

SEPA ENVIRONMENTAL CHECKLIST

Purpose of checklist:

Governmental agencies use this checklist to help determine whether the environmental impacts of your proposal are significant. This information is also helpful to determine if available avoidance, minimization or compensatory mitigation measures will address the probable significant impacts or if an environmental impact statement will be prepared to further analyze the proposal.

Instructions for applicants:

This environmental checklist asks you to describe some basic information about your proposal. Please answer each question accurately and carefully, to the best of your knowledge. You may need to consult with an agency specialist or private consultant for some questions. You may use "not applicable" or "does not apply" only when you can explain why it does not apply and not when the answer is unknown. You may also attach or incorporate by reference additional studies reports. Complete and accurate answers to these questions often avoid delays with the SEPA process as well as later in the decision-making process.

The checklist questions apply to all parts of your proposal, even if you plan to do them over a period of time or on different parcels of land. Attach any additional information that will help describe your proposal or its environmental effects. The agency to which you submit this checklist may ask you to explain your answers or provide additional information reasonably related to determining if there may be significant adverse impact.

Instructions for Lead Agencies:

Please adjust the format of this template as needed. Additional information may be necessary to evaluate the existing environment, all interrelated aspects of the proposal and an analysis of adverse impacts. The checklist is considered the first but not necessarily the only source of information needed to make an adequate threshold determination. Once a threshold determination is made, the lead agency is responsible for the completeness and accuracy of the checklist and other supporting documents.

Use of checklist for nonproject proposals:

For nonproject proposals (such as ordinances, regulations, plans and programs), complete the applicable parts of sections A and B plus the [SUPPLEMENTAL SHEET FOR NONPROJECT ACTIONS \(part D\)](#). Please completely answer all questions that apply and note that the words "project," "applicant," and "property or site" should be read as "proposal," "proponent," and "affected geographic area," respectively. The lead agency may exclude (for non-projects) questions in Part B - Environmental Elements –that do not contribute meaningfully to the analysis of the proposal.

A. Background

1. Name of proposed project, if applicable:

2025 City of Burlington Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) Update

2. Name of applicant:

City of Burlington

3. Address and phone number of applicant and contact person:

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4. Date checklist prepared:

October 9, 2024

5. Agency requesting checklist:

City of Burlington (non-project action)

6. Proposed timing or schedule (including phasing, if applicable):

- (a) SEPA threshold determination: October 9, 2024
- (b) Comment period: October 9, 2024 through December 9, 2024
- (c) Planning Commission Discussion: October 16, 2024
- (d) Planning Commission Action: November 20, 2024
- (e) City Council Discussion: November 26, 2024
- (f) City Council Action: December 12, 2024

7. Do you have any plans for future additions, expansion, or further activity related to or connected with this proposal? If yes, explain.

Non-Project Action – As described in the CIP a number of individual projects will require project level environmental review, analysis, or permitting. The CIP document includes notations for each project identifying subsequent permitting or environmental review requirements.

8. List any environmental information you know about that has been prepared, or will be prepared, directly related to this proposal.

City of Burlington Comprehensive Plan, Stormwater Management Plan, Parks Recreation and Open Space Plan, and Sewer Comprehensive Plan

9. Do you know whether applications are pending for governmental approvals of other proposals directly affecting the property covered by your proposal? If yes, explain.

Some of the listed construction projects, particularly the transportation projects, may require additional permits and reviews from the City of Burlington and State and federal agencies. The capital plans for other agencies, such as the Skagit Public Utility District (PUD), Washington State Department of Transportation, Skagit County, and Dike District 12 all include projects occurring within the City of Burlington. This CIP does not include environmental review of project for which another agency is serving as lead agency.

10. List any government approvals or permits that will be needed for your proposal, if known.

Some of the projects identified in the CIP will require permits. The CIP provides information on the permits or approvals that may be required. Projects in the CIP will require subsequent budgetary approval by the Burlington City Council. Most projects will also require individual spending authorization from the Burlington City Council. Each project in the CIP includes notations identifying subsequent permit or environmental review requirements.

11. Give brief, complete description of your proposal, including the proposed uses and the size of the project and site. There are several questions later in this checklist that ask you to describe certain aspects of your proposal. You do not need to repeat those answers on this page. (Lead agencies may modify this form to include additional specific information on project description.)

The City of Burlington is adopting an updated Capital Improvement Plan (CIP). The CIP is a component of the comprehensive plan and provides a detailed list of project and sources of funding for a six-year period. It is a mechanism for implementing the Public Facilities and Services Element of the Burlington Comprehensive Plan.

12. Location of the proposal. Give sufficient information for a person to understand the precise location of your proposed project, including a street address, if any, and section, township, and range, if known. If a proposal would occur over a range of area, provide the range or boundaries of the site(s). Provide a legal description, site plan, vicinity map, and topographic map, if reasonably available. While you should submit any plans required by the agency, you are not required to duplicate maps or detailed plans submitted with any permit applications related to this checklist.

The projects included in the CIP will occur throughout the City of Burlington. The 2025 CIP includes information for each project identify the project's location.

B. ENVIRONMENTAL ELEMENTS

1. Earth

a. General description of the site:

N/A – non-project action- The projects described in the CIP may take place on a variety of sites throughout the City and vary in topography and soil characteristics.

(circle one): Flat, rolling, hilly, steep slopes, mountainous, other _____

b. What is the steepest slope on the site (approximate percent slope)?

N/A – non-project action- The projects described in the CIP may take place on a variety of sites throughout the City and vary in topography and soil characteristics.

- c. What general types of soils are found on the site (for example, clay, sand, gravel, peat, muck)? If you know the classification of agricultural soils, specify them and note any agricultural land of long-term commercial significance and whether the proposal results in removing any of these soils.

N/A – non-project action- The projects described in the CIP may take place on a variety of sites throughout the City and vary in topography and soil characteristics.

- d. Are there surface indications or history of unstable soils in the immediate vicinity? If so, describe.

N/A – non-project action- The projects described in the CIP may take place on a variety of sites throughout the City and vary in topography and soil characteristics.

- e. Describe the purpose, type, total area, and approximate quantities and total affected area of any filling, excavation, and grading proposed. Indicate source of fill.

N/A – non-project action- The projects described in the CIP may take place on a variety of sites throughout the City and vary in topography and soil characteristics.

- f. Could erosion occur as a result of clearing, construction, or use? If so, generally describe.

N/A – non-project action- The projects described in the CIP may take place on a variety of sites throughout the City and vary in topography and soil characteristics.

- g. About what percent of the site will be covered with impervious surfaces after project construction (for example, asphalt or buildings)?

N/A – non-project action- The projects described in the CIP may take place on a variety of sites throughout the City and vary in topography and soil characteristics.

- h. Proposed measures to reduce or control erosion, or other impacts to the earth, if any:

N/A – non-project action- The projects described in the CIP may take place on a variety of sites throughout the City and vary in topography and soil characteristics.

2. Air

- a. What types of emissions to the air would result from the proposal during construction, operation, and maintenance when the project is completed? If any, generally describe and give approximate quantities if known.

N/A – non-project action

- b. Are there any off-site sources of emissions or odor that may affect your proposal? If so, generally describe.

N/A – non-project action

- c. Proposed measures to reduce or control emissions or other impacts to air, if any:

N/A – non-project action

3. Water

a. Surface Water:

- 1) Is there any surface water body on or in the immediate vicinity of the site (including year-round and seasonal streams, saltwater, lakes, ponds, wetlands)? If yes, describe type and provide names. If appropriate, state what stream or river it flows into.

N/A – non-project action- The projects described in the CIP may take place on a variety of sites throughout the City. The Skagit river is located within the City and has a large wetland complex associated with it(Gages Slough). There are no other large surface water bodies in the City.

- 2) Will the project require any work over, in, or adjacent to (within 200 feet) the described waters? If yes, please describe and attach available plans.

N/A – non-project action- The projects described in the CIP may take place on a variety of sites throughout the City. However, some of the project included in the CIP will occur on sites within 200 feet of the Skagit River or Gages Slough.

- 3) Estimate the amount of fill and dredge material that would be placed in or removed from surface water or wetlands and indicate the area of the site that would be affected. Indicate the source of fill material.

N/A – non-project action- The projects described in the CIP may take place on a variety of sites throughout the City.

- 4) Will the proposal require surface water withdrawals or diversions? Give general description, purpose, and approximate quantities if known.

N/A – non-project action- The projects described in the CIP may take place on a variety of sites throughout the City; however, one of the projects included in the CIP (7-2024-4), irrigation of at Skagit River Park, includes a proposal to divert surface water from the Skagit River for irrigation purposes as authorized by an interruptible water-right. This project will be subject to individual environmental review and permitting requirements.

- 5) Does the proposal lie within a 100-year floodplain? If so, note location on the site plan.

The projects described in the CIP may take place on a variety of sites throughout the City; however, most of the City lies within a 100 year floodplain and most of the projects involving construction will take place within the floodplain.

- 6) Does the proposal involve any discharges of waste materials to surface waters? If so, describe the type of waste and anticipated volume of discharge.

The projects described in the CIP may take place on a variety of sites throughout the City; however the projects related to stormwater and sewer infrastructure will involve discharges subject to applicable water quality regulations and subsequent project level environmental reviews.

b. Ground Water:

- 1) Will groundwater be withdrawn from a well for drinking water or other purposes? If so, give a general description of the well, proposed uses and approximate quantities withdrawn from the well. Will water be discharged to groundwater? Give general description, purpose, and approximate quantities if known.

N/A – non-project action- The projects described in the CIP may take place on a variety of sites throughout the City; however, the projects identified in the CIP do not involve groundwater withdrawals.

- 2) Describe waste material that will be discharged into the ground from septic tanks or other sources, if any (for example: Domestic sewage; industrial, containing the following chemicals. . . ; agricultural; etc.). Describe the general size of the system, the number of such systems, the number of houses to be served (if applicable), or the number of animals or humans the system(s) are expected to serve.

N/A – non-project action – no such discharges are anticipated

c. Water runoff (including stormwater):

- 1) Describe the source of runoff (including storm water) and method of collection and disposal, if any (include quantities, if known). Where will this water flow? Will this water flow into other waters? If so, describe.

Stormwater impacts associated with individual projects will be subject to site specific review and compliance with applicable stormwater regulations. Other projects involve upgrades to the City's stormwater and sewer systems to improve water quality.

- 2) Could waste materials enter ground or surface waters? If so, generally describe.

It is possible; however, stormwater impacts associated with individual projects will be subject to site specific review and compliance with applicable stormwater regulations. Other projects involve upgrades to the City's stormwater and sewer systems to improve water quality.

- 3) Does the proposal alter or otherwise affect drainage patterns in the vicinity of the site? If so, describe.

Stormwater impacts associated with individual projects will be subject to site specific review and compliance with applicable stormwater regulations. Other projects involve upgrades to the City's stormwater and sewer systems to improve water quality.

- d. Proposed measures to reduce or control surface, ground, and runoff water, and drainage pattern impacts, if any:

Many of the projects included in the updated CIP are intended to improve water quality through upgrades to the City's stormwater and sewer treatment facilities.

4. Plants

- a. Check the types of vegetation found on the site:

- deciduous tree: alder, maple, aspen, other
- evergreen tree: fir, cedar, pine, other
- shrubs
- grass
- pasture
- crop or grain
- Orchards, vineyards or other permanent crops.
- wet soil plants: cattail, buttercup, bullrush, skunk cabbage, other
- water plants: water lily, eelgrass, milfoil, other
- other types of vegetation

The projects described in the CIP may take place on a variety of sites throughout the City. The City's urban growth area contains very few undeveloped sites; accordingly most sites are covered in ornamental landscaping or non-native species

- b. What kind and amount of vegetation will be removed or altered?

N/A – non-project action- The projects described in the CIP may take place on a variety of sites throughout the City.

- c. List threatened and endangered species known to be on or near the site.

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- d. Proposed landscaping, use of native plants, or other measures to preserve or enhance vegetation on the site, if any:

The projects described in the CIP may take place on a variety of sites throughout the City. Compliance with applicable City landscaping codes will be required for individual projects.

- e. List all noxious weeds and invasive species known to be on or near the site.

N/A – non-project action- The projects described in the CIP may take place on a variety of sites throughout the City.

5. Animals

- a. List any birds and other animals which have been observed on or near the site or are known to be on or near the site.

Examples include:

birds: hawk, heron, eagle, songbirds, other:

mammals: deer, bear, elk, beaver, other:

fish: bass, salmon, trout, herring, shellfish, other _____

N/A – non-project action- The projects described in the CIP may take place on a variety of sites throughout the City

- b. List any threatened and endangered species known to be on or near the site.

The projects described in the CIP may take place on a variety of sites throughout the City; however, development within the City will take place within the 100 year floodplain of the Skagit River. The National Marine Fisheries Services has stated that development in this area may impacts listed fish species.

- c. Is the site part of a migration route? If so, explain.

Not known

- d. Proposed measures to preserve or enhance wildlife, if any:

Projects with identified wildlife impacts will be required to comply with the Burlington Critical Areas regulations. Work in open water areas may require Hydraulic Project Approval (HPA) form Washington State Department of Fish and Wildlife. Floodplain development requires preparation of Floodplain Habitat Assessment and Mitigation Plan.

- e. List any invasive animal species known to be on or near the site.

N/A – non-project action

6. Energy and Natural Resources

- a. What kinds of energy (electric, natural gas, oil, wood stove, solar) will be used to meet the completed project's energy needs? Describe whether it will be used for heating, manufacturing, etc.

N/A – non-project action

- b. Would your project affect the potential use of solar energy by adjacent properties? If so, generally describe.

N/A – non-project action

- c. What kinds of energy conservation features are included in the plans of this proposal? List other proposed measures to reduce or control energy impacts, if any:

N/A – non-project action

7. Environmental Health

- a. Are there any environmental health hazards, including exposure to toxic chemicals, risk of fire and explosion, spill, or hazardous waste, that could occur as a result of this proposal? If so, describe.

- 1) Describe any known or possible contamination at the site from present or past uses.

N/A – non-project action

- 2) Describe existing hazardous chemicals/conditions that might affect project development and design. This includes underground hazardous liquid and gas transmission pipelines located within the project area and in the vicinity.

N/A – non-project action

- 3) Describe any toxic or hazardous chemicals that might be stored, used, or produced during the project's development or construction, or at any time during the operating life of the project.

N/A – non-project action

- 4) Describe special emergency services that might be required.

N/A – non-project action

- 5) Proposed measures to reduce or control environmental health hazards, if any:

N/A – non-project action

b. Noise

- 1) What types of noise exist in the area which may affect your project (for example: traffic, equipment, operation, other)?

N/A – non-project action

- 2) What types and levels of noise would be created by or associated with the project on a short-term or a long-term basis (for example: traffic, construction, operation, other)? Indicate what hours noise would come from the site.

N/A – non-project action

- 3) Proposed measures to reduce or control noise impacts, if any:

N/A – non-project action

8. Land and Shoreline Use

- a. What is the current use of the site and adjacent properties? Will the proposal affect current land uses on nearby or adjacent properties? If so, describe.

N/A – non-project action

- b. Has the project site been used as working farmlands or working forest lands? If so, describe. How much agricultural or forest land of long-term commercial significance will be converted to other uses as a result of the proposal, if any? If resource lands have not been designated, how many acres in farmland or forest land tax status will be converted to nonfarm or nonforest use?

The City's urban growth area contains small areas of agricultural land. The proposed CIP is not expected to impact agricultural land uses. Such impacts have been addressed through the adoption of the updated Skagit County comprehensive plan which revised the City's urban growth area boundaries.

- 1) Will the proposal affect or be affected by surrounding working farm or forest land normal business operations, such as oversize equipment access, the application of pesticides, tilling, and harvesting? If so, how:

The City's urban growth area contains small areas of agricultural land. The proposed CIP is not expected to impact agricultural land uses. Such impacts have been addressed through the adoption of the updated Skagit County comprehensive plan which revised the City's urban growth area boundaries.

- c. Describe any structures on the site.

N/A – non-project action

d. Will any structures be demolished? If so, what?

N/A – non-project action

e. What is the current zoning classification of the site?

N/A – non-project action – construction projects identified in the CIP update will take place throughout the City in a variety of zones

f. What is the current comprehensive plan designation of the site?

Most of the identified projects will be located in areas designated Public Facilities and Transportation (PFT) or Parks and Conservation (PC) on the City's Comprehensive Plan Map.

g. If applicable, what is the current shoreline master program designation of the site?

N/A – non-project action – construction projects identified in the CIP update will take place throughout the City in a variety of shoreline environment designations

h. Has any part of the site been classified as a critical area by the city or county? If so, specify

Yes – the City contains numerous critical areas including flood hazards, geologically hazardous areas, and wetlands. The projects identified in the updated CIP may impacts one or more of these critical areas but impacts will be addressed through site specific environmental review and the application of development regulations.

i. Approximately how many people would reside or work in the completed project?

The 2025 CIP does not include any housing projects.

j. Approximately how many people would the completed project displace?

None of the listed projects will result in displacement or eliminate housing units.

k. Proposed measures to avoid or reduce displacement impacts, if any:

N/A – no displacement impacts

l. Proposed measures to ensure the proposal is compatible with existing and projected land uses and plans, if any:

Application of City development regulations and comprehensive plan policies. Site specific environmental review will be required for most projects involving construction activities.

Each individual project in the CIP includes an analysis showing how the project is consistent with the Burlington Comprehensive Plan and the City's adopted development regulations. Information is also provided on studies or permits required for each project.

m. Proposed measures to reduce or control impacts to agricultural and forest lands of long-term commercial significance, if any:

N/A – all projects will take place within the City's established urban growth boundary. The City does not contain any lands classified as lands of long term resources significance.

9. Housing

a. Approximately how many units would be provided, if any? Indicate whether high, middle, or low-income housing.

N/A – no housing projects are included in the 2025 CIP. The Housing Authority of Skagit County did not provide a conforming capital plan for inclusion in the 2025 CIP.

b. Approximately how many units, if any, would be eliminated? Indicate whether high, middle, or low-income housing.

N/A – none of the listed projects will eliminate housing units

c. Proposed measures to reduce or control housing impacts, if any:

N/A – no housing units will be eliminated.

10. Aesthetics

a. What is the tallest height of any proposed structure(s), not including antennas; what is the principal exterior building material(s) proposed?

N/A – non-project action

b. What views in the immediate vicinity would be altered or obstructed?

N/A – non-project action

b. Proposed measures to reduce or control aesthetic impacts, if any:

Application of City development regulations and site specific environmental review.

11. Light and Glare

- a. What type of light or glare will the proposal produce? What time of day would it mainly occur?

N/A – non-project action

- b. Could light or glare from the finished project be a safety hazard or interfere with views?

N/A – non-project action

- c. What existing off-site sources of light or glare may affect your proposal?

N/A – non-project action

- d. Proposed measures to reduce or control light and glare impacts, if any:

Application of City of Burlington outdoor lighting standards.

12. Recreation

- a. What designated and informal recreational opportunities are in the immediate vicinity?

The City of Burlington contains a number of parks and open space areas

- b. Would the proposed project displace any existing recreational uses? If so, describe.

No – the proposal may result in the creation of new recreational uses or the improvement of existing recreational uses.

- c. Proposed measures to reduce or control impacts on recreation, including recreation opportunities to be provided by the project or applicant, if any:

Projects related to parks and recreation will create new recreation facilities and capacity in accor

13. Historic and cultural preservation

- a. Are there any buildings, structures, or sites, located on or near the site that are over 45 years old listed in or eligible for listing in national, state, or local preservation registers ? If so, specifically describe.

None of the listed projects will impact historic buildings, structures, or sites

- b. Are there any landmarks, features, or other evidence of Indian or historic use or occupation? This may include human burials or old cemeteries. Are there any material evidence, artifacts,

or areas of cultural importance on or near the site? Please list any professional studies conducted at the site to identify such resources.

N/A – non-project action – individual site assessments may be required for projects requiring significant ground disturbing activities. Permit and SEPA notices for individual projects will be distributed to DAHP and area tribes.

- c. Describe the methods used to assess the potential impacts to cultural and historic resources on or near the project site. Examples include consultation with tribes and the department of archeology and historic preservation, archaeological surveys, historic maps, GIS data, etc.

Site specific environmental reviews will be required and compliance with the cultural resource protection laws will be required. The City will coordinate with the Department of Archaeology and Historic Preservation (DAHP) on individual projects involving significant ground disturbing activities.

- d. Proposed measures to avoid, minimize, or compensate for loss, changes to, and disturbance to resources. Please include plans for the above and any permits that may be required.

Coordination with DAHP and site specific environmental review

14. **Transportation**

- a. Identify public streets and highways serving the site or affected geographic area and describe proposed access to the existing street system. Show on site plans, if any.

N/A – non-project action

- b. Is the site or affected geographic area currently served by public transit? If so, generally describe. If not, what is the approximate distance to the nearest transit stop?

The City of Burlington is served by Skagit Area Transit Service (SKAT). At least two major bus routes and one large transit station are located in the City. The CIP adopts SKAT's most recently adopted service plan by reference.

- c. How many additional parking spaces would the completed project or non-project proposal have? How many would the project or proposal eliminate?

None of the listed projects include additional parking.

- d. Will the proposal require any new or improvements to existing roads, streets, pedestrian, bicycle or state transportation facilities, not including driveways? If so, generally describe (indicate whether public or private).

The CIP includes transportation improvements consistent with the Transportation Element of the City's adopted transportation plan.

- e. Will the project or proposal use (or occur in the immediate vicinity of) water, rail, or air transportation? If so, generally describe.

Yes – many of the projects identified in the CIP are transportation projects and will involve improvements to the City's existing transportation infrastructure.

- f. How many vehicular trips per day would be generated by the completed project or proposal? If known, indicate when peak volumes would occur and what percentage of the volume would be trucks (such as commercial and non-passenger vehicles). What data or transportation models were used to make these estimates?

N/A – non-project action

- g. Will the proposal interfere with, affect or be affected by the movement of agricultural and forest products on roads or streets in the area? If so, generally describe.

N/A – non-project action

- h. Proposed measures to reduce or control transportation impacts, if any:

N/A – non-project action

15. Public Services

- a. Would the project result in an increased need for public services (for example: fire protection, police protection, public transit, health care, schools, other)? If so, generally describe.

No – the proposed CIP update will identify projects to improve public services

- b. Proposed measures to reduce or control direct impacts on public services, if any.

The purpose of the proposed CIP update is to identify projects to improve public services and ensure services and facilities are in place to serve projected population, housing, and employment growth. The policies of the Burlington Comprehensive Plan require that all agencies providing services or operating facilities in the City of Burlington annually submit conforming capital plans that the identify facilities and services they provide that are necessary to support projected growth. With the exception of the Burlington Edison School District and the Housing Authority of Skagit County, all agencies provided conforming capital plans. Because the School District and Housing Authority have not provided conforming capital plans, potential public service impacts cannot be analyzed for public housing and education.

16. Utilities

- a. Circle utilities currently available at the site:

electricity, natural gas, water, refuse service, telephone, sanitary sewer, septic system,
other _____

N/A – non-project action

- c. Describe the utilities that are proposed for the project, the utility providing the service, and the general construction activities on the site or in the immediate vicinity which might be needed.

N/A – non-project action – The plan includes City of Burlington projects designed to upgrade City sewer and storm-water infrastructure. The Skagit PUD submitted a conforming capital plan that is adopted by reference addressing public water service.

C. Signature

The above answers are true and complete to the best of my knowledge. I understand that the lead agency is relying on them to make its decision.

Signature: Brad Johnson, Community Development Director, City of Burlington

Name of signee _____

Position and Agency/Organization _____

Date Submitted: October 9, 2024

D. supplemental sheet for nonproject actions

(IT IS NOT NECESSARY to use this sheet for project actions)

Because these questions are very general, it may be helpful to read them in conjunction with the list of the elements of the environment.

When answering these questions, be aware of the extent the proposal, or the types of activities likely to result from the proposal, would affect the item at a greater intensity or at a faster rate than if the proposal were not implemented. Respond briefly and in general terms.

- 1. How would the proposal be likely to increase discharge to water; emissions to air; production, storage, or release of toxic or hazardous substances; or production of noise?

The proposed updates to the CIP may result in a number of projects intended to improve the City’s stormwater and sewer facilities. These projects may result in increased discharges but will comply with applicable water quality regulations. Some projects may result in improvements to water quality. Transportation projects may result in additional vehicle traffic and associated vehicle emissions. However, the policies of the Burlington Comprehensive Plan call for reductions in greenhouse gas emissions and

per-capita vehicle miles traveled. No general-purpose vehicle capacity projects are included in this proposal. No projects are expected to result in toxic or hazardous substance storage or discharges.

Proposed measures to avoid or reduce such increases are:

All projects involving construction activities will be subject to site specific environmental review. Stormwater and sewer system projects will be subject to clean water regulations and laws. Stormwater improvements are generally intended to improve water quality and will be required to comply with updated NPDES permit requirements. Other projects will be subject to applicable City codes and regulations.

2. How would the proposal be likely to affect plants, animals, fish, or marine life?

Most of the City lies within the 100-year floodplain of the Skagit River. The National Marine Fisheries Service has concluded that development in this area may impact ESA listed fish species. The City is currently working to develop updated regulations to address these impacts. Projects completed after the adoption of these regulations will avoid or mitigate any associated impacts.

Proposed measures to protect or conserve plants, animals, fish, or marine life are:

Most of the City lies within the 100-year floodplain of the Skagit River. The National Marine Fisheries Service has concluded that development in this area may impact ESA listed fish species. The City is currently working to develop updated regulations to address these impacts. Projects completed after the adoption of these regulations will avoid or mitigate any associated impacts.

3. How would the proposal be likely to deplete energy or natural resources?

The City's Urban Growth Area has not been expanded during this CIP period. Most development within the City of Burlington involves redevelopment and the intensification of uses on existing developed sites. The projects in the updated CIP are intended to facilitate the continuing redevelopment and intensification of uses within the City's established boundaries. It is thought that such an approach to growth and development will, over the long term, reduce the reliance on single occupant vehicles and associated energy use. It is also thought that new, or redeveloped buildings are more energy efficient than older buildings.

Proposed measures to protect or conserve energy and natural resources are:

Compliance with applicable building and energy codes. The CIP is intended to identify projects necessary to carry out the comprehensive plan which envisions continuing redevelopment within the City's established boundaries which may reduce long term energy and natural resource demands.

4. How would the proposal be likely to use or affect environmentally sensitive areas or areas designated (or eligible or under study) for governmental protection; such as parks, wilderness, wild and scenic rivers, threatened or endangered species habitat, historic or cultural sites, wetlands, floodplains, or prime farmlands?

Unknown – site specific critical area impacts will be addressed through subsequent environmental reviews and application of City's critical areas regulations

Proposed measures to protect such resources or to avoid or reduce impacts are:
Site specific environmental reviews and application of the City's critical areas regulations

5. How would the proposal be likely to affect land and shoreline use, including whether it would allow or encourage land or shoreline uses incompatible with existing plans?

The proposed updates to the CIP will facilitate a pattern of growth and development that is consistent with the adopted comprehensive plan. The CIP is intended to implement, and carry out, the capital facilities element of the comprehensive plan.

Proposed measures to avoid or reduce shoreline and land use impacts are:

Compliance with applicable city development regulations

6. How would the proposal be likely to increase demands on transportation or public services and utilities?

The project will improve transportation facilities and public services

Proposed measures to reduce or respond to such demand(s) are:

The project will improve transportation facilities and public services

7. Identify, if possible, whether the proposal may conflict with local, state, or federal laws or requirements for the protection of the environment.

All projects identified in the updated CIP will be required to comply with applicable laws and regulations