

# 2026-2031 Capital Improvement Program

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# Today's Work Session

Purpose: Introduce reimagined Capital Improvement Program (CIP)

- Review historic CIP process
- Walk through new draft CIP
- Schedule public hearing

# What is the CIP?

Six-year plan (list) of community investments for unincorporated areas of Thurston County

- Projects anticipated to cost \$100,000 or more, with a 10-year life cycle, and anything funded with real estate excise tax (REET) funds or impact fees

*“Facilities owned by Thurston County and other public entities necessary to support the County’s current and forecasted population growth. These include, but are not limited to, roads, bridges, sewers, parks, water supply and conveyance systems, stormwater management systems, water and wastewater disposal and treatment systems, schools, fire facilities, and County buildings.”*

# Past CIP Issues



## TOO LONG

The plan was 150 pages



## TOO SPECIFIC

Over 15 staff working on content



## TOO MANY MEETINGS

Lengthy and repetitive meetings



## RUBBER STAMP

Most projects already approved for plan



## REDUCE SIZE

Move content out of CIP to reduce to 30 pages



## ONLINE PLATFORM

Shift projects to an online platform—making updates more regular with increased transparency



## BIENNIAL CYCLE

Migrate from an annual to biennial adoption



## COMMUNITY RESOURCE

# Schedule to date for Reimagined CIP



# Change #1 – Simplified CIP

*Increase staff efficiency and public usability*

## Previous CIP

Current level of detail is extensive, resulting in a CIP over **150 pages**

- Financial chart includes historical, required, and future data
- Extensive project specific pages
  - Includes maps, phases, locations, justifications, and implications.

Level of Effort: **High**

## Proposed CIP

Proposed level of detail is streamlined to under **50 pages**

- Focus on key projects and essential financial data
- Highlight successes and key achievements of each group

Level of Effort: **Low**

## Change #2 – Location of Project Info

*Improve public communications*

### Previous CIP

Current CIP includes comprehensive, project-specific information with a [dedicated page](#) for each project

- Each project page features in-depth information
- Limited ability to make updates

Level of Effort: **High**

### Proposed CIP

Proposed method relies on project-specific information that lives in a [separate document and website](#)

- Allows for live updates and greater transparency
- Integrates with a capital projects page to offer more resources and better communication for the community

Level of Effort: **Medium**

# Change #3 – Adoption Schedule

*Increase review time*

## Previous CIP

Current CIP is approved alongside the County budget **each year**

- Entire CIP process is repeated annually, including BoCC meetings, Planning Commission meetings, SEPA, etc.

Level of Effort: **High**

## Proposed CIP

CIP is approved **every other year** with the annual Comprehensive Plan Amendment

- More time allotted for internal and external review to ensure alignment with Comprehensive Plan

Level of Effort: **Low**

# Planning Commission Review

- What information would be helpful to have online?
- How can we structure this document to be a community resource?
- Are there any areas needing more alignment with the DRAFT Comprehensive Plan?



## Motion to Schedule Public Hearing

*“Move to set a public hearing on the amendments to Appendix G of the Thurston County Comprehensive Plan, docket item CPA-4 2026-2031 Capital Improvement Plan, for August 6, 2025 at 7:00 PM or soon after.”*



Thank you!

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