

Skagit County Planning Commission's Recorded Motion Regarding the Capital Facilities Plan 2015Q1 Update

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Proposal name:	Capital Facilities Plan 2015-2020 Q1 Update
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PC deliberations:	April 7, 2015

After considering the written and spoken comments and considering the record before it, the Planning Commission enters the following findings of fact, reasons for action, and recommendations to the Board of County Commissioners.

Findings of Fact and Reasons for Action

1. The purpose of the County's proposal is to facilitate the collection of impact fees for the school districts and cities that have submitted schedules of impact fees and supporting documentation.
2. Impact fees are an important mechanism for cities and school districts to be able to finance the infrastructure necessary to serve new development.
3. RCW 82.02.090 provides that impact fees must be demonstrably and reasonably related to the new development that creates additional demand and need for public facilities, must be a proportionate share of the cost of the public facilities, and must be used for facilities that reasonably benefit the new development.
4. The County should collect impact fees within the unincorporated areas on behalf of the cities and school districts that have properly established them to ensure that the costs of new development are not paid by existing residents.
5. The proposal properly incorporates by reference the updated capital facilities plans of the Cities of Mount Vernon and Sedro-Woolley and the Mount Vernon and Sedro-Woolley School Districts.
6. The proposal makes useful organizational changes to the county code to apply the Public Facilities Impact Fees chapter to all impact fees, including those collected for cities' urban growth areas, and to update the statutory period for spending those impact fees to comply with revisions to state law.

7. The County received written comments on the proposal from the City of Mount Vernon and City of Sedro-Woolley asking, among other things, that the County's collection of impact fees within the cities' urban growth areas be mandatory.
8. Consistent with SCC 14.30.020, interlocal agreements are essential to facilitate the proper collection and distribution of impact fees for other jurisdictions.

Recommendation

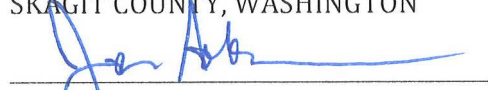
The Planning Commission recommends that the Board of County Commissioners **approve** the proposal with the following changes:

1. Modify the proposed text in SCC 14.30.020 to make County collection of impact fees mandatory for those jurisdictions that properly submit a schedule of impact fees and necessary documentation of compliance with statute.

This recorded motion approved April 7, 2015:

Commission Vote	Support	Oppose	Absent	Abstain
Josh Axthelm, Chair	✓			
Keith Greenwood, Vice Chair	✓			
Amy Hughes	✓			
Annie Lohman	✓			
Matt Mahaffie			✓	
Kathy Mitchell	✓			
Kevin Meenaghan	✓			
Tammy Candler	✓			
Robert Temples	✓			
Total	8	0	1	0

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SKAGIT COUNTY, WASHINGTON



Josh Axthelm, Chair

4/7/2015
Date



Dale Pernula, Secretary

4/8/15
Date