

Executive Summary

Issue Title: Bicycle and Electric Vehicle Code

Meeting Date: December 7, 2021

Time Required: 30 Minutes

Department: Department of Community Development (DCD)

Attendees: Liz Williams, Melissa Shumake

Action Requested At This Meeting: Review Work Plan

Background:

The Kitsap County Non-Motorized Facilities Committee prepared and presented proposed code revisions for bicycle parking facilities to the Board of County Commissioners on February 3, 2021. Subsequent to that presentation, the Board requested that Public Works and the Department of Community Development (DCD) prepare a work plan that accounts for workload capacity given other mandated efforts and current projects.

Additionally, in summer 2021 DCD was asked to brainstorm a work plan to develop provisions for electric vehicle charging stations that would further implement Countywide Planning Policies, the Kitsap County Comprehensive Plan, as well as state adopted International Building Code requirements, various state laws regarding electric vehicle infrastructure, and Puget Sound Regional Council's (PSRC) guidance.

Since these discussions, along with recruitment of previously frozen long-range planning positions, the Department seeks feedback on a combined and focused development code work plan that combines bike facilities and electric vehicle charging stations. This code development effort is intended to be completed prior to the mandated periodic update to the Comprehensive Plan/Capital Facilities Plan due June 30, 2024.

Draft Scope:

DCD proposes to develop proposed revisions to Kitsap County Code (KCC) Chapter 17.490 Off-Street Parking and Loading to include minimum and incentive-based requirements that encourage new development and applicable redevelopment to install facilities for bicycles and electric vehicles.

The project scope will include:

 Guidance for bicycle parking and electric vehicle charging facilities for new construction and applicable redevelopment, in urban areas, Rural Commercial and Industrial zones and LAMIRDs only.

- Establish minimum standards and encourage provision of additional facilities with incentives
 - Establish location, dimension, material, design, numeric, and other standards
- Revise/add applicable definitions as needed in 17.110

Project Goals:

The project is intended to proactively encourage healthy and resilient communities through an approach that:

- Increases non-motorized and low/no emission transportation options;
- Reduces greenhouse gas emissions and help support Vision 2050, Countywide Planning Policies, and Kitsap County Climate Change Resiliency Assessment goals and outcomes;
- Improves public health outcomes via cleaner air and active transportation; and
- Implements the goals and policies of the County's 2016 Comprehensive Plan.

Attachments:

Project Work Plan