

Olympia Planning Commission

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Olympia City Council
PO Box 1967
Olympia, WA 98507

RE: Olympia Planning Commission Comment Letter, Preliminary Capital Facilities Plan, 2026-2031 Financial Plan

Dear Mayor Payne and City Councilmembers:

Thank you for the opportunity to review the 2026-2031 Capital Facilities Plan (CFP) for consistency with Olympia's Comprehensive Plan. The Olympia Planning Commission appointed a Finance Subcommittee to perform the review.

his year, we would direct attention to the following items:

General topics

- Inconsistency of defining level of service
 - Addition of "vision zero" goals – example: Transportation is measured as completeness of network without metrics for/goals for increasing safety, traffic flow, reduced emissions, reduction in traffic/pedestrian incidents
- Projects appear largely siloed; would like to see information on cross-funding and how departments work together – examples: potential for road work to have impervious surface & Critical Area requirements met by the expansion/development of a park that additionally serves to help onsite stormwater management (e.g. relocation of the Japanese Garden to the future Westbay park connection at Parcel 91011401001) could see CFP budgetary benefits by sharing the cost burden between while meeting mutually beneficial Level of Service standards
- Cable tax - Ongoing question from previous year - would like addition info/solutions

Transportation

- Target Zero/Level of Service Goals

Storm & Surface Water

In addition, some tweaks would help the commission in its review, including:

- Advocating additional infrastructure and community investment

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We again commend the City of Olympia staff for the detailed CFP and their continued efforts in making it accessible to the public as well as their hard work in balancing many competing priorities maintaining and constructing the critical infrastructure the community depends on.

Sincerely,

Daniel Garcia, Chair
Olympia Planning Commission
Finance Subcommittee

Greg Quetin, Chair
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