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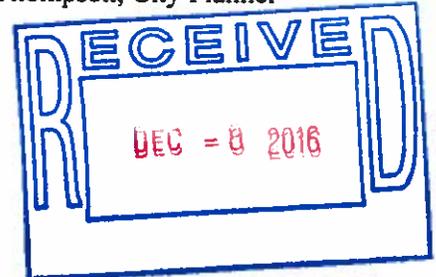
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PROJECT #:

SUBJECT: Buckley Comprehensive Plan, Transportation Update



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COMMENTS:

Kathy,

We have revised the Comprehensive Plan- Transportation Element based on the comments we received from PSRC. The response to the specific comments are:

- The transportation element in the plan update should include a clear inventory of existing auto, bicycle, and pedestrian facilities, preferably in the form of a map or maps.
 - This is addressed in the Existing Information section
- It does not appear that transportation for those with special needs is addressed in the draft plan. Please add applicable discussion and policy language (see MPP-T-25)_
 - We added goal 5.2.4: "All new transportation facilities shall meet current ADA Guidelines. All existing facilities shall be inventoried for ADA compliance and prioritized for enhancement where necessary."
- In order to fully address the requirements of RCW 36.70X070 (6), the travel demand forecast used in the transportation element must be consistent with the planning period and growth assumptions used in other elements of the plan, especially land use and housing elements. Currently, the update plans for land use through 2035 and transportation needs through 2030. Please revise the plan to bring these two elements into consistency with each other, with clear documentation included in the discussion of the transportation demand analysis



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- We have revised the volumes, and reran our analysis for the year 2035. This has changed tables 3 and 6, and various references to the year 2030 to 2035
- We commend the city's efforts to quantify future potential impacts on the transportation system including where the local net-work connects with state facilities. To fully meet the requirements of GMA, the plan should also clearly identify SR-165 and SR-410 as regionally significant state- owned facilities. In additm the city should reflect the LOS adopted by WSDOT for these facilities. Information on these facilities and LOS can be accessed at:
<http://psrc.org/transportation/t2040/los>
 - We added language in the concurrency section for SR165 and SR 410:
 - State Route 410 and State Route 165 travel through the City of Buckley. The Right of way for these routes is owned by the City, however, the facilities located between curb to curb is maintained by the state. The State has set a level of service standard for these routes, and identified SR 410 as a Tier 2, and will need a LOS D, while SR 165 is a Tier 3 and require a LOS C.
- The transportation element should include a more detailed analysis and documentation of the city' s financing pm which should address all identified transportation facilities and strategies throughout the twenty-year plannmg period, including mai ntenance costs. While the financing plan doesn't need to be as detailed or specific as the six-year financial plan, this financing plan should include general costs as well as predicted revenue sources and amounts If this analysis shows a gap between the cost ofneeded facilities and probably financing the plan should include a reassessment strategy. Dran policies 5 _ 7 _ 1 to 5 7.6 provide a good framework for this analysis For more information on this requirement, see WAC 365-196-430, and the Washington Department of Commerce's Transportation Element Guidebook (chapter 40 and Capital Facilities Planning Guidebook.
 - We have added the following section and language:
 - City Operating Cost

The City sets aside an annual budget for the operation and maintenance of the transportation system through a Transportation Benefit District, which was established by Ordinance No. 13-12 in November of 2012. The Transportation Benefit District Funds:

 - City of Buckley Street Fund 101 (operation and maintenance)
 - Pavement Preservation and Overlay Program
 - Transportation Projects, described in detail within the (2014 - 2019) Six-Year Transportation Improvement Program.
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- Multicounty planning policies call for the development of clean transportation programs and facilities, including actions to reduce pollution and greenhouse gas emissions (see MPP-T-5 7).



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We recommend that die plan address climate change mitigation and particularly in the transportation element, and also where appropriate in other parts of the plan.

- o Existing Goal 5.6 addresses this

Thanks,
Rory