

CAPITAL FACILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION BREAKOUT QUESTIONS

What do you think are the most important capital facilities to focus on as our population, housing, and employment needs change with expected growth, and why?

- Not in a position to decide which is most important.
- Many of these are things you can leverage with conservation and not just expand, and some you can't (ex: Schools).
- Transit is stigmatized in rural areas (mostly an affordability issue), but if it was more encouraged would be used more.
- Look at things as interconnected, that need to be adjusted relative to one another. Different framework to think about capital facilities. Use "System Thinking". Make a systems diagram.
- Need more data – who is being impacted. What is the value of that?

How important do you think alternative energy production will be in Kitsap County over the next 20 years? What kinds of alternative energy production do you think would be appropriate in Kitsap County?

- Greenhouse Gas Emissions analysis shows that a large % of emissions come from built environment.
- We have a marine environment - climate change is a big concern for us.
- This is an "opportunity space". There may be grants that support more solar, etc.

Natural resource assets include freshwater systems and streams, forest cover, shorelines, etc. Do you think natural resource assets should be included in the Capital Facilities Plan and formally treated as essential assets that are planned for, managed, and invested in to meet the needs of current and future generations?

- Analyze what services we are getting from our streams, vegetation, shoreline. It would be a good idea to add to facilities plan.
- If we lose those that asset, then we can quantify which service we're losing – data.
- The value of these natural resources is going up. As they become more rare, their value becomes greater (if looking at it as an economic resource.)
- Don't let it lose its "natural" part of asset.
- It's about preservation as much as anything.
- Issue with term "level of service." It's not just about how natural assets serve us, but how we can benefit them.

What kind of improvements would you suggest for the following facility types? Traffic flow and congestion improvements, Transit service improvements, Non-Motorized improvements.

- More focus on grade separation for bikes and cars, separate modes.

- Green spaces near roads for a more enjoyable commute.
- Think about who will actually use facilities, most people won't bike next to a busy road.
- Think about what incentives there are for alternative modes of travel
- Figure out where people are going – where can we make it easier to use alternative modes of travel.
- Use existing roadways that we have and make them better (for example, shoulders to be used more safely for ped. and bike). Could require some \$ for acquisition of more right away.
- Focus on eliminating gaps in ped and bike corridors.
- For transit, Consider aging-in-place. Also consider younger demographic. Help people from areas further out to access hubs and access transit nodes.

If additional funding needed to be raised for transportation facilities improvements, what would be your preferred source of funding, and why?

- a. Increased taxes for everyone (gas, property, etc)
 - b. Increase fees on new development (impact fees)
 - c. Shift funds from other uses (i.e., shift roads funds to non-motorized or transit)
 - d. Other?
- Change in tax structure.
 - Gas taxes – complicated issue. Creates “ownership” perception of the road.
 - User fees – tabs for bike, etc.
 - We should *measure* how much impact we're having on non-motorized year to year.

Are there additional facilities or services that should be accounted for in the Capital Facilities Plan? What are we missing and where? (*water, sewer, stormwater, schools, parks and recreation facilities, public buildings, roads, transit, non-motorized, ferries, library, health and human services, telecommunications, police, and fire*)

In urban areas, do you think we have enough parking for the current level of development? And, as we increase density how would you handle the additional travel demand?

What other comments or concerns do you have about Capital Facilities or Transportation?