of the comprehensive plan both as to location and timing,” (RCW 36.70.530).

10B.2 SCHEDULE FOR ANNUAL REVIEW AND AMENDMENT

The following schedule should be followed each year to ensure public participation in the process and to ensure the timely completion of the CIP update.

Table A-1. Schedule for Annual Review and Amendment of the Capital Facilities Element

March (first week)	Input request from Board, Departments, Agencies, and the Public.
April (first week)	Input due.
April (third week)	Send draft CIP and any proposed CFP amendments to Board, Departments, Agencies, Planning Commission, and Parties of Record.
May (second week)	Planning Commission Hearing
June	Public Meetings and adoption
July- December	Capital Improvement Budget prepared and adopted

10B.3 SIX-YEAR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

The most recently adopted Capital Improvement Program is attached to this Element.