

#	Item #	Element	Current Text:	Proposed Text:	City Manager Recommendation:
3-1	Policy 10.1 (proposed)	Economic Development	Periodically review parking standards to address the need for parking and reduce potential barriers for new and expanding businesses.	Periodically review parking standards to address the need for parking and reduce potential barriers for new and expanding businesses.	<p>Recommendation: Strike text. The proposed policy overlaps with policy recommendations in the Town Center Parking Plan and parking references in the Transportation Element.</p> <p>Comment:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • See page 29 of the Town Center Parking Plan. Strategy #3 says, “Expand Travel mode choices through programs and infrastructure investments.” <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Recommendation 3b: Study options to allow more flexibility related to parking requirements for new businesses. • Policy 11.1 (Transportation Element): Continue to implement flexible parking requirements for Town Center development based on the type and intensity of the proposed development; site characteristics; likelihood for parking impacts to adjacent uses; opportunities for transit, carpooling and shared parking; and potential for enhancements to the pedestrian environment. • Policy 11.3 (Transportation Element): Support business development in the downtown area by prioritizing on-street parking spaces in the Town Center for short-term parking, and encourage the development of off-street shared parking facilities for long-term parking in the Town Center.

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3-2	Policy 10.3 (proposed)	Economic Development	Attract more hour-long and multi-store shoppers by developing a program to deploy a mix of high-speed EV chargers in on-street parking, off-street parking, and on utility poles. Target the electrification of 20% of parking spaces in Town Center by 2044.	Attract more hour-long and multi-store shoppers by developing a program to deploy a mix of high-speed EV chargers in on-street parking, off-street parking, and on utility poles. Target the electrification of 20% of parking spaces in Town Center by 2044.	<p>Recommendation: Strike text. EV Charging is addressed in the Climate Action Plan.</p> <p>Comment:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The City Council will consider a budget proposal in the fall of 2024 to fund a Citywide EV Charging Infrastructure Plan. If funded, the plan will establish goals and an implementation plan to expand EV opportunities Island-wide. The development of this plan was identified as an action item in the Climate Action Plan. See Transportation Section of the Climate Action Plan (pages 38 to 40). <ul style="list-style-type: none"> CAP Action TR1.1 – EV Charging Infrastructure Plan (page 34): Develop and implement an EV Charging Infrastructure Plan, in collaboration with PSE, that guides expansion of EV charging capacity throughout the city. The plan will include analysis and recommendations on the facilities and infrastructure required for the City and the Mercer Island School District to meet 2030 and 2050 fleet electrification goals. The plan will also include a readiness and capacity study to evaluate increasing EV charging at commercial and residential properties citywide. The Plan will identify an implementation strategy including partnerships, funding, and future policy recommendations CAP Action TR1.3 – State EV resource advocacy (page 34): Advocate for State resources to fund EV infrastructure planning. CAP Action TR1.4 – EV charging incentives & rebates (page 34): Explore and develop incentives in partnership with the State and other partners to expand EV charging capacity at commercial and residential properties.
3-3	Policy 10.6 (proposed)	Economic Development	Periodically update the Town Center parking plan to account for changes to public parking supply, demand, and management systems for both cars and bicycles.	Periodically update the Town Center parking plan to <u>include analysis of parking use, to account for</u> address changes to public parking supply, and <u>to meet business demand, and management systems for both cars and bicycles.</u>	[Revised 09-13-24] Recommendation: Combine policy 10.6 and 10.7 – both refer to updating the Town Center Parking Plan – <u>and approve proposed text.</u>

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3-4	Policy 10.7 (proposed)	Economic Development	Analyze historical parking space trends in Town Center and correlate them with retail business numbers.	Analyze historical parking space trends in Town Center and correlate them with retail business numbers.	[Revised 09-13-14] Recommendation: Strike policy 10.7 and combine policy with proposed Policy 10.6 as noted in item #3-3 .
3-5	Policy 10.8 (proposed)		Consider reducing or eliminating on-site parking requirements for a few net-new restaurants or retail businesses, leveraging right-of-way parking.	Consider reducing or eliminating on-site parking requirements for a few net-new restaurants or retail businesses, leveraging right-of-way parking.	<p>Recommendation: Strike text. The proposed policy conflicts with policy recommendations in the Town Center Parking Plan and parking references in the Transportation Element.</p> <p>Comment:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • See page 29 of the Town Center Parking Plan. Strategy #3 says, “Expand Travel mode choices through programs and infrastructure investments.” <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Recommendation 3b: Study options to allow more flexibility related to parking requirements for new businesses. • Policy 11.1 (Transportation Element): Continue to implement flexible parking requirements for Town Center development based on the type and intensity of the proposed development; site characteristics; likelihood for parking impacts to adjacent uses; opportunities for transit, carpooling and shared parking; and potential for enhancements to the pedestrian environment. • Policy 11.3 (Transportation Element): Support business development in the downtown area by prioritizing on-street parking spaces in the Town Center for short-term parking, and encourage the development of off-street shared parking facilities for long-term parking in the Town Center.
3-6	Policy 10.9 (proposed)	Economic Development	Consider eliminating traffic study requirements for small businesses outside of new development.	N/A	Comment: Seeking legal review on this proposal. Eliminating traffic studies may result in concurrency issues and create conflicts with the policies set forth in the Transportation Element.

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3-7	Policy 10.10 (proposed)	Economic Development	Ensure adequate public parking for community events like Music in the Park and the Farmers Market when planning new developments.	Ensure adequate public parking for community events like Music in the Park and the Farmers Market when planning new developments.	<p>Recommendation: Strike text.</p> <p>Comment:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Securing parking for events is an operational task. • Concern about tethering the need for special event parking with parking requirements for new developments. • If desire to maintain a reference to special event parking in the TC, consider this alternative: Ensure adequate public parking for community events <u>in the Town Center</u>, like Music in the Park and the Farmers Market when planning new developments.
3-8	Policy 10.12 (proposed)	Economic Development	Work with transit agencies in the region to launch an electric shuttle service pilot program to provide on-demand transportation within Mercer Island, connect light rail riders with the City's commercial areas, reduce short car trips, and support sustainable transportation.	Work with transit agencies in the region to launch explore an electric shuttle service pilot program to provide on-demand transportation within Mercer Island, connect light rail riders with the City's commercial areas, reduce short car trips, and support sustainable transportation.	<p>[Revised 09-13-24] Recommendation: <u>Approve proposed</u> Revise text to allow for exploration/study ahead of action.</p> <p>Alternative Recommendation: Consider striking this text given the specificity of the program solution. The Transportation Element includes numerous references to multimodal solutions and first-mile/last-mile programs.</p> <p>Comment:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Policy 2.6 (Transportation Element): Prioritize transportation investments in the Town Center that promote mixed-use and compact development and provide multimodal access to regional transit facilities. • Policy 4.1 (Transportation Element): Work with King County Metro, Sound Transit and other providers to ensure adequate transit services to meet the needs of the Island, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Maintain convenient transit connections to regional activity centers, including the Seattle CBD, Bellevue, University of Washington and other centers; ○ Provide convenient transit service for travel on Mercer Island and enhance connections to regional transit stations including the future Link light rail station; and ○ Continue to expand innovative transit services including demand responsive transit for the general public, subscription bus, or custom bus services. • Policy 4.6 (Transportation Element): Study opportunities to provide innovate last-mile solutions serving the Town Center, light rail station, and park and ride.

AB 6541 – Exhibit 3 - City Manager Reconciliation of Proposed Parking Goals and Policies Matrix – Economic Development Element

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3-9	Policy 10.12A (proposed)	Economic Development	Collaborate with local businesses and stakeholders to identify key shuttle stops, ensuring convenient access to the Town Center, light rail stations, and popular destinations.	Collaborate with local businesses and stakeholders to identify key shuttle stops, ensuring convenient access to the Town Center, light rail stations, and popular destinations.	[Revised 09-13-24] Recommendation: Strike text. Proposed policy text provides scope of work for project, which should be developed when/if study is pursued.
3-10	Policy 10.12B (proposed)	Economic Development	Promote the service as a convenient, eco-friendly transportation option for residents and visitors, enhancing the Town Center's walkability and reducing traffic congestion.	Promote the service as a convenient, eco-friendly transportation option for residents and visitors, enhancing the Town Center's walkability and reducing traffic congestion.	[Revised 09-13-24] Recommendation: Strike text. Proposed policy text provides scope of work for project, which should be developed when/if study is pursued.
3-11	Policy 10.12C (proposed)	Economic Development	Monitor and report on the environmental and economic impacts of the shuttle service, using data to make adjustments and improvements.	Monitor and report on the environmental and economic impacts of the shuttle service, using data to make adjustments and improvements.	[Revised 09-13-24] Recommendation: Strike text. Proposed policy text provides scope of work for project, which should be developed when/if study is pursued.