

Capital Improvements Program Element

Background

Vision

White Salmon residents value planning for public facilities to ensure they are scaled to manage growth responsibility.

The purpose of this element is to briefly outline capital improvements for the City. Capital improvement needs are developed on a long-term basis.

Domestic Water System

The 2000 to 2010 Ten Year Water System Capital Improvement Plan has had changes because the two City wells recently failed to provide adequate water. The City researched a location for a supply of potable water. After investigation, the City decided to build a water filtration plant for Buck Creek. The facility is a “slow sand filtration plant” and will provide White Salmon’s water customers with approximately 1,000 gallons per minute. As of 2009, the Master Water Plan has not been updated to reflect these decisions.

Street System

The City is responsible for the maintenance of City streets and avenues. A major problem for the City is Dock Grade Road. The State tried to improve the intersection of SR 14 with Dock Grade by adding a west bound, right turn lane from SR 14 on to Dock Grade. However, the blind spot created by vehicles turning right onto Dock Road has caused many accidents. A traffic signal and extra turn lanes were also added at the intersection of Hwy 35, north end of the Port of Hood River Bridge, and SR 14.

The City has a Six Year Street System Capital Improvement Plan for 2006-2011 which lists the improvements that have been and will be made to streets in White Salmon. The plan is available at City Hall.

Other Capital Improvement Projects

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Goals and Policies

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GOAL CIP-1: To coordinate capital improvement planning with land use planning considering timeframe, funding and improvement demand.

Policy CIP-1.1: The City shall develop a 5-year Capital Improvement Plan to schedule and fund capital improvements to meet future urbanization needs. The City shall consider and adopt a street classification system with urban and rural standards (see page 35 and figure 12) of the White Salmon Urbanization Study: arterials, major collectors, minor collectors and local streets and urban alleys. These standards should be reviewed with Klickitat County to reach agreement for application in the Urban Exempt Area.

Policy CIP-1.2: The City shall evaluate funding needs, sources and utility rates to implement the Capital Improvement Plan. Policy T-1.3: Access on major arterials shall be controlled and minimized where the primary function is through traffic movement.

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