

LEWIS COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION

Leslie Myers, Vice Chair

LETTER OF TRANSMITTAL

To: Lewis County Board of County Commissioners

From: Lewis County Planning Commission

Date: November 12, 2020

Subject: Transmittal to the BOCC: Amendment to the Lewis County Comprehensive Plan to adjust the Capital Facility 10-year Project List

Dear Commissioners:

The purpose of this report is to transmit to the Board of County Commissioners a draft amendment to the Lewis County Comprehensive Plan. The Planning Commission recommends approval for the Capital Facility 10-year Project List.

General findings of fact:

1. RCW 36.70A.070(3) establishes that a mandatory element of the comprehensive plan is the capital facilities element.
2. In the 2016 Lewis County Comprehensive Plan, the Utilities and Capital Facilities Element includes a 10-Year Capital Facilities Project List, Table CF-7 on Page CF-36.
3. Earlier this year, the Lewis County Capital Facilities Committee prepared a revised Capital Facilities 10-Year Project List that amends the list of projects within Table CF-7.
4. The updated 2020 Capital Facilities 10-Year Project List requires amending Table CF-7 in the current version of the Lewis County Comprehensive Plan.
5. LCC 17.12, Public Participation establishes procedures to amend the Lewis County Comprehensive Plan.
6. The Lewis County Planning Commission held a public workshop on September 29, 2020 to discuss the 10-Year Project List proposed by the Capital Facilities Committee. Upon conclusion of the workshop, the Planning Commission adopted a motion to hold a public hearing on November 10, 2020.
7. The county published a legal notice in The Daily Chronicle on October 20, 2020 advertising a public hearing on the proposed Capital Facilities 10-Year Project List.

8. Before the public hearing date, the Lewis County Planning Commission received and considered the Capital Facilities 10-Year Project List. Copies of all materials were available to the public in accordance with LCC 17.12.
9. The Lewis County Planning Commission held a public hearing on November 10, 2020 and received public testimony on the Capital Facilities 10-Year Project List as a proposed amendment to the comprehensive plan.

Conclusions

After closing the public hearing, the Planning Commission deliberated on the amendment to Table CF-7 and came to the following conclusions:

1. The 2020 Capital Facilities 10-Year Project List satisfies the consistency requirements of the Growth Management Act, the Lewis County Countywide Planning Policies, and each element of the Lewis County Comprehensive Plan; and,
2. Satisfies the public's general health, safety, and welfare.

Recommendation

Based on the forestated findings of fact and conclusions, the Planning Commission recommends that the Board of County Commissioners pass an ordinance to adopt the proposed changes to the Lewis County Comprehensive Plan as shown in Exhibits A.

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Additional Notes

1. The Lewis County Community Development will forward a draft of Comprehensive Plan Amendment to the Washington State Department of Commerce for their 60-day review with all of the other proposed Comprehensive Plan Amendments for 2020. WAC 365-196-640 requires comprehensive plans to be considered by the governing body concurrently and may not be considered more frequently than once every year, so that the cumulative effect of various proposals can be ascertained

Exhibit A – Proposed Comprehensive Plan and Zoning Ordinance Map amendment