

Planning and Development Services

2011 Legislative Work Program



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Preamble

- Periodic review of long-range work program projects
 - The list is long; the demands are many
 - Previously identified 55 work program projects
 - 2005 GMA update identified 24 “trailing issues”

- County resources, Priorities
 - 2010 budget, staffing & outsourcing
 - “Mandatory” vs. “Discretionary” actions
 - Business model
 - Commit resources, get the job done
 - Avoid “false hope or expectations”

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1. Bayview Ridge Urban Growth Area Implementation

- 4,000 acre subarea
- New community approaching 5,600 residents by 2025
- Develop implementation partnerships
- Adopt Planned Unit Development regulations, Low Impact Development techniques, Design Standard Manual, Community Center – Conceptual Master Plan.
- Options and choices for creating a walkable, livable, sustainable community

Project Manager: TBD

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2. Envision Skagit 2060 (formally known as Alternative Futures)

- Development and evaluation of alternative development scenarios for Skagit Valley 2060 and selection of “preferred alternative” that maintains ecosystem, conservation lands/natural resource industries, and sustainable communities.
- Continue work with Technical Advisory Committee, Citizen Committee, Growth Management Act Steering Committee, and Skagit Council of Governments

Project Manger: Kirk Johnson

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3. Shoreline Master Program (SMP) Update

- SMP first adopted in 1970's
- Update SMP to be consistent with Department of Ecology guidelines
- Local master programs regulate new development and use of shorelines along rivers and larger streams, lakes over 20 acres, and marine waters within their jurisdictions

Project Manager: Betsy Stevenson

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4. Skagit County Capital Facilities (CFP) Update

- Update 6-year CFP inventory and projects
- Prepare 2012-2017 CFP concurrent with 2012 County budget

Project Manager: Carly Ruacho

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5. Annual Skagit County Code (SCC) Amendments

- Annual amendments to implementing regulations (SCC) clarify their intent and assure consistency with the comprehensive plan

Project Manager: Carly Ruacho

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6. Comprehensive Plan Amendment (CPA) 2011 Docket

- Comprehensive Plan amendments include policies, land use designations, and modifications to urban growth area boundaries

Project Manager: Carly Ruacho

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7. FEMA Flood Insurance Rate (FIRM) Map & Regulation

- Federal Emergency Management Agency issuance of updated FIRM and update associated regulations under SCC 14. 34, Flood Damage Prevention

Project Manager: Tim DeVries

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8. FEMA & NMFS Biological Opinion (BiOp)

- National Marine Fisheries Service BiOp regarding the National Flood Insurance Program and necessary actions to protect certain Puget Sound species of salmon and Orca

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9. Pipeline & Hazardous Materials Pipeline Safety Standards

- Develop land use regulations / standards pertaining to transmission pipeline safety

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