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**Dave Somers**  
*County Executive*

Dear SEPA Reviewer:

Addendum No. 19 to the Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) for the Snohomish County Comprehensive Plan 2015 Update, issued June 3, 2015, has been prepared by Snohomish County Planning and Development Services. This addendum adds further information to the analysis contained in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) and the FEIS by providing additional environmental information for the proposed 2020-2025 Capital Improvement Program (CIP). It does not identify detailed impacts of specific capital projects outlined in the CIP. Specific project actions will require further detailed environmental review as they are considered for implementation.

Formal review of the proposed 2020-2025 CIP will begin at a public hearing before the Snohomish County Planning Commission on September 24, 2019. The Snohomish County Council is anticipated to conduct a public hearing in November 2019, to consider the entire record and hear public testimony on the CIP. We invite you to comment on the proposed 2020-2025 CIP through the public hearings mentioned above or by submitting written comments for the record. If you have any questions, please contact me at (425) 262-2253.

Sincerely,

Eileen Canola, Senior Planner  
Snohomish County Planning and Development Services

Attachment:

Addendum No.19 to the FEIS for the Snohomish County Comprehensive Plan 2015 Update

**ADDENDUM NO. 19  
TO THE  
FINAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT  
FOR THE SNOHOMISH COUNTY  
COMPREHENSIVE PLAN 2015  
UPDATE**

**Proposed 2020-2025 Capital Improvement Program  
as a revision to the Capital Facilities Element  
of the County GMA Comprehensive Plan**

**Prepared Consistent with**

The Washington State Environmental Policy Act of 1971  
Chapter 43.21C Revised Code of Washington  
Chapter 197-11, Washington Administrative Code  
Snohomish County Code Title 30



**Snohomish County Planning and Development Services**

**Date of Issuance: September 9, 2019**

## FACT SHEET

<b>Project Title:</b>	Snohomish County 2020-2025 Capital Improvement Program (CIP)
<b>Proposed Non-Project Action:</b>	This proposed non-project action is the adoption of the 2020-2025 CIP by the Snohomish County Council.
<b>Purpose of the FEIS Addendum:</b>	<p>The purpose of this addendum is to add information and analysis to the FEIS on the 2015 Snohomish County Comprehensive Plan Update relating to the non-project County action of revising the six-year CIP. This information does not change the analysis of previously identified significant impacts of the alternatives to the County's Comprehensive Plan – General Policy Plan within the SEPA documents dated September 8, 2014, (DEIS) and June 3, 2015, (FEIS).</p> <p>This addendum is being issued in accordance with WAC 197-11-625 and WAC 197-11-630. No additional significant impacts beyond those identified in the 2015 FEIS are expected to occur. The adopted environmental documents listed herein, together with this addendum, satisfy Snohomish County's environmental review requirements for the current proposal. Revisions to the proposal may occur as a result of the public hearing process. Additional environmental review will be conducted to ensure potential impacts are consistent with the conclusions in this addendum.</p>
<b>Description of Proposal:</b>	<p>The proposed 2020-2025 CIP updates the six-year financing program for County capital facilities that support the Capital Facilities Element of the GMA Comprehensive Plan. The Washington State Growth Management Act (GMA) requirements contained in RCW 36.70A are applicable to this program. The document addresses all of the capital facilities and services identified in the 2015 Capital Facilities Plan, including: park land and recreational facilities; surface water management; surface transportation; electric power; public schools; public wastewater systems; public water supply; County general government, proprietary, and airport capital facilities; and hazard mitigation planning. The proposed 2020-2025 CIP also contains an assessment of the funding and regulatory mechanisms for those public capital facilities necessary to support development, provided by the County and by other agencies.</p>
<b>Location of Proposal:</b>	Snohomish County, Washington
<b>Action Sponsor/ Lead Agency:</b>	Snohomish County Planning and Development Services County Administration West Building 3000 Rockefeller Avenue, M/S 604 Everett, Washington 98201-4066
<b>Review/Required</b>	Snohomish County Council – Ordinance Adoption

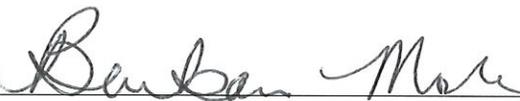
**Approval** Snohomish County Planning Commission – Review and recommendation  
Washington State Department of Commerce (Commerce) – Coordination of  
state comments

**Circulation and Comment:** As required by WAC 197-11-625, this addendum is being sent to all recipients and commenters of the previously issued Draft and Final EIS for the Snohomish County Comprehensive Plan 2015 Update. No comment period is required for this addendum under WAC 197-11-502(8)(c).

**The EIS Addendum is available by contacting:** Eileen Canola, Senior Planner  
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**Responsible Official/ Position Title. Address** Barbara Mock, Director  
Snohomish County Planning and Development Services  
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Everett, Washington 98201-4066

Signature   
Barbara Mock, Director

**Tentative effective date:** January 1, 2020

**Public Hearings:** A public hearing is scheduled before the Snohomish County Planning Commission on September 24, 2019. The Snohomish County Council will also hold a public hearing (anticipated to be held in November 2019).

**Documents:** The 2020-2025 Capital Improvement Program is available for viewing at the Finance Department (County Administration Building West, 6<sup>th</sup> Floor).

## PROPOSED ACTIONS AND ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW

### **Summary Description of Proposed Non-project Action:**

The proposed Snohomish County 2020-2025 Capital Improvement Program (CIP) is a non-project action under the Washington State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA). The proposed CIP has been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Growth Management Act (GMA), RCW Chapter 36.70A. The proposed CIP updates the 2019-2024 Capital Improvement Program adopted by Snohomish County Council in November, 2018, and is a revision of the Capital Facilities Element of the Snohomish County GMA Comprehensive Plan (GMACP). The Capital Facilities Plan (CFP) supplements the General Policy Plan (GPP), which includes population and employment, land use, housing, transportation, capital facilities, utilities, economic development, natural environment, and interjurisdictional coordination elements. This Addendum is not intended to satisfy individual project action SEPA requirements (the review needed for a future site-specific land use or development permit applications). This Addendum does not significantly change the analysis of impacts and alternatives contained in the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) prepared in 2015 for the Snohomish County Comprehensive Plan 2015 Update, nor does it identify new or significantly different impacts.

### **Prior Environmental Review:**

The County issued a Draft EIS for the Snohomish County Comprehensive Plan 2015 Update on September 8, 2014, and issued a Final EIS on June 3, 2015. The elements of the environment addressed in both of these EIS documents included elements of both the natural and built environment: earth, air, water, plants and animals, land and shoreline use, population and employment, cultural resources, transportation, energy, public services, and utilities.

### **Addendum Environmental Review:**

According to the SEPA rules, an Addendum to an EIS provides additional analysis and/or information about a proposal or alternatives where their significant environmental impacts have been disclosed and identified in a previous environmental document (WAC 197-11-600(3)(b)(ii)). An Addendum is appropriate when the impacts of the new proposal are the same general types as those identified in the prior document, and when the new analysis does not substantially change the analysis of significant impacts and alternatives identified in the prior environmental documents (WAC 197-11-600(4)(e), WAC 197-11-706).

This Addendum to the Snohomish County Comprehensive Plan 2015 Update FEIS is being issued pursuant to WAC 197-11-625 to meet the County's SEPA responsibility. The 2015 GMACP EIS evaluated plan alternatives and impacts that encompass the same general policy direction, land use patterns, and environmental impacts that are expected to be associated with this proposal. No additional significant impacts beyond those identified in the County's EIS for the Snohomish County Comprehensive Plan 2015 Update are expected to occur as a result of the proposed amendments.

### ***(A) General***

This Addendum documents an evaluation of a programmatic change resulting from the proposed 2020-2025 Capital Improvement Program (CIP). The evaluation concludes that the proposal does not significantly change the analysis contained in the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) prepared for the Snohomish County Comprehensive Plan 2015 Update EIS, nor does it identify new or significantly different impacts. The proposed 2020-2025 CIP is a six-year financing plan that is consistent with the directives of the GMA, the Countywide Planning Policies for Snohomish County, and the County's GMACP, including the directives of the GPP and the Capital Facilities Plan. The

proposed 2020-2025 CIP meets the capital planning requirements contained in the Snohomish County Charter and Code.

***(B) Consistency with the Comprehensive Plan***

The GPP establishes goals, objectives, policies, and implementation measures for carrying out the mandates of the Growth Management Act. The Capital Facilities section contains eleven separate goals, together with supporting objectives and policies, which address capital facility planning for County facilities. The proposed 2020-2025 CIP satisfies the policy direction contained in GPP CF Policy 1.B.1 to prepare and adopt a six-year CIP that identifies projects, outlines a schedule, and designates realistic funding sources for all County capital projects.

The proposed 2020-2025 CIP furthers the GMA's goals of encouraging urban development in urban areas and ensuring the provision of adequate public facilities. It identifies short and intermediate term capital facility needs based upon the same population forecasts contained within the land use element. The projected need for parks, roads, and other County facilities is predicated on the increasingly urban population base directed by the land use element, and the CIP focuses County infrastructure investment within urban growth areas (UGAs).

***(C) Natural Environment***

**1) Earth, Topography, Soils, and Erosion**

The potential impacts that could result from capital improvements identified in the proposed 2020-2025 CIP are addressed in the DEIS and FEIS. Any future site-specific development or land use proposal not exempted by WAC 197-11-800 or SCC 30.61.035 would be subject to a separate SEPA review. No additional mitigating measures are warranted beyond those identified in the DEIS and FEIS.

**2) Air Quality and Climate Change**

Potential air quality impacts that could result from capital improvements in the proposed 2020-2025 CIP are addressed in the DEIS and FEIS. No additional mitigating measures are warranted beyond those identified in the DEIS and FEIS.

**3) Water Resources (Ground and Surface)**

Any infrastructure developed pursuant to the proposed CIP and CFP could create impacts on surface water quality. The Snohomish County Comprehensive Plan 2015 Update DEIS and FEIS address potential water resource impacts. No additional mitigating measures are warranted beyond those identified in the FEIS.

**4) Fish, Wildlife, Vegetation, and Wetlands**

Any disturbance or destruction of any flora or fauna (e.g., salmon) as a result of the construction of capital improvements is addressed in the DEIS and FEIS respectively. No additional mitigating measures are warranted beyond those identified in the DEIS and FEIS.

***(D) Built Environment***

**1) Land and Shoreline Use**

The proposed 2020-2025 CIP is consistent with the adopted land use element as presented within the GPP, as amended. The population projection for Snohomish County, prepared by the State Office of Financial Management, is the foundation for both the land use element and the capital facility needs analysis. Long-term capital improvement needs and proposed financing strategies reflect this

forecast, as well as the plan's delineation of urban growth areas and the resultant distribution of new urban growth to the cities in the county.

## **2) Plans and Policies**

The proposed 2020-2025 CIP is consistent with and implements relevant local, regional, and state plans and policies, including the Washington State Growth Management Act, Puget Sound Regional Council VISION 2040/Transportation 2040, the Snohomish County GMACP, the Snohomish County Shoreline Master Program, the Tulalip Tribes Comprehensive Plan, and municipal plans.

## **3) Population, Housing, and Employment**

The DEIS and FEIS address population, housing, and employment impacts and mitigation measures potentially associated with proposed capital improvements. No additional mitigating measures are warranted beyond those identified in the DEIS and FEIS.

## **4) Cultural Resources**

The DEIS and FEIS address cultural resources. Any future site-specific development proposal associated with the proposed 2020-2025 CIP not exempted by WAC 197-11-800 or SCC 30.61.035 would be subject to a separate SEPA review. No additional mitigating measures are warranted beyond those identified in the DEIS and FEIS.

## **5) Transportation**

The DEIS and FEIS address transportation impacts and mitigation measures potentially associated with the proposed 2020-2025 CIP. No additional mitigating measures are warranted beyond those identified in the DEIS and FEIS.

## **6) Energy**

Potential energy impacts associated with the proposed 2020-2025 CIP are adequately addressed in the DEIS and FEIS. No new mitigating measures are warranted beyond those identified in the DEIS and FEIS.

## **7) Public Services and Utilities**

The DEIS and FEIS address potential impacts on public services potentially associated with the proposed 2020-2025 CIP relating to capital facilities and utilities, including police, fire, and emergency services; parks; schools; water systems; sanitary sewer systems; drainage systems; telecommunications; and solid waste. The utility inventory is updated continually with information from the most recent comprehensive water and wastewater system plans, which are reviewed for consistency with the County's Comprehensive Plan. Electric power supply needs and issues are addressed in the most recent electric power comprehensive plan (Snohomish County Public Utilities District No.1 (PUD)) and are similarly reviewed for consistency.

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Emergency Management  
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N. Creek Rural /1000 Friends of SC	Solid Waste Division
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Neighbors to Save Wellington Park	South Snohomish County Fire and Rescue Regional
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Recreation and Conservation Office	U S Fish and Wildlife Service
Robe Valley Flood Control District	U S Forest Service
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Roosevelt Water Assn	Utilities and Trans Comm
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