



WHATCOM COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION

5280 Northwest Drive
Bellingham WA 98226

AGENDA April 25th, 2024

The Whatcom County Planning Commission will hold a **hybrid** meeting at 6:30 p.m., with the option to attend remotely or in person at 5280 Northwest Drive, Bellingham.

- Call to Order
- Roll Call
- Flag Salute
- Department Update
- Open Session for Public Comment
- Commissioner Comments
- Approval of Minutes of: March 28th, 2024
- Public Hearing and Work Session regarding: *Capital Improvement Program*
- Unfinished Business
- Adjournment

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Upcoming Meeting Topics

- Public Participation Plan
- Housing, Population and Employment Projections and Allocations
- Lummi Height

There are nine members on the Whatcom County Planning Commission. If you will be giving written information to the Commissioners, please give a copy to the Coordinator for our office files.

*For more information please contact Aileen Kogut-Aguon at (360) 778-5935 or PDS_Planning_Commission@co.whatcom.wa.us
5280 Northwest Drive, Bellingham WA 98226*



**RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS OF THE
WHATCOM COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION
March 28th, 2024**

Public Hearing and Work Session

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1 **Call to Order**

2 The meeting was called to order by Whatcom County Planning Commission Chair,
3 Kelvin Barton at 6:31 p.m.

4 **Roll Call**

5 **Present:** Kelvin Barton, Daniel Dahlquist, Atul Deshmane, Jim Hansen, Frank James,
6 Dominic Mocerri, Scott Van Dalen

7 Stephen Jackson arrived at 6:38p via zoom.

8 **Absent:**, Julie Jefferson

9 **Staff Present:** Steve Roberge, Aileen Kogut-Aguon, Priscilla Drewry, Kelly
10 Chamberlain

11 **Department Update**

12 Steve Roberge, Assistant Director of Planning and Development Services (PDS),
13 provided information on agenda items be going to Council on April 9th. Mr. Roberge
14 also mentioned items scheduled for Planning Commission within the next couple of
15 months including, Public Participation Plan, High Impact Industrial Zones and Climate
16 Impact Program. He concluded his update with PDS new staff updates.

17 **Open Session Public Comment**

18 Dave Widner provided public comment and answered questions from the
19 Commissioners.

20 Lynn Moser provided public comment

21 **Commissioner Comments**

22 There was no Commissioner Comments

23 **Approval of Meeting Minutes**

24 **Timestamp: 6:51p**

25 **1 Commissioner Frank James moved** to approve the meeting minutes from
26 February 22, 2024.

27 **Commissioner Dominic Mocerri seconded.**

28 **Roll Call Vote: Ayes-** Deshmane, Hansen, Jackson, James, Mocerri, Van Dalen,
29 **Dahlquist, Barton**

30 **(Ayes-8; Nays-0; Abstain-0). The motion carried.**

31 **2023 Open Space Applications**

32 **Timestamp: 6:53p**

33 Priscilla Drewry, former Open Space Program Administrator, provided information
34 about the Open Space Program and presented the current Open Space application to
35 be recommended for approval or denial to Whatcom County Council. Only one
36 application was processed in 2023 and the application does not meet the threshold to



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1 be recommended for approval by PDS staff. The application presented requests a
2 reclassification of 19.4 acres as Open Space, Farm and Agricultural Conservation Land
3 from Open Space, Farm and Agriculture.

4 Commission Chair Barton asked whether or not the access road to the property was
5 private or a public access road. Ms. Drewry responded that the road is private and as
6 part of the applicant's Public Benefit Rating (PBR) score, they received points for
7 access to the parcel but did not score as high as a public road.

8 Commissioner Mocerri asked what would happen if the property is not reclassified.
9 Ms. Drewry explained the property would no longer be part of the program and the
10 owners would owe back taxes for all the years the property was included.

11 Commissioner Hansen asked if the property was reclassified now, and then the owners
12 decide to reclassify and develop the land into five acre lots, what would the tax penalty
13 be for that. Ms. Drewry responded the property owners would owe approximately
14 \$1,000 per acre in back taxes for the past seven years.

15 Commissioner Deshmane asked to explore the issue of the water footprint and water
16 rights, and the impacts this property would have if it was switched to an open space
17 designation.

18 Commissioner Mocerri asked if the private road were changed to public access how that
19 would impact the neighboring homes around the property.

20 Commissioner James asked about the PBR scoring system and if the application had
21 earned a high enough score to be recommended for approval. He stated that based on
22 the information provided, the property does not qualify for Open Space approval
23 recommendation and, especially as it would impact the neighboring properties, he
24 argued that the Commissioners should not break from staff recommendation.

25 Commissioner Hansen noted that if the property were denied reclassification into the
26 Open Space Program, it is possible multiple homes could be built there instead which
27 would provide much less environmental conservation and be similarly if not more
28 impactful to the neighboring properties.

29 **Public Hearing and Work Session Regarding Open Space Applications**

30 **Timestamp: 7:25p**

31 There was no public comment.

32 **Open Space Application Work Session**

33 **Timestamp: 7:25p**

34 **2** *Commissioner James moved to recommend the reclassification of the Open Space
35 application be denied to council.*

36 **Commissioner Jackson seconded.**

37 **Roll Call Vote: Ayes- Jackson, James, Mocerri, Van Dalen, Dahlquist, Barton**

38 **Nays- Hansen**

39 **Abstain- Deshmane**

40 **(Ayes-6; Nays-1; Abstain-1). The motion carried.**



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1 **Timestamp: 7:23**

2 The meeting was adjourned at 7:24 p.m.

3 Minutes prepared by Aileen Kogut-Aguon.

4 WHATCOM COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION ATTEST:

5 _____
6 Kelvin Barton, Chair

Aileen Kogut-Aguon, Secretary



Memorandum

April 16, 2024

To: The Whatcom County Planning Commission
From: Lucas Clark, Planner I
Through: Steve Roberge, Assistant Director
RE: Six-Year CIP Amendments (PLN2023-00008)

The Six-Year Capital Improvement Program (CIP) for Whatcom County Facilities addresses County parks, trails, activity centers, maintenance & operations, general government buildings and sites, Sheriff's Office, emergency management, adult corrections, juvenile detention, transportation, and stormwater facilities.

The Whatcom County Comprehensive Plan indicates that the Six-Year CIP should be updated every two years. The last CIP update was approved by the County Council in 2023. The next comprehensive update, scheduled for late 2024, will cover the period from 2025 to 2030. However, the County has identified park and government capital facility projects it wants to start and/or complete in 2024-2025. These projects must be in the Six-Year CIP to use real estate excise tax (REET) dollars.

Changes are proposed in three chapters of the CIP:

- Chapter 2- Parks, Trails, and Activity Centers;
- Chapter 4- General Government Buildings and Sites; and
- Chapter 11- Total Costs.

Below is a summary of those changes and attached, as Exhibit A, is the full CIP in ~~strikeout~~/underline format.

Chapter 2 – Parks, Trails, and Activity Centers

In this update, Parks broke out funding more specifically than in previous updates. They also added eight new projects to their project inventory, removed two projects, and renamed six projects. They also updated the Trails and Parks inventory to reflect new additions.

Parks updated their inventory (Table 1) of existing parks by adding South Fork Park, located at 1530 Mosquito Lake Rd. South Fork Park added 642.5 acres to the County Parks inventory.

Parks added clarifying language to the Proposed Improvements Projects section of the CIP, including language for funding clean-up efforts associated with Lead contamination at Plantation Rifle Range and improved shower and restroom facilities at Silver Lake Park.

Parks amended Table 2, existing trails, to reflect the addition of 4.1 miles of trail to the Lake Whatcom Park trail. They also amended the Proposed Improvement Projects section to show the Governor's Point and Bay to Bake Trail additions. Finally, Parks reorganized the Park, Trail, and Activity Centers Projects (Table 4) for clarity (Alphabetized it), added eight new projects (all listed below), removed two projects, and renamed six projects.

Added projects:

- 2) Alderson Road End Day-Use Improvements
- 8) EWRRC – Building and Site Improvements
- 10) Governor's Point – Acquisition and Trailhead Development
- 23) Lighthouse Marine Park – Park Improvements
- 30) Multi-Modal Regional Trail Planning, Design, and Implementation
- 35) Property Acquisition (Acme/Bellingham to Baker Trail)
- 37) Samish Park – Pedestrian Trail Bridge Replacement
- 43) South Fork Park – Carrasco Property Structure Demolition, access control, and Caretaker's residence restoration

Project Name Changes

- New name = 32) Park Headquarters – Administrative Offices and Campus Improvements / Old name = 14) Park Headquarters Parking & Pedestrian Improvements
- New name = 45) South Fork Park – Nessel Farm Improvements / Old name = 21) Nessel Farm Improvements
- New name = 20) Lake Whatcom Park – Hertz Trail Capital Maintenance / Old name = 23) Hertz Trail Capital Maintenance
- New name = 28) Maple Falls Community Park – Trailhead Improvements / Old name = 25) Maple Falls Park Trailhead
- New name = 14) Hovander Homestead Park – Maintenance Shop Facility Programming / Old name = 32) Hovander Rental Property Conversion to Maintenance Shop
- New name = 19) Lake Whatcom Watershed – Forest Management Plan and Implementation / Old name = 33) Forest Management Plan

Projects Removed

- 34) Comprehensive Parks, Recreation, Open Space Plan Update (Not REET eligible)
- 43) Parks Admin Office HVAC Replacement & Upgrade (Project combined with No. 32)

Chapter 4 – General Government Buildings and Sites

Office space inventory was updated with over 12,000 more square feet by adding the Unity Street Rental Office Property and 3720 Williamson Way.

Four new projects and two funding sources were added: construction of the 23-hour Crisis Relief Center (Division St), updating the Security and surveillance Equipment (Main Jail, Jail work Center & Juvenile Detention), a New Generator for WUECC (3888 Sound Way), and 5th Superior Court and IT Tenant Improvement. The two

new funding sources are the American Rescue Plan Act and the Affordable Housing, Behavioral Health Facilities, and Related Services Program Fund.

Chapter 11 – Total Costs

Total Costs grew from \$403,434,092.00 to \$428,493,369.00 which reflects the increase in Parks, Trails, and Activity Centers and General Government Buildings and Sites total costs for the six-year planning period.

Therefore, the subject proposal is to amend the following chapters of the Six-Year CIP for Whatcom County Facilities 2023-2028 (Appendix F of the Whatcom County Comprehensive Plan):

- Parks, Trails, and Activity Centers;
- General Government Buildings and Sites; and
- Total Costs.

The complete amended CIP is attached as Exhibit A in strikethrough/underline format.

Planning & Development Services requests that the Planning Commission hold a public hearing, consider the proposed CIP amendments, and issue a recommendation to the County Council on April 25, 2024.

Thank you for your review and consideration of this matter. We look forward to discussing it with you.

Exhibit A
Six-Year
Capital Improvement Program
For Whatcom County Facilities
2023-2028

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Chapter 1 – Introduction

The Growth Management Act requires that the County's Comprehensive Plan include a "capital facilities plan element" (RCW 36.70A.070(3)). The Whatcom County Comprehensive Plan calls for the County to develop and update the Six-Year Capital Improvement Program (CIP) for County projects every two years. The main purpose of the Capital Improvement Program is to identify priority capital improvement projects and estimated costs, outline a schedule for project completion, and designate funding sources for these projects based on a review of existing and projected population and revenue conditions for the six year planning period.

Growth Management Act Requirements

According to the Growth Management Act, a county's capital facilities plan must include five items, which are shown below.

- A. *An inventory of existing capital facilities owned by public entities, showing the locations and capacities of the capital facilities.*

Current inventories of existing County capital facilities, based upon information provided by various County departments, are included in each chapter of this document.

- B. *A forecast of the future needs for such capital facilities.*

Chapter 4 of the Whatcom County Comprehensive Plan establishes numerical "level of service" standards for County parks and trails and contains policies relating to other County facilities. Capital facility needs are forecasted over the six-year planning period by applying the adopted level of service standards to the expected population in the year 2028 and by considering other relevant factors.

- C. *Proposed locations and capacities of expanded or new capital facilities.*

General locations and capacities of proposed County facilities are indicated in this document (as applicable).

- D. *At least a six-year plan that will finance such capital facilities within projected funding capacities and clearly identifies sources of public money for such purposes.*

This Six-Year Capital Improvement Program presents costs and funding sources for proposed County capital facilities (all figures are in 2022 dollars). There are a variety of funding sources that the County may utilize to pay for capital facilities, including real estate excise taxes (REET), sales tax, the Public Utilities Improvement Fund (also known as the Rural Sales Tax Fund, Economic Development Investment Fund or EDI Fund), Road Fund, state grants, federal grants and a variety of other sources.

- E. *A requirement to reassess the land use element if probable funding falls short of meeting existing needs and to ensure that the land use element, capital facilities plan element, and financing plan within the capital facilities plan element are coordinated and consistent.*

Finally, in accordance with the Growth Management Act, a requirement to reassess the land use element of the Comprehensive Plan if probable funding falls short of meeting existing needs and to ensure consistency between plans already exists in the Comprehensive Plan (Policy 4A-4).

Charter Provisions and the County Budget

In addition to Growth Management Act provisions relating to capital facilities, Section 6.30 of the County Charter also requires the County to include a six-year capital improvement program as part of the budget. Appropriations for 2023-2024 capital projects may be included in the biennial budget or may be adopted through the supplemental budget process. Ultimate funding for capital improvement projects is subject to County Council authorization in the adopted budget. Costs identified for 2025-2028 are included for planning purposes and review of potential future needs, but not for budget authorization at this time.

Chapter 2 – Parks, Trails, and Activity Centers

Parks

The 2022 inventory of County parks and open space areas is over 16,200 acres. This inventory is shown in Table 1 below.

Table 1. Existing Parks

Site No.	Park Name and Location	Acres
1	Alderwood Park, 3479 Willowwood Rd.	1.9
2	Bay Horizon Park, 7467 Gemini St.	68.2
3	Birch Bay Beach Park, 7930 Birch Bay Dr.	13.7
4	Birch Bay Conservancy Area, 7000 Point Whitehorn Rd.	45.0
5	Birch Bay Tidelands	151.0
6	Boulevard Park, 471 Bayview Dr.	1.4
7	Broadway Beach Access, 7497 Birch Bay Dr.	0.1
8	Cagey Road, 3130 Haxton Way	20.0
9	Camp 2 RR ROW, 3775 Camp 2 Rd.	2.3
10	Canyon Lake Community Forest, 8300 Mt. Baker Hwy.	2,266.0
11	Chuckanut Mountain Park, 745 Old Samish Rd.	987.9
12	Cottonwood Beach Access, 8191 Birch Bay Dr.	5.1
13	Deming Eagle Homestead Park, 5615 Truck Rd.	33.0
14	Dittrich Park, 319 E Lake Samish Dr.	25.2
15	Drayton Harbor Tidelands	0.3
16	Euclid Park, 1570 Euclid Ave.	2.2
17	Galbraith Mountain Access, 800 Birch Falls Dr.	20.0
18	Glacier Cemetery	0.5
19	Halverson Park, 5075 Anderson Rd.	5.6
20	Haynie Road, 2876 Haynie Rd.	1.9
21	Hegg, 3845 Blue Canyon Rd.	3.5
22	Hovander Homestead Park and Tennant Lake, 5299 Nielsen Rd.	333.4
23	Jackson Rd. Beach Access, 7465 Birch Bay Dr.	0.2
24	Jensen Family Forest Park, 8051 Stein Rd.	21.5
25	Josh VanderYacht Park, 4106 Valley Highway	2.0
26	Kickerville Road, 4110 Bay Rd.	2.6
27	Lake Whatcom Park, 3220 North Shore Rd.	4,853.0
28	Lighthouse Marine Park, 811 Marine Dr. in Point Roberts	20.5
29	Lily Point Marine Park, 2315 APA Rd. in Point Roberts	262.1
30	Little Squalicum Park, 640 Marine Dr.	12.7
31	Lookout Mountain Forest Preserve, 2537 Lake Louise Rd.	4,682.8
32	Lummi Island Beach Access, 2198 N. Nugent Rd.	0.2
33	Maple Beach Tidelands	100.9
34	Maple Creek Park, 7842 Silver Lake Rd.	73.1
35	Maple Falls Community Park, 7470 Second St.	4.2
36	Monument Park, 25 Marine Dr. in Point Roberts	6.9
37	Nugent's Corner River Access, 3685 Mt. Baker Highway	14.2
38	Ostrom Conservation Site, 4304 South Pass Rd.	38.6
39	Phillips 66 Soccer Park, 5238 Northwest Dr.	36.6
40	Point Whitehorn Marine Reserve, 6770 Koehn Rd.	54.1
41	Redwood Park, 3310 Redwood Ave.	0.3
42	Samish Park, 673 N. Lake Samish Dr.	30.6
43	Samish Way, 5170 Samish Way	1.4
44	Semiahmoo Park, 9261 Semiahmoo Parkway	291.9
45	Silver Lake Park, 9006 Silver Lake Rd.	413.4
46	South Fork Park, 1530 Mosquito Lake Rd.	642.5
47	South Lake Whatcom Park, 4144 S Bay Dr.	79.5
48	South Pass East, 4900 South Pass Rd.	0.5
49	South Pass West, 4190 South Pass Rd.	0.4
50	Squires Lake Park, 2510 Nulle Rd.	90.1
51	Stimpson Family Nature Reserve, 2076 Lake Louise Rd.	400.4
52	Sunnyside Landing, 2870 Northshore Rd.	6.3
53	Sunset Beach, 2580 West Shore Dr. on Lummi Island	7.0
54	Sunset Farm Park, 7977 Blaine Rd.	69.5
55	Ted Edwards Park, 4150 Oriental Ave.	3.5
56	Teddy Bear Cove Park, 1467 Chuckanut Dr.	11.2
57	Terrell Creek Access, 7417 Jackson Rd.	0.5
58	Terrell Creek Heron Rookery, 7065 Jackson Rd.	15.0
59	Terrell Creek Point, 7685 Birch Bay Dr.	6.7
60	Turner-Jaeger, 1975 Lake Louise Rd.	3.8
61	Welcome Bridge River Access, 5585 Mosquito Lake Rd.	0.6
TOTAL		16,249.5

Exhibit A
Six-Year CIP

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12	Cottonwood Beach Access, 8191 Birch Bay Dr.	5.1
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14	Dittrich Park, 319 E Lake Samish Dr.	25.2
15	Drayton Harbor Tidelands	0.3
16	Euclid Park, 1570 Euclid Ave.	2.2
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18	Glacier Cemetery	0.5
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TOTAL		16,210.0

Pursuant to RCW 36.87.130, there are also public access properties on right-of-way ends that intersect shorelines. Whatcom County also holds public access easements for recreational purposes on certain lands owned by the City of Lynden, Whatcom Land Trust and the Lummi Island Heritage Trust.

Future Needs

A level of service of 9.6 acres of developed parkland for every 1,000 people in the County was adopted in the Whatcom County Comprehensive Plan. The County's existing parks will meet the adopted level of service over the six-year planning period. However, the County is proposing park ~~improvement~~ planning and capital improvement projects to increase ~~quality service levels at~~ of existing park facilities. This includes ~~developing the Birch Bay Community Park to meet the longer term needs of a growing population. It also includes~~ a robust update ~~to~~ of the County's Comprehensive Parks, Recreation, and Open Space plan to reflect current community needs and development of key park-specific plans to guide coordinated development of future park infrastructure and amenities.

Proposed Improvement Projects

Park improvement projects, totaling approximately ~~\$19-26.9~~ million, are proposed over the six-year planning period (see Table 4). ~~Prioritize~~ Priorities include funding for environmental cleanup efforts associated with lead contaminated soils at Plantation Rifle Range, and improved shower and restroom facilities at Silver Lake Park. ~~restroom facilities at the Birch Bay Beach Park.~~

Trails

Whatcom County currently has over ~~75-79~~ miles of trails in various locations throughout the County. This inventory is shown in Table 2 below.

Table 2. Existing Trails

Site No.	Trail Name and Location	Miles
1	Bay Horizon/Bay Crest Trail	0.75
2	Bay to Baker Maple Falls-Glacier	4.00
3	Birch Bay Drive and Pedestrian Facility	1.58
4	Canyon Lake Community Forest	7.01
5	Chuckanut Mountain / Pine & Cedar Lakes	16.60
6	Deming Homestead Eagle Park, Truck Rd.	0.30
7	Hovander Homestead Park	3.20
8	Interurban, Chuckanut area	3.15
9	Jensen Family Forest Park, Stein Rd. and Birch Bay Lynden Rd.	0.67
10	Lake Whatcom Park	12.60
11	Lily Point, Point Roberts	2.00
12	Lookout Mountain Forest Preserve	6.80
13	Maple Creek Park, 7842 Silver Lake Rd., Maple Falls	1.28
14	Monument Park, 25 Marine Dr. in Point Roberts	0.35
15	Phillips 66 Soccer Park Trail (Used to be Northwest Soccer Park), Smith	0.38
16	Ostrom Conservation Site, 4304 South Pass Rd.	0.56
17	Point Whitehorn Marine Reserve, 6770 Koehn Rd, Birch Bay	0.81
18	Samish Park, 673 N. Lake Samish	1.38
19	Semiahmoo Park	0.63
20	Silver Lake Park, 9006 Silver Lake Rd.	5.28
21	South Fork Park	2.30
22	Squires Lake, 2510 Nulle Rd.	2.88
23	Stimpson Family Nature Reserve, 2076 Lake Louise Rd.	4.02
24	Sunset Farm, 7977 Blaine Rd.	0.56
25	Teddy Bear Cove	0.33
	TOTAL	79.42
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7	Hovander Homestead Park	3.20
8	Interurban, Chuckanut area	3.15
9	Jensen Family Forest Park, Stein Rd. and Birch Bay Lynden Rd.	0.67
10	Lake Whatcom Park	8.50
11	Lily Point, Point Roberts	2.00
12	Lookout Mountain Forest Preserve	6.80
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23	Stimpson Family Nature Reserve, 2076 Lake Louise Rd.	4.02
24	Sunset Farm, 7977 Blaine Rd.	0.56
25	Teddy Bear Cove	0.33
TOTAL		75.32

Future Needs

A level of service of 0.60 miles of trails for every 1,000 people in the County was adopted in the Whatcom County Comprehensive Plan. With projected population growth in Whatcom County over the next six years, about 74 additional miles of trails would be needed by the year 2028 to serve the people of Whatcom County.

Proposed Improvement Projects

Trail improvement projects and associated facilities, totaling approximately ~~\$7.42.5~~ million dollars, are proposed over the six-year planning period (see Table 4). These projects would add up to ~~25.632.1~~ trail miles (the South Fork Park trails project would add 5.5 miles, the Lake Whatcom trails project would add up to 20 miles, ~~and a Silver Lake project would add 0.15 miles~~). ~~Governor's Point 2.6 and Bay to Baker Trail 4.0.~~

While there is a shortfall in trail miles provided by the County, there are other trails that are owned/maintained by a variety of agencies or jurisdictions that provide recreational opportunities for Whatcom County residents and visitors.

Activity Centers

There are currently 13 activity centers that provide a variety of year-round programs for various age groups. The activity center inventory is shown in Table 3 below.

Table 3. Existing Activity Centers

Site No.	Activity Center Name and Location
1	Bay Horizon, 7511 Gemini Street
2	Bellingham Senior Activity Center, 315 Halleck Street
3	Blaine Community Senior Center, 763 G Street
4	East Whatcom Regional Resource Center, 8251 Kendall Rd.
5	Everson Senior Center, 111 W. Main Street
6	Ferndale Senior Center, 1999 Cherry Street
7	Lynden Senior Center, 401 Grover Street
8	Plantation Rifle Range, 5102 Samish Way
9	Point Roberts Senior Center, 1487 Gulf Road
10	Roeder Home, 2600 Sunset Dr.
11	Sumas Senior Center, 461 2nd Street
12	Van Zandt Community Hall, 4106 Valley Highway
13	Welcome Senior Center, 5103 Mosquito Lake Rd.

Note: The Blaine, Everson, Lynden and Sumas Centers are owned by these respective cities. The Point Roberts Center is owned by the Point Roberts Park District. Whatcom County provides and/or contracts for senior activities and recreational programming at these centers.

Future Needs

The Whatcom County Comprehensive Plan does not contain a level of service standard for activity centers. Rather, Comprehensive Plan Policy 4F-5 states:

Continue to provide and support activity centers, including senior centers, to serve the growing population of Whatcom County by the following methods, as needed, which are listed in priority order: (1) implementing programming changes, (2) adding space to existing centers, and/or (3) establishing new centers.

Proposed Improvement Projects

Seven activity center projects are proposed. These projects will cost about \$3.69.2 million within the six-year planning period (see Table 4).

Six-Year Capital Improvement Program

The park, trail, and activity center projects planned over the next six years are shown below.

Table 4. Park, Trail, and Activity Center Projects

Project # and Name	Funding							Totals	
	Source	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028		
1 Alston Preserve - Access Improvements	2		50,000					50,000	Park
2 Alderson Road End Day-Use Improvements	5		40,000					40,000	Park
3 Bay Horizon Park - Hostel Demolition	2				493,000			493,000	Park
4 Bellingham Senior Center - Facility Renovation and HVAC Upgrades	1	94,000	772,000					866,000	Activity Center
5 Bellingham Senior Center - Sewer Line Replacement	1		50,000					50,000	Activity Center
6 Birch Bay Beach Park - Development	4, 6, 7			260,000	2,552,500	2,552,500		5,365,000	Park
7 Canyon Lake Community Forest - Access and Trailhead Improvements	4, 12		318,000					318,000	Park
8 EWRRC - Building and Site Improvements	1, 13		475,000					475,000	Activity Center
9 Ferndale Senior Center - HVAC Replace & Upgrade	1				335,000			335,000	Activity Center
10 Governor's Point - Acquisition and Trailhead Development	1		100,000					100,000	Park
11 Hovander Homestead Park - Access Improvements	2			250,000	225,000	1,925,000		2,400,000	Park
12 Hovander Homestead Park - Barn Paintworks	2	147,400						147,400	Park
13 Hovander Homestead Park - Flood Repair & Mitigation Improvements: Park	2,3			80,000	182,000			262,000	Park
14 Hovander Homestead Park - Maintenance Shop Facility Programming	2	65,000	65,000					130,000	Park
15 Hovander Homestead Park - Master Plan	4, 6, 12		275,000					275,000	Park
16 Hovander Homestead Park - Picnic Shelters	2			66,700	374,050			440,750	Park
17 Hovander Homestead Park - Rental Residence Demolition	2		55,000					55,000	Park
18 Hovander Homestead Park - Tennant Lk Interpretive Ctr Remodel	2,3			67,000	437,500			504,500	Park
19 Lake Whatcom Watershed - Forest Management Plan and Implementation	2, 4, 9		100,000					100,000	Park
20 Lake Whatcom Park - Hertz Trail Capital Maintenance	2				353,500			353,500	Trail
21 Lake Whatcom Park - Trail Development	2			392,150	264,500	241,500	189,750	1,087,900	Trail
22 Lake Whatcom Park - Trailhead Improvements	2			500,000	3,339,000			3,839,000	Park
23 Lighthouse Marine Park - Park Improvements	4, 5		150,000					150,000	Park
24 Lighthouse Marine Park - Siding and Roofing	2	168,350						168,350	Park
25 Lily Point Marine Park - Parking Improvements	2		254,900					254,900	Park
26 Lookout Mt Forest Preserve - Parking Improvements	2					124,100		124,100	Park
27 Lookout Mt Forest Preserve - Road System Storm Damage Repairs	2,3,4	100,016	560,000					660,016	Park
28 Maple Falls Community Park - Trailhead Improvements	2, 6, 7, 8					200,000	825,000	1,025,000	Park
29 Miscellaneous Parks Capital Improvements	2	150,000	150,000	150,000	150,000	150,000	150,000	900,000	Park
30 Multi-Modal Regional Trail Planning, Design, and Implementation	2, 5, 10		200,000					200,000	Trail
31 Park Headquarters - Administrative Offices and Campus Improvements	1	93,000	752,300	295,100				1,140,400	Park
32 Parks Construction Supervisor	2	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000	300,000	
33 Plantation Indoor Range - Targeting System Replacement	1, 8			100,000	360,000			460,000	Activity Center
34 Plantation Rifle Range - Outdoor Range Lead Remediation	1, 8	700,000	5,800,000					6,500,000	Activity Center
35 Property Acquisition (Acme/Bellingham to Baker Trail)	5		300,000					300,000	Park
36 Samish Park - Parking/Vehicular Circulation Improvements	2					75,000	250,000	325,000	Park
37 Samish Park - Pedestrian Trail Bridge Replacement	2		35,000	117,900				152,900	Park
38 Semiahmoo Park - Sewage Pump Replacement	2		50,000					50,000	Park
39 Silver Lake Park - Cabin & Lodge Renovations	2, 8		121,242	62,458				183,700	Park
40 Silver Lake Park - Lodge Roof Replacement	2	231,000						231,000	Park
41 Silver Lake Park - Residence Demolition	2	61,800						61,800	Park
42 Silver Lake Park - Shower & Restroom Buildings	2	1,850,000	200,000	1,000,000	1,150,000			4,200,000	Park
43 South Fork Park - Carrasco Property Structure Demolition, Access control, an	2, 6		865,000					865,000	Park
44 South Fork Park - Loop Trail Improvements	2					276,600		276,600	Park
45 South Fork Park - Nessel Farm Improvements	6			152,500	845,000			997,500	Park
46 South Fork Park - Bridges and Connector Trail	2			132,500	149,200	306,800	273,800	862,300	Trail
47 Stimpson Family Nature Reserve - Parking Lot Improvements	2	92,086	200,000					292,086	Park
48 Sumas Senior Center - Roof Replacement	1	25,000						25,000	Park
49 Van Zandt Community Hall Renovation	2, 8		100,000	452,000				552,000	Activity Center
Total		3,827,652	12,088,442	4,621,308	10,767,250	5,624,900	2,015,150	38,944,702	

Funding Sources:

- 1. Real Estate Excise Tax (REET 1)
- 2. Real Estate Excise Tax (REET 2)
- 3. Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)
- 4. Parks Special Revenue Fund
- 5. Conservation Futures Funds
- 6. Donations
- 7. Lodging Tax (Hotel-Motel Tax)
- 8. Grants
- 9. Whatcom Policy Group
- 10. County Road Fund
- 11. Transportation Benefit District
- 12. General Fund
- 13. ARPA
- 14. EDI

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Project # and Name	Funding							Totals
	Source	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028	
1 Plantation Range Lead Reclamation & Stormwater	1, 7	700,000	655,500					1,355,500
2 Silver Lake Shower & Restroom Buildings	1	1,850,000	200,000	1,000,000	1,150,000			4,200,000
3 Silver Lake Park - Lodge Roof Replacement	1	231,000						231,000
4 Hovander Barn Paintworks	1	147,400						147,400
5 Lookout Mountain - Road System Storm Damage Repairs	1, 2, 3, 4	100,016	560,000					660,016
6 Silver Lake Residence Demolition	1	61,800						61,800
7 Hovander Residence Demolition	1	55,500						55,500
8 Bellingham Senior Center HVAC Replace & Upgrade	1, 5	94,000	772,000					866,000
9 Aiston Preserve Access Improvements	1		50,000					50,000
10 Lookout Mtn Forest Preserve Parking Improvements	1		124,100					124,100
11 Bay Horizon Hostel Demolition	1		493,000					493,000
12 Silver Lake Cabin & Lodge Renovations	1		121,242	62,458				183,700
13 Hovander Picnic Shelters	1			66,700	374,050			440,750
14 Parks Headquarters Parking & Pedestrian Improvements	1		77,300	295,100				372,400
15 Hovander - Flood Repair & Mitigation Improvements	1			80,000	182,000			262,000
16 Tennant Lk Interpretive Ctr Remodel & Flood Mitigation	1, 2			67,000	437,500			504,500
17 South Fork Park Bridges & Connector Trail	1			132,500	149,200	306,800	273,800	862,300
18 Lily Point Marine Park Parking Improvements	1			254,900				254,900
19 Lake Whatcom Trail Development	1			392,150	264,500	241,500	189,750	1,087,900
20 Lake Whatcom Park Trailhead	1			500,000	3,339,000			3,839,000
21 Nessel Farm Improvements	5			152,500	845,000			997,500
22 Hovander Park Access Improvements	1			250,000	225,000	1,925,000		2,400,000
23 Hertz Trail Capital Maintenance	1				353,500			353,500
24 Ferndale Senior Center HVAC Replace & Upgrade	1				335,000			335,000
25 Maple Falls Park Trailhead	1					200,000	825,000	1,025,000
26 Samish Park Parking/Vehicular Circulation Improvements	1					75,000	250,000	325,000
27 South Fork Park Loop Trail Improvements	1						276,600	276,600
28 Birch Bay Beach Park Development	1, 3, 5, 6, 7			260,000	5,105,000			5,365,000
29 Parks Construction Supervisor	1	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000	300,000
30 Bellingham Senior Center - Sewer Line Replacement	1	50,000						50,000
31 Semiahmoo Park Sewage Pump Replacement	1	50,000						50,000
32 Hovander Rental Property Conversion to Maintenance Shop	1	65,000	65,000					130,000
33 Forest Management Plan	3	25,000	75,000					100,000
34 Comprehensive Parks, Recreation, Open Space Plan Update	1		50,000	50,000				100,000
35 Van Zandt Community Hall Renovation	1, 7		100,000	452,000				552,000
36 Plantation Indoor Range Targeting System Replacement	7	100,000	360,000					460,000
37 Canyon Lake Community Forest Access-related Improvements	1	100,000	50,000					150,000
38 Miscellaneous Parks Capital Improvements	1	100,000	100,000	100,000	100,000	100,000	100,000	600,000
39 Sumas Senior Center - Roof Replacement	1	25,000						25,000
40 Stimpson Family Nature Reserve Parking Lot Improvements	1	92,086						92,086
41 Lighthouse Marine Park Siding and Roofing	1	168,350						168,350
42 Hovander Park Master Plan	1		275,000					275,000
43 Parks Admin Office HVAC Replacement & Upgrade	1	93,623						93,623
Parks Totals		4,158,775	4,178,142	4,165,308	12,909,750	2,898,300	1,965,150	30,275,425

Funding Sources:

1. Real Estate Excise Tax (REET)
2. Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)
3. Parks Special Revenue Fund
4. Conservation Futures Funds
5. Donations
6. Lodging Tax (Hotel-Motel Tax)
7. Grants

Chapter 3 – Maintenance and Operations

Existing Maintenance and Operations Space

The 2022 inventory of maintenance & operations/facilities management space is 70,681 square feet. This inventory is shown below.

Table 5. Existing Space

Site No.	Facility Name	Square feet
1	Central Shop, 901 W. Smith Rd. (Maintenance and Operations)	35,773
2	3720 Williamson Way (Facilities Management)	31,248
3	Minimum Security Correction Facility - 2030 Division St. (Facilities Management Storage)	3,660
TOTAL		70,681

Future Needs

The Whatcom County Comprehensive Plan does not contain a level of service standard for maintenance and operations. The County will budget for improvements to such facilities as needed.

Proposed Improvement Projects

Improvement and maintenance projects on existing buildings and sites over the six-year planning period total over \$2.6 million as shown below.

Table 6. Maintenance and Operations Projects

Project # and Name	Funding Source							Total Cost
		2023	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028	
1 Central Shop Stormwater Project - 901 W. Smith Rd.	1	500,000	500,000					1,000,000
2 Road Oil Tank Removal - 901 W. Smith Rd.	1	270,000						270,000
3 Road Salt Storage - 901 W. Smith Rd.	1	150,000						150,000
4 Truck Shed Structural Repair - 901 W. Smith Rd.	1	160,000						160,000
5 Underground Fuel Tank Removal - 901 W. Smith Rd.	1	250,000	50,000	10,000				310,000
6 Vactor Building - 901 W. Smith Rd.	1	546,509						546,509
7 Water Line Extension/Anti-Ice Prep - 901 W. Smith Rd.	1	185,000						185,000
TOTAL		2,061,509	550,000	10,000	0	0	0	2,621,509

Funding Sources

- Road Fund

Chapter 4 – General Government Buildings and Sites

Existing Office Space

The ~~2022~~2024 inventory of County government office space is ~~313,395~~301,375 square feet at ~~nine~~eleven locations. This inventory is shown below.

Table 7. Existing County Government Office Space

Site No.	Facility Name	Square feet
1	Civic Center Annex (322 North Commercial)	30,000
2	Central Plaza Building (215 N. Commercial)	10,307
3	County Courthouse (311 Grand Avenue)	178,476
4	Lottie St. Annex (316 Lottie St.)	2,533
5	509 Girard St.	13,189
6	3373 Mt. Baker Highway	2,110
7	1500 N. State St.	20,045
8	3720 Williamson Way	9,189
9	Unity Street Rental Office Property	2,831
10	Northwest Annex (5280 Northwest Dr.)	20,265
11	Crisis Stabilization Center (2026 Division St.)	<u>24,450</u>
TOTAL		313,395
Site No.	Facility Name	Square feet
1	Civic Center Annex (322 North Commercial)	30,000
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8	Northwest Annex (5280 Northwest Dr.)	20,265
9	Crisis Stabilization Center (2026 Division St.)	<u>24,450</u>
TOTAL		<u>301,375</u>

Note: The County also rents 4,820 of building space at 600 Dupont St.

Future Needs

The Whatcom County Comprehensive Plan does not contain a level of service standard for general government buildings. The County will budget for improvements to such facilities as needed.

Proposed Improvement Projects

Improvement and maintenance projects on existing buildings and sites over the six-year planning period total approximately \$69-85.4 million as shown below.

Table 8. Government Building and Site Projects

Project # and Name	Funding Source	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028	Totals
1 Misc. Courthouse Maintenance Projects	1,2	450,000						450,000
2 Elevator Replacements (multiple locations)	4, 5, 7	410,000	460,000	510,000	560,000			1,940,000
3 NW Annex Campus	3, 5, 8	26,950,000	550,000					27,500,000
4 Courthouse Exterior Project	1, 2	4,077,100	3,238,000	4,536,000	2,463,000			14,314,100
5 Prox Lock Control Panel Replacement (multiple locations)	5	178,000						178,000
6 Way Station Improvements - State Street	5, 6, 9	9,281,000						9,281,000
7 Girard Street Improvements	1, 2				100,000	1,000,000	9,000,000	10,100,000
8 Interior Painting, Carpets, Asphalt Repairs, ADA (multiple locations)	1	205,000	205,000	205,000	205,000	205,000	205,000	1,230,000
9 County Building Maintenance	1, 2	100,000	100,000	100,000	100,000	100,000	100,000	600,000
10 Alternative Response Treatment Facility	6, 10	926,000	700,000					1,626,000
11 Construction Coordinator Wages/Benefits	1	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000	60,000
12 Americans with Disabilities Act Courtroom Improvements (311 Grand Ave)	1	250,000	250,000					500,000
13 Electric Vehicle Charging Stations (multiple locations)	1, 2, 6		50,000	250,000	250,000			550,000
14 Public Defender 1st Floor Improvements (215 N. Commercial)	1, 2	20,000	300,000					320,000
15 Assessor Office Tenant Improvements (311 Grand Ave)	1, 2	20,000	300,000					320,000
16 Construction of 23-Hour Crisis Relief Center (Division St)	1, 2, 6, 10, 11, 12		750,000	12,000,000	3,250,000			16,000,000
17 Security & Surveillance Equipment (Main Jail, Jail Work Center, & Juvenile Det)	1		200,000	150,000				350,000
18 New Generator for WUECC (3888 Sound Way)	1, 2		40,000					40,000
19 5th Superior Court and IT tenant improvement	1		820,000					820,000
Totals		42,877,100	7,973,000	17,761,000	6,938,000	1,315,000	9,315,000	86,179,100
Funding Sources			-6,163,000	-5,611,000	-2,688,000	-1,215,000	-9,315,000	-68,969,100
1. Real Estate Excise Tax (REET)								
2. Economic Development Investment (EDI) Fund								
3. Debt								
4. Road Fund								
5. Project Based Budget								
6. Grants								
7. General Fund								
8. Reserve Funds								
9. Donations								
10. Behavioral Health Programs Fund								
11. American Rescue Plan Act								
12. Affordable Housing, Behavioral Health Facilities and Related Services Program Fund								

Project # and Name	Funding Source	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028	Totals
1 Misc. Courthouse Maintenance Projects	1,2	450,000						450,000
2 Elevator Replacements (multiple locations)	4, 5, 7	410,000	460,000	510,000	560,000			1,940,000
3 NW Annex Campus	3, 5, 8	26,950,000	550,000					27,500,000
4 Courthouse Exterior Project	1, 2	4,077,100	3,238,000	4,536,000	2,463,000			14,314,100
5 Prox Lock Control Panel Replacement (multiple locations)	5	178,000						178,000
6 Way Station Improvements - State Street	5, 6, 9	9,281,000						9,281,000
7 Girard Street Improvements	1, 2				100,000	1,000,000	9,000,000	10,100,000
8 Interior Painting, Carpets, Asphalt Repairs, ADA (multiple locations)	1	205,000	205,000	205,000	205,000	205,000	205,000	1,230,000
9 County Building Maintenance	1, 2	100,000	100,000	100,000	100,000	100,000	100,000	600,000
10 Alternative Response Treatment Facility	6, 10	926,000	700,000					1,626,000
11 Construction Coordinator Wages/Benefits	1	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000	60,000
12 Americans with Disabilities Act Courtroom Improvements (311 Grand Ave)	1	250,000	250,000					500,000
13 Electric Vehicle Charging Stations (multiple locations)	1, 2, 6		50,000	250,000	250,000			550,000
14 Public Defender 1st Floor Improvements (215 N. Commercial)	1, 2	20,000	300,000					320,000
15 Assessor Office Tenant Improvements (311 Grand Ave)	1, 2	20,000	300,000					320,000
Totals		42,877,100	6,163,000	5,611,000	3,688,000	1,315,000	9,315,000	68,969,100
Funding Sources								
1. Real Estate Excise Tax (REET)								
2. Economic Development Investment (EDI) Fund								
3. Debt								
4. Road Fund								
5. Project Based Budget								
6. Grants								
7. General Fund								
8. Reserve Funds								
9. Donations								
10. Behavioral Health Programs Fund								

Chapter 5 – Sheriff’s Office

Existing Sheriff’s Office Space

The 2022 inventory of Sheriff’s office space is 22,902 square feet. This inventory is shown below.

Table 9. Existing Sheriff’s Facilities

Site No.	Facility Name	Square Feet
1	Public Safety Building (311 Grand Ave)	15,102
2	Minimum Security Correction Facility (2030 Division St.)	6,000
3	Laurel Substation (194 W. Laurel Rd.)	1,800
	TOTAL	22,902

Notes: The Sheriff’s Office also has storage facilities at various locations in Whatcom County. The County has two mobile homes and an old detention facility in Point Roberts. The resident deputies operate out of their homes or utilize space at the U.S. Customs office at the border. Deputies are able to utilize an office at the Kendall Fire hall when working in the area.

Future Needs

The Whatcom County Comprehensive Plan does not contain a level of service standard for Sheriff’s Office facilities. Rather, Comprehensive Plan Policy 4D-2 is to:

Maintain Sheriff’s Office adult corrections facilities and headquarters to provide a safe environment for the community, staff and inmates. . . Existing facilities may be expanded, remodeled, and/or new facilities developed in response to changing need.

Proposed Improvement Projects

A new Sheriff’s Office and a new public safety radio system are planned within the next six years. The comprehensive radio system update will include infrastructure (such as towers), radio systems in buildings, radios in vehicles, and hand-held radios. These improvements will cost approximately \$22 million, as shown below.

Table 10. Sheriff’s Office Projects

Project # and Name	Funding	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028	Totals
	Source							
Sheriff’s Office Relocation	1, 2				1,500,000	13,500,000		15,000,000
Public Safety Radio System	3, 4, 5, 6	1,674,808	2,007,500	1,782,000	1,028,500	275,000	275,000	7,042,808
Totals		1,674,808	2,007,500	1,782,000	2,528,500	13,775,000	275,000	22,042,808

Funding Sources

1. Real Estate Excise Tax (REET)
2. Debt
3. Grants
4. Economic Development Investment (EDI) Fund
5. Fire Districts/Departments
6. Countywide Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Fund

Chapter 6 – Emergency Management

Existing Emergency Management Space

The 2022 inventory of Sheriff’s Office, Division of Emergency Management space is 24,000 square feet, located at the Whatcom Unified Emergency Coordination Center (WUECC). Rented by and shared between both Whatcom County and the City of Bellingham, the WUECC is comprised of 2,000 square feet of office space and an additional 22,000 square feet of support facilities (used for meetings, training, exercises, and during emergencies). The WUECC serves as the Emergency Operations Center for both the County and the City.

Table 11. Existing Emergency Management/EOC Facilities

Site No.	Facility Name	Square feet
1	Whatcom Unified Emergency Coordination Center 3888 Sound Way, Bellingham	24,000

Future Needs

The Whatcom County Comprehensive Plan does not contain a level of service standard for emergency management facilities. Rather, Comprehensive Plan Policy 4D-4 is to:

Maintain adequate facilities for daily emergency management activities and, during an emergency or disaster, for the emergency operations center. The facilities will provide sufficient space for activities relating to emergency/disaster planning, mitigation, response and recovery. Existing facilities may be expanded, remodeled, and/ or new facilities developed in response to changing need.

The County will budget for improvements to such facilities as needed.

Proposed Improvement Projects

There are no emergency management capital improvement projects planned over the next six years.

Chapter 7 – Adult Corrections

Existing Jail Facilities

The County’s Main Jail was designed and originally built to hold 148 beds, although with some limited remodeling and the use of double bunking, the operational capacity of the main jail should be for the use of 212 beds. Whatcom County completed construction of a 150 bed minimum security correction facility on Division St. in 2006. The Main Jail is located in the Public Safety Building next to the County Courthouse in downtown Bellingham and the Minimum Security Correction Facility is located in the Bakerview Rd. industrial area.

Table 12. Existing Jail Beds

Site No.	Facility Name	Jail Beds
1	Public Safety Building (311 Grand Ave.)	212
2	Jail Work Center (2030 Division St.)	<u>150</u>
	TOTAL	362

Note: As the result of the COVID-19 pandemic, the jail is operating at a reduced capacity to provide for social distancing until such time as the pandemic is declared under control by the Washington State Department of Health. Due to the mix of offenders, a firm population cap has not been set, but is anticipated to remain at approximately 150 offenders at the Downtown Jail.

Future Needs

There continues to be serious concerns among law and justice officials related to jail facility needs in the community. That need has been documented over the years, with the most recent being the *Building Assessment Studies and Cost Estimates for Capital Improvements at the Jail (Public Safety Building)* (Sept. 2017).

The Whatcom County Comprehensive Plan does not contain a level of service standard for jail facilities. Rather, Comprehensive Plan Policy 4D-2 is to:

Maintain Sheriff’s Office adult corrections facilities and headquarters to provide a safe environment for the community, staff and inmates. The number of jail beds in adult corrections facilities will be determined after review of multiple factors, including projected population growth, State sentencing laws, alternative programs, treatment diversion programs, early release programs, the need to separate violent inmates, the need to separate inmates by gender, the need to separate inmates by other classification considerations, average length of stay, peak inmate populations and available funding. Existing facilities may be expanded, remodeled, and/ or new facilities developed in response to changing need.

Proposed Improvement Projects

The adult corrections projects planned over the next six years are shown below. These improvements will cost approximately \$151 million, as shown below.

Table 13. Adult Corrections Projects

Project # and Name	Funding Source	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028	Totals
1 Public Health, Safety, and Justice Facilities	1,2		10,000,000	110,000,000	30,000,000			150,000,000
2 Corrections Facilities Ongoing Maint. Project	3, 4	200,000	200,000	200,000	200,000	200,000	200,000	1,200,000
	Totals	200,000	10,200,000	110,200,000	30,200,000	200,000	200,000	151,200,000

Funding Sources

1. Debt
2. New Sales Tax
3. Jail Fund
4. General Fund

Chapter 8 – Juvenile Detention

Existing Juvenile Detention Facilities

The 2022 inventory of County juvenile detention facilities includes 32 beds serving the countywide population. The juvenile detention facility is located on the sixth floor of the County Courthouse at 311 Grand Avenue.

Table 14. Existing Juvenile Detention Beds

Site No.	Facility Name	Beds
1	County Courthouse (311 Grand Ave.)	32

Future Needs

The Whatcom County Comprehensive Plan does not contain a level of service standard for juvenile detention facilities. Rather, Comprehensive Plan Policy 4D-3 is to:

Maintain juvenile detention facilities and alternative corrections programs to provide safe and secure methods to provide accountability and support for minors who break the law. Existing facilities may be expanded, remodeled, and/or new facilities developed in response to changing need.

The County will budget for improvements to such facilities as needed.

Proposed Improvement Projects

There are no juvenile detention capital improvement projects planned in the six-year planning period.

Chapter 9 – Transportation

Existing Roads

The 2021 inventory shows a total of 935 miles of County roads.

Future Needs

The Whatcom County Comprehensive Plan sets level of service (LOS) standards for County roads. Future traffic and the level of service for roads can be forecasted using computer-modeling software. The Whatcom Council of Governments forecasts future traffic utilizing a computer transportation model. This modeling effort will inform transportation planning in Whatcom County.

Whatcom County accomplishes planning for County road improvements by approving a Six-Year Transportation Improvement Program each year, as required by RCW 36.81.121.

Proposed Improvement Projects

The Whatcom County Six-Year Transportation Improvement Program includes preliminary planning for one proposed new road project:

- Lincoln Road extension (between Harborview Road and Blaine Road).

While this project is on the Six-Year Transportation Improvement Program, construction is not anticipated within the six-year planning period. Rather, preliminary engineering to determine project feasibility may be initiated within this time frame. The Transportation Improvement Program includes two road projects over \$5 million:

- North Lake Samish Rd. Bridge Replacement (\$10.6 million); and
- East Smith Rd / Hannegan Rd intersection improvements (\$5.4 million).

The Six-Year Transportation Improvement Program contains a variety of other projects, including flood damage repair, bridge replacements, intersection improvements, road reconstruction, and fish passage projects.

Existing Ferry Facilities

Whatcom County currently has one ferry vessel serving Lummi Island. The ferry runs between Lummi Island and Gooseberry Point on a daily basis.

Future Needs

Whatcom County Comprehensive Plan Policy 6A-1 establishes the following LOS standard for the ferry:

Public Works shall establish a performance metric to monitor service performance of the Lummi Island ferry system. This will include a week long count at least every quarter in both sailing directions. This count will include percent capacity, on-time performance, and the number of vehicles left in the queue. The count shall be compared to the desired level of service of no more than two sailing waits during average weekday peak periods.

The Special Programs Manager for the County Public Works Department confirmed that the ferry service currently meets the LOS standard.

Whatcom County accomplishes planning for the ferry by approving a Fourteen-Year Ferry Capital Program, as required by RCW 36.54.015.

Proposed Improvement Projects

The Six-Year Transportation Improvement Program includes replacement of the Whatcom Chief ferry (\$49.4 million) and terminal modifications. It also includes engineering for relocation of the ferry terminal.

Total Transportation Costs

Transportation projects, including road and ferry projects, total approximately \$114 million over the six-year planning period. This includes almost \$50 million in local funds, with the remainder coming from the State and Federal governments.

Chapter 10 – Stormwater Facilities

Existing Stormwater Management Facilities

The Public Works Department is responsible for design, engineering, and construction of county-owned stormwater facilities. Many stormwater facilities are road-related stormwater conveyance systems such as culverts and ditches on and adjacent to county roads. Others are off right-of-way facilities that control storm flows and improve water quality.

In response to increasing federal and state mandates to manage stormwater and the public’s desire to improve stewardship of sensitive watersheds, Whatcom County established a Stormwater Division in 2005. The Stormwater Division is responsible for planning, designing, engineering, and construction of stormwater facilities. Inventories of existing stormwater facilities are maintained by the Public Works Department. The Engineering Services Division maintains an inventory of all road-related facilities. The Stormwater Division maintains an inventory of public and private stormwater facilities in the area covered by the County’s NPDES Phase II permit for Municipal Separate Storm Sewer Systems. This inventory includes ditches, culverts, catch basins, vaults, ponds, and swales. Completed Stormwater Construction Projects since the Stormwater Division was created in 2005 are listed below.

Table 15. Completed Stormwater Construction Projects Since 2005

Existing Site No.	Watershed	Facility Name	Year Completed
1	Lake Whatcom	Geneva Stormwater Retrofits	2006
2	Lake Whatcom	Cable Street Reconstruction & Stormwater Improvements	2007
3	Lake Whatcom	Lahti Drive Stormwater Improvements	2010
4	Lake Whatcom	Silver Beach Creek Improvements - Brownsville Drive to E. 16th Place	2011
5	Lake Whatcom	Silver Beach Creek Improvements - West Tributary	2012
6	Lake Whatcom	Coronado-Fremont Stormwater Improvements	2014
7	Lake Whatcom	Cedar Hills-Euclid Stormwater Improvements	2016
8	Lake Whatcom	Agate Bay Improvements-Phase 1 & 2	2018-2019
9	Lake Whatcom	Northshore/Edgewater Stormwater Improvements	2020
10	Lake Whatcom	Silver Beach Creek Phase 1-Woodlake	2021



Figure 1. Lake Whatcom Cedar Hills-Euclid Stormwater Improvements

Whatcom County Public Works regularly seeks and is awarded grant money that contributes to the design and construction of these stormwater projects that improve water quality through treatment systems and stream stabilization.

Future Needs

An increasing emphasis on the protection of sensitive watersheds has resulted in the adoption of comprehensive stormwater plans, including plans for Lake Whatcom and Birch Bay. The adopted plans identify work towards planning, design, engineering, and construction of capital projects intended to address stormwater issues.

Proposed Improvement Projects

Stormwater improvement projects totaling approximately \$14.7 million are proposed over the six-year planning period as shown below. These costs would be paid by Real Estate Excise Tax (REET), Lake Whatcom Stormwater Utility, grants, Road fund, funding from the Birch Bay Watershed and Aquatic Resources Management District (BBWARM), Flood fund, and Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) funds.

Table 16. Stormwater Projects

Project # and Name	Funding Source	Year						Totals
		2023	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028	
1 Academy Stormwater Facility Phase 2-Eval & Improvements	1, 2, 6	330,000						330,000
2 Geneva Bioretention Pilot Project	1, 2, 3	977,250	132,000	132,000	17,000	-	-	1,258,250
3 Eagleridge Stormwater Facility	1, 2	10,000	115,000	350,000	-	-	-	475,000
4 Austin Ct Filter Vault	1, 2	95,000		320,000		-	-	415,000
5 Silver Beach Creek Phase 2 - Erosion Control	2	80,000	600,000					680,000
6 Viewhaven Lane Water Quality & Conveyance Improvements	1, 2	10,000	115,000		350,000			475,000
7 Strawberry Pt/ Lake Whatcom Blvd Water Quality Facility	1, 2		-	115,000	140,000	655,000		910,000
8 Geneva St/Lake Louise Culvert Replacement	1, 4		-	-	80,000		200,000	280,000
9 Lake Whatcom Boulevard Media Filter Drain	2		-	-	125,000	80,000	630,000	835,000
10 Sudden Valley - Stormwater Improvements Phase 2	1, 2				10,000	180,000		190,000
11 Lake Whatcom Boulevard Water Quality Vault	2						115,000	115,000
12 Charel Terrace Stormwater Outfall Repair	1, 5, 7	415,000						415,000
13 Holeman Ave Stormwater Improvements	1, 5	35,000	950,000	-	-	-	-	985,000
14 Semiahmoo Dr South & Outfall Improvements	1, 4, 5, 7	250,000	1,200,000		-	-	-	1,450,000
15 Normar Place Stormwater Improvements	1, 5	150,000	40,000	500,000		-	-	690,000
16 Lora Lane Drainage & Tide Gate	1, 4, 5		80,000	150,000	1,200,000			1,430,000
17 Birch Pt Rd & Outfall Improvements	5		50,000	150,000	500,000			700,000
18 Richmond Park Stormwater Improvements	1, 5			180,000	200,000	1,050,000	1,000,000	2,430,000
19 Wooldridge Ave & Sunset Dr Stormwater Improvements	5					50,000	100,000	150,000
20 Hillsdale Stormwater Improvements Phase I	5						50,000	50,000
21 Shallow Shore Culvert Relocation	1	470,000						470,000
Stormwater Totals		2,822,250	3,282,000	1,897,000	2,622,000	2,015,000	2,095,000	14,733,250

Funding Sources

1. Real Estate Excise Tax (REET)
2. Lake Whatcom Stormwater Utility
3. Grants
4. Road Fund
5. Birch Bay Watershed and Aquatic Resources Management District (BBWARM)
6. Flood Fund
7. FEMA

Note: Projects 1-11 are within the Lake Whatcom Watershed. Projects 12-20 are within the Birch Bay Watershed.

Chapter 11 – Total Costs

Total Costs for the six-year planning period are shown below.

Table 17. Total Costs for the Six-Year Planning Period

<u>-</u>	<u>Total Costs</u>	<u>Percent of</u>
<u>-</u>	<u>2023-2028</u>	<u>Total Costs</u>
<u>Parks, Trails, and Activity Centers</u>	<u>38,944,702</u>	<u>9.09%</u>
	<u>30,275,425</u>	<u>7.50%</u>
<u>Maintenance and Operations</u>	<u>2,621,509</u>	<u>0.61%</u>
<u>General Government Buildings and Sites</u>	<u>86,179,100</u>	<u>19.92%</u>
	<u>68,969,100</u>	<u>17.10%</u>
<u>Sheriff's Office</u>	<u>22,042,808</u>	<u>5.14%</u>
<u>Emergency Management</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0.00%</u>
<u>Adult Corrections</u>	<u>151,200,000</u>	<u>35.29%</u>
<u>Juvenile Detention</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0.00%</u>
<u>Transportation</u>	<u>113,592,000</u>	<u>26.51%</u>
<u>Stormwater Facilities</u>	<u>14,733,250</u>	<u>3.44%</u>
<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>428,493,369</u>	<u>100.00%</u>
	<u>403,434,092</u>	

	Total Costs 2023-2028	Percent of Total Costs
Parks, Trails, and Activity Centers	30,275,425	7.50%
Maintenance and Operations	2,621,509	0.65%
General Government Buildings and Sites	68,969,100	17.10%
Sheriff's Office	22,042,808	5.46%
Emergency Management	0	0.00%
Adult Corrections	151,200,000	37.48%
Juvenile Detention	0	0.00%
Transportation	113,592,000	28.16%
Stormwater Facilities	<u>14,733,250</u>	<u>3.65%</u>
TOTAL	403,434,092	100.00%

The County plans to undertake capital improvement projects costing over ~~\$403-428~~ million between 2023 and 2028, which will be financed with a combination of local, state, federal, and other funding sources.