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~FINDINGS AND CONCLUSIONS~

TO: Board of Island County Commissioners

FROM: Island County Planning Commission

DATE: December 9, 2019

REGARDING: Amendment to Chapter 10B, Capital Improvement Program,
of Element 10, Capital Facilities, of the 2016 Comprehensive Plan Update

SUMMARY

During the 2016 update of the County Comprehensive Plan it was noticed that the Schedule in Section 10B.2 did not reflect current practice and did not represent a requirement of the Revised Code of Washington (RCW).

The attached proposed revisions include clarifying text changes to Section 10B.2 as well as a revised schedule that represents the process for Island County. The updated schedule provides a more generic timeline and does not include a presentation of the County's full Capital Improvement Plan to the Island County Planning Commission.

BACKGROUND

A number of years ago, a portion of the Island County Capital Improvement Program (CIP), called the Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP), was regularly presented to the Planning Commission for a public hearing. The TIP often includes 50 – 60 projects and does not usually contain major public works (new roads / facilities). This amount of information exceeded the RCW requirement, was confusing, and was not of value to the Planning Commission.

Current staff, part of the process for over 35 years, are not aware of a time that the Island County CIP has been presented to the Planning Commission. The Board of Island County

Commissioners, however, work closely with the county departments that have CIPs during the development process.

At the beginning of this process Island County Public Works reaches out to the public, other departments, and the planning commission for potential projects for the following six years. Prior to the public hearing, the draft plan is shared with the public, providing for further input.

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Island County Public Works performs its activities and makes capital budget decisions in conformity with the Island County comprehensive plan. RCW 36.70A.040
2. Island County Public Works submits to the respective planning agency a list of the proposed (major) public works being recommended for initiation or construction during the ensuing fiscal year. RCW 36.70.520

This is a requirement for each county officer, department, board, commission and each government body whose jurisdiction lies within the county except incorporated cities and towns. This would include hospital, fire, port districts, diking districts, school districts, etc. We are not aware of any of these districts providing the planning agency information.

3. The planning agency prepares for and submits a report to the Island County Board of County Commissioners. RCW 36.70.530

CONCLUSION

The Island County Planning Commission has reviewed the proposed changes to Chapter 10B, Capital Improvement Program, of Element 10, Capital Facilities, of the 2016 Comprehensive Plan Update and hereby recommends that the Board of County Commissioners adopt an ordinance to incorporate the proposed amendments, enclosed hereto as Exhibit A.

Respectfully submitted through the Island County Planning Department to the Board of Island County commissioners, pursuant to RCW 36.70.430, this _____ day of _____, 2019 by,

Darin Hand
Chair, Island County Planning Commission

Enclosures:

Exhibit "A" –Amendments to the Island County Comprehensive Plan Element 10B