

The Planning Commission unanimously recommended that the Parks and Public Works Committee APPROVE the proposed vision, goals, and policies for the Capital Facilities and Utilities Element of the 2044 Snoqualmie Comprehensive Plan and transmit them to the City Council for consideration.

It is the recommendation of the Planning Commission to approve proposed vision, goals, and policies for the Capital Facilities and Utilities Element as presented in Attachment A.

**RECOMMENDED BY THE CITY OF SNOQUALMIE PLANNING COMMISSION ON THE 16TH OF
JANUARY 2024.**

Luke Marusiak Jan 30, 2024
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Commission Chair

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1. QUALITY INFRASTRUCTURE

Goal:

9.1 Provide quality infrastructure to serve current and future residents and businesses.

Policies:

- 9.1.1 Adopt level of service standards to accommodate growth concurrent with development.
- 9.1.2 Size essential capital facilities to meet the long-term demands of the community, and when feasible, phase facility development to match capital investments with actual community needs.
- 9.1.3 Provide adequate infrastructure in applicable areas to support the development of regional centers.
- 9.1.4 Avoid growth in areas that cannot be adequately served by utilities.
- 9.1.5 If the City is selected as a state or regional capital facility site, or is otherwise impacted by such a facility, ensure appropriate mitigation for local impacts is provided.
- 9.1.6 Plan for major or “trunk” utility facility locations and consider designating routes suitable for facility improvements, subject to development regulations.
- 9.1.7 Ensure that utility improvements minimize neighborhood impacts, are environmentally sensitive, aesthetically pleasing, safe and provided in a timely manner to serve planned growth.
- 9.1.8 To the maximum extent feasible, require the undergrounding of all new electrical and communication lines, the undergrounding of existing lines during road and utility improvements, and/or architectural compatibility of all new above-ground facilities.
- 9.1.9 Encourage the joint use of utility corridors for agriculture or passive recreation uses, provided that such uses are consistent with prudent legal and utility practice.
- 9.1.10 Site or expand capital facilities in a manner that considers impacts on historically marginalized communities.
- 9.1.11 Do not locate capital facilities outside the urban growth area unless it is demonstrated that non-urban sites are the most appropriate location.
- 9.1.12 Reduce and mitigate noise and light pollution caused by capital facilities.
- 9.1.13 Design capital facilities to achieve community development objectives and improve neighborhoods.
- 9.1.14 Coordinate capital investment projects and programs across departments.

2. CONTINUITY OF PUBLIC SERVICES

Goal:

9.2 Invest in the timely replacement of aging infrastructure to ensure continuity and delivery of vital public services.

Policies:

- 9.2.1 Define essential public facilities, consistent with the Revised Code of Washington and the Growth Management Act.
- 9.2.2 Increase the resilience of utilities and infrastructure by preparing for disasters and planning for system recovery.
- 9.2.3 Allow natural boundaries to help determine the routes and placement of infrastructure connections and improvements.
- 9.2.4 Provide residents with access to high quality drinking water that meets or exceeds state and federal requirements.

9.2.5 Reduce per capita rate of water consumption through conservation, efficiency, reclamation, and reuse.

9.2.6 Establish level of service standards to guide delivery of quality services to current and future residents and businesses.

9.2.7 Consider the impacts of climate change, economic, and health impacts when siting and building essential capital facilities.

9.2.8 Plan for the long-term renewal or replacement of aging capital facilities as needed to maintain target service levels.

3. LONG-TERM FINANCIAL SUSTAINABILITY

Goal:

9.3 Provide long-term financial plans by identifying resources for the future maintenance, repair, and replacement of capital facilities citywide.

Policies:

9.3.1 Seek grants to fund capital improvements whenever feasible, and plan for available funding to support the City's share of planned improvements.

9.3.2 Manage City debt to effectively while maintaining reserves for emergencies.

9.3.3 Allocate City sewer and water connection fees primarily for capital improvements related to facility expansion.

9.3.4 Evaluate new and existing sources of funding for services, maintenance and infrastructure.

9.3.5 Ensure parks facility users are paying a reasonable share of the costs of operating and maintaining the facilities.

9.3.6 Annually adopt by reference the Snoqualmie Valley School District Six-Year Capital Facility Plan and update school impact fees on new residential units to ensure that school facilities will be provided to meet projected growth.

4. INTRA-CITY AND REGIONAL COORDINATION

Goal:

9.4 Provide long-term capital facility plans that consider and complements land use objectives and capital facility planning efforts and objectives of neighboring jurisdictions.

Policies:

9.4.1 Participate in inter-jurisdictional efforts, including the Snoqualmie Tribe, to site essential capital facilities and pursue agreements among jurisdictions to mitigate against the disproportionate burden that may fall on the jurisdiction which becomes the site of a facility.

9.4.2 Coordinate with neighboring jurisdictions on infrastructure projects that cross city boundaries in planning, development, and design.

9.4.3 Work with Snoqualmie Valley School District to meet existing and future community needs, including safe, walkable schools.

9.4.4 Coordinate with other jurisdictions to implement multi-jurisdictional facility improvements, and attempt to coordinate land use procedures for consistent decision making.

5. PROTECTION AND PRESERVATION OF EXISTING CITY INFRASTRUCTURE

Goal:

9.5 Protect and preserve its significant investment in infrastructure by adequately funding regular and ongoing maintenance needs of critical infrastructure.

Policies:

9.5.1 Require the joint use or co-location of utility trenches, conduits and poles to minimize aboveground structures, and to provide for the expansion, maintenance and upgrading facilities with the least amount of service disruption.

9.5.2 Reduce per capita rate of water consumption through conservation, efficiency, reclamation, and reuse.

9.5.3 Replace failing septic systems within the urban growth area with sanitary sewers or alternative technology that is comparable or better.