

CPA #T-03 TRANSPORTATION ELEMENT

Initiated by: City of Renton

Applicant: City of Renton

General Description

The City is beginning the process of updating the Comprehensive Plan in accordance with the GMA mandated update schedule. This will occur over the next two years. Sections that will be amended in this cycle include: the 20 year list of planned improvements to arterials, a new statement about the RapidRide F line, and updated language to ensure the element is current.

Impact Analysis

Effect on rate of growth, development, and conversion of land as envisioned in the Plan

The proposal has no effect on rate of growth, development, and/or the conversion of land as envisioned in the Plan.

Effect on the City's capacity to provide adequate public facilities

This proposal has no effect on the City's ability to provide adequate public facilities. Several of the amendments, such as concurrency/mitigation, are to ensure that the City is able to continue to provide adequate public facilities.

Effect on the rate of population and employment growth

There is no effect on the rate of population and employment growth created by this proposal.

Whether Plan objectives are being met as specified or remain valid and desirable

The proposed amendment meets objectives of the Vision of the Comprehensive Plan. In particular, the Vision seeks to enhance the quality of life for residents. The proposed amendments seek to identify transportation improvements that will work to accomplish an enhanced quality of life for residents.

Effect on general land values or housing costs

This proposal has no effects on general land values.

Whether capital improvements or expenditures are being made or completed as expected

There are no capital improvements or expenditures being made or completed in relation to this proposal.

Consistency with GMA, the Plan, and Countywide Planning Policies

The proposal is consistent with GMA, Renton's Comprehensive Plan, and Countywide Planning Policies.

Effect on critical areas and natural resource lands

There are no effects on critical areas and/or natural resource lands caused by the proposed amendment.

Effect on other considerations

This proposed amendment has no effect on other considerations.

Review Criteria

RMC 4-9-020G states that the proposal shall demonstrate that the requested amendment is timely and meets at least one of the following criteria:

1. The request supports the Vision embodied in the Comprehensive Plan, or
2. The request supports the adopted business plan goals established by the City Council, or
3. The request eliminates conflicts with existing elements or policies, or
4. The request amends the Comprehensive Plan to accommodate new policy directives of the City Council.

This amendment meets Criteria #1 and 2. The Vision was addressed above. The business plan seeks to “meet the service demands that contribute to the livability of the community” in part by “plan(ing), develop(ing), and maintain(ing) quality services, infrastructure, and amenities”. The proposed amendments work to fulfill this goal by identifying necessary infrastructure improvements needed, as well as some of the costs, that will meet the service demands and contribute positively to livability.

Staff Recommendation

Amend the Transportation element as indicated below.

Implementation Requirements

This work is being phased over two years. Proposed amendments this cycle include:

- 20 year list of planned improvements to arterials
 - To delete projects that have been completed and to list projects that have been identified as important to improving and/or maintaining levels of service.
- The RapidRide F line
 - Metro Transit, in partnership with the cities of Burien, SeaTac, Tukwila, and Renton, is planning to launch new RapidRide bus service between Burien and Renton in fall 2013. The RapidRide F Line will run between Burien and Renton transit centers via the Tukwila International Boulevard Link Station, Southcenter, the Tukwila Sounder Station, Renton Transit Center, and the South Renton Park-and-ride. A map depicting the route and a statement about the line will be added to the Transportation element.
- Updates to ensure element is current
 - Currently, the element includes several references to things that are no longer the current standard. For example, the element references Vision 2020, this need to be revised to Vision 2040. Another example is to reference the Trails and Bicycles Master Plan that has been adopted since the last revision to this element.