

Resolution No. 16040

A RESOLUTION amending Appendix G of the Thurston County Comprehensive Plan, also known as the Capital Improvement Program.

The Board of County Commissioners of Thurston County enters the following findings of fact:

I. GENERAL FINDINGS

1. The state Growth Management Act (GMA), Chapter 36.70A RCW, requires the counties within its scope to adopt comprehensive plans which are guided by the Act's goals and which meet the Act's requirements.
2. The GMA requires counties to adopt county-wide planning policies to guide the adoption of comprehensive plans. The principle purpose of these policies is to ensure that the comprehensive plans of counties and the cities within them are coordinated and consistent with each other. The amendments to the comprehensive plan adopted by this resolution were prepared, considered and adopted in compliance with the county-wide planning policies.
3. The GMA allows for the capital facilities element of a Comprehensive Plan to be amended concurrently with the adoption or amendment of a county budget.
4. The amendments to the Comprehensive Plan adopted by this resolution were the subject of a public hearing before the Thurston County Planning Commission and a public hearing before the Thurston County Board of County Commissioners. This resolution amends the existing Appendix G, Capital Improvement Program, of the Comprehensive Plan for Thurston County.
5. The measures adopted by this resolution comply with the GMA and other governing law and are reasonably related to the public health, safety and welfare.
6. A SEPA Determination of Nonsignificance for the amendments adopted by this resolution was issued May 18, 2021 (SEPA No. 2021102120) and amends the 1994 Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the Thurston County Comprehensive Plan.

II. GROWTH MANAGEMENT ACT GOALS

7. Chapter 36.70A RCW provides 14 goals "to guide the development and adoption of comprehensive plans and development regulations" under the GMA. The goals are not listed in order of priority.
8. In formulating the comprehensive plan amendments adopted by this resolution, this Board has considered the goals contained in Chapter 36.70A RCW. The Board has weighed the goals as they apply to the subject matter of this resolution and has attempted to reach a reasoned balance among these goals.
9. The findings below and the record generated in the hearing and adoption of this resolution show that this measure is consistent with the GMA goals.

III. CAPITAL FACILITIES

10. The state Growth Management Act requires Thurston County to adopt a capital facilities element as part of its Comprehensive Plan which contains a six-year capital improvements program, consistent with RCW 36.70A.070.
11. After public hearings by the Thurston County Planning Commission and Board of Commissioners, Resolution No. 10617 was enacted on April 18, 1994, adopting the Thurston County Capital Facilities Plan in compliance with the GMA. This plan applied in unincorporated Thurston County, including urban growth areas. It included goals and policies, facility inventory and needs assessment for capital facilities as well as the six-year financing plan for the capital improvements proposed to be carried out by Thurston County in these areas.
12. Since the original adoption in 1994, a separate appendix to the Comprehensive Plan was created for the six-year finance plan portion of the

capital facilities element. Appendix G, also known as the Capital Improvement Program, updated on an annual basis with capital project financing information and project descriptions for the subsequent six-year period.

13. Appendix G is being amended by this resolution to update the Capital Improvement Program adopted December 18, 2020 for the years 2021 through 2026, adding two capital projects necessary to house County administrative offices. Both projects are necessary for the continuity of important governmental functions, including but not limited to ballot processing for elections and ensuring adequate court facilities for judicial services. To avoid failure of these functions, this amendment to the Capital Improvement Program needs to be acted on immediately.

14. This amendment estimates the amount of money needed for the two additional planned facilities and identifies sources of funding for which there is reasonable assurance of availability. Actual financial and budgetary decisions by the County may deviate to some degree from the estimates presented in the capital improvement program.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF THURSTON COUNTY that:

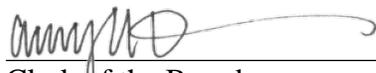
Section 1. The existing Appendix G of the Thurston County Comprehensive Plan is hereby amended with the text as shown in Attachment A to this Resolution.

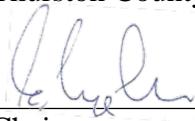
Section 2. Severability. If any clause, sentence, paragraph, section or part of this Resolution and the provisions adopted hereunder or the application thereof to any person or circumstance shall be found to be invalid, the court order or judgment shall be confined in its operation to the controversy in which it was rendered and shall not affect or invalidate the remainder of any part thereof to any other person or circumstance.

Section 3. Corrections. Upon approval of the Prosecuting Attorney’s Office, the Clerk of the Board is authorized to make any necessary corrections to any section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase or other portion of this Ordinance for scrivener or clerical errors, references, ordinance numbering, section/subsection numbers, and any reference thereto.

ADOPTED: June 29, 2021.

ATTEST:


Clerk of the Board

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
Thurston County, Washington

Chair

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

JON TUNHEIM
PROSECUTING ATTORNEY

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Vice-Chair, Commissioner Edwards

By: 
Deputy Prosecuting Attorney


Commissioner