

Capital Facilities Plan (CFP)

The Growth Management Act requires Thurston County to include a capital facilities element in its comprehensive plan (RCW 36.70A.070(3)). Among other requirements, the capital facilities element must contain a six or more-year plan of capital projects, with estimated costs and proposed methods of financing, that is updated regularly. The purpose of a CFP is to ensure adequate public facilities (e.g., parks, roads, schools) are in place to serve existing and new development.

Where is Thurston County's CFP?

The CFP is in the [Thurston County Comprehensive Plan](#). It can be found, primarily, in Chapter 6 and Appendix G, which together form the CFP.

Chapter 6- Capital Facilities

- Provides planning context for internal and external coordination.
- Contains policies, goals, and objectives for capital facilities planning.
- Defines county capital facilities, describes sources of funding used for capital facilities, and estimated 20-year costs for different types of infrastructure.
- Updated as needed (at least every 8 years with major comp plan updates).

Appendix G- Capital Improvement Program

- Provides the inventory of current capital facilities and forecasts future needs.
- Details County capital projects with their funding source and 6-year costs.
- Lists the capital facilities of other jurisdictions (schools and fire districts).
- Currently, this is updated annually in coordination with the budget (Note: state law allows for biennial updates).

Coordinated Planning

The CFP is fed by many sources of information throughout the county and region. It must be closely coordinated with the land use element of the Comprehensive Plan and regional growth projections. Levels of service expected for capital facilities are defined in Chapter 6 and in other chapters of the Comprehensive Plan (e.g., Chapter 5-Transportation, Chapter 7-Utilities and Chapter 9- Environment, Recreation and Open Space).

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Transportation capital facilities

In addition to being described in the CFP, transportation projects must also be described in a separate Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). This program is updated annually by Public Works.

Find the complete CFP in the Comprehensive Plan at <https://www.thurstoncountywa.gov/planning/Pages/comp-plan-current.aspx>



Coordinated Planning continued

Other county planning documents, including the Parks, Open Space & Trails (POST) Plan, and Transportation Improvement Program provide information for the CFP. Schools and fire districts maintain their own capital facilities plans, which are referenced by the Thurston County CFP. Thurston County’s budget is aligned with the annual update of the Capital Improvement Program to ensure adequate funding for facilities.

Impact Fees

Impact fees are an important source of funding for some capital facilities. These fees are charged to developers to ensure adequate infrastructure is in place as our community grows. Projects funded by impact fees must be listed in the CFP. The fees themselves are not listed in the CFP but are published on separate fee schedules maintained by CPED. Jurisdictions and departments collecting impact fees must inform CPED of any updates to the fees on an annual basis. Updating impact fees to maintain adequate funding for capital facilities is the responsibility of the department or jurisdiction that collects these fees.



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