



Comprehensive Plan/Municipal Code Advisory Group Meeting Minutes June 21, 2023

Call to Order: 5:30 pm

Advisory Group Members Present:

Steve Shepro, Council Member
Dylan Sluder, MBAKS
Peter Kamb, Community Member
Keri Moore, Snohomish Health District

Staff Present:

Patricia Love, Community Development Director
Tansy Schroeder, City Planner
Audrey Rotrock, Associate Planner

Advisory Group Members Absent:

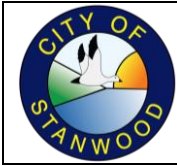
Elizabeth Callaghan, Community Member
Tim Schmitt, Council Member
Cody Davis, Planning Commissioner
Jami Sollid, Community Member
Lauren Ruskauff, Community Member
Kristine Birkenkopf, Community Member
Meagan Watne, Community Member

Transportation Plan Policy Review

The Transportation Element provides the framework to guide the growth and development of the City's transportation infrastructure. The Transportation Element implements and is consistent with the land use element of the Comprehensive Plan to ensure that the transportation network is planned to serve existing and future developments. The Element should address the development of a balanced, multi-modal transportation network for the City and also recognizes the regional nature of the transportation network and the need for continuing interagency coordination to improve the system.

The draft Transportation Element Goals and Policies below are for review and consideration. These goals and policies focused on the following principals:

- TG 1: Roadway Design and Safety – Ensure safe roadway design
- TG 2: Adopt and Maintain Transportation Level of Service (LOS)
- TG 3: Provide a Transportation System That Promotes Economic Development and a Healthy Environment
- TG 4: Maintenance of Transportation Investments
- TG 5: Reduce Miles Travelled Through Design and Planning
- TG 6: Hazard Mitigation Planning
- TG 7: Regional Coordination
- TG 8: Minimizing Impacts on the Environment and Reducing Greenhouse Emissions
- TG 9: Financial Planning Policy
- TG 10: Prioritizing Equity and Inclusion



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Advisory Group Questions and Comments:

TG 1 Roadway Design and Safety – Ensure safe roadway design:

- TP 1.4:
 - The Complete Streets program might be less effective than originally hoped. It could be dangerous to combine cars, bicycles, and pedestrians onto one street.
 - There is potential grant money through the Complete Streets program.
 - There should be a way to separate pedestrians and vehicles. We may want to go above and beyond what the Complete Street requirements are.
 - Smart Growth America is a good resource for ideas like Complete Streets, Smart Growth America also has funding available. To qualify for funding, cities are required to have a Complete Streets ordinance in place.
 - Complete Streets could also end up being too restrictive. The City could pick and choose details from the program they'd like to implement.
 - There was overall support for Complete Streets.

TG 2 Adopt and Maintain Transportation Level of Service (LOS)

- TP 2.2:
 - Keep the traffic analysis holistic by including multi-modal transportation.
 - Consider placing part of this policy under a section that addresses incompleteness of sidewalks and gaps in infrastructure.
 - These sections might be too technical. Consider adding a chart or key that will have the definition of what an LOS is and other unfamiliar terms.
 - Consider pulling LOS from TP 2.2 Subsections 1 and 2 and create a new LOS policy under Goal 2.

TG 3 Provide a Transportation System that Promotes Economic Development and a Healthy Environment

- Use TP 3.8 as a basis to restrict access of specific vehicle types (e.g., dump trucks) through neighborhood streets in western downtown.
- Add a policy that would cover a pedestrian only street and areas of where to add one.

TG 5 Reduce Miles Travelled Through Design and Planning

- TP 5.6 – Where feasible, provide sidewalks on both sides of all new and reconstructed public streets.
 - “Where feasible” is vague. Staff will rework the language of this policy and bring it back to the Group.



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TG 7 Regional Coordination

- Add Skagit Transit and Island transit to the list of entities to partner with. The broader the base funding the better.
- Consider adding the Link Light Rail to TP 7.2, as it may eventually reach further north.

TG 8 Minimizing Impacts on the Environment and Reducing Greenhouse Emissions

- TP 8.1 – Add language in this policy referencing where the Building Code is mandating new construction projects to develop the infrastructure needed to support clean fuel vehicles such as electric vehicle chargers.

TG 9 Financial Planning Policy

- Is the City willing to take the lead on issues outside the City limits on projects that will affect the City? Yes, the City will get involved in such issues when there is a high priority for it.
- TP 9.4 – Add Island County, Stillaguamish Tribe, and Washington Fish and Wildlife to partner with when defining and funding improvement projects and programs. Or condense it down to “other State Agencies.

Stanwood Municipal Code Update: Titles 3 and 5

Titles 3 and 5 are being reviewed by our consultants, City staff, Fire Department, and the Finance Department.

Adjourn: 7:00