

SUMMARY OF COUNTY BOARD WORKSHOP APPENDIX H

WASHINGTON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS RECOMMENDATIONS WORKSHOP: OCTOBER 10, 2018

As part of renewing the goals and objectives for the year 2050 plan update, a number of policies and programs included in the year 2035 plan were revised or repealed to align with the core services provided by the County. Several bodies, including the Multi-Jurisdictional Comprehensive Plan Advisory Committee, Comprehensive Planning Technical Workgroup, and the County Board of Supervisors were involved in this effort. An input session was held with the County Board of Supervisors to provide direction in aligning the policies and programs with the County vision, mission, and strategic goals; as well as the various County departments that provide core services to County residents. Results from the input session by County department follow (a number in parentheses appears if a comment was received multiple times):

Highway

- Remove the requirement for complete streets and de-emphasize bicycle accommodation on roads (3)
- Include stronger language to encourage more bicycle accommodation (2)
- Support the use of roundabouts (2)
- Discourage the use of roundabouts (2)
- Establish a program that encourages more coordination and cost-sharing between the Towns and Washington County for road maintenance (2)

Transit

- Remove references to passenger rail and ensure all references encouraging railroad development use the term "freight railroad" (3)
- Preserve references to passenger rail (3)
- Encourage the development of shared-mobility programs using alternatives to automobiles such as scooters, utility task vehicles (UTVs), and bicycles (2)
- Remove references regarding consistency to the regional transportation plan (1)
- Discourage regional transit authorities (2)

- Establish a policy with stronger language encouraging the consolidation of the Washington County and Ozaukee County shared-ride taxi services (4)
- Modify the hours and frequency of service of the Washington County Commuter Express (WCCE) to encourage commuting and reverse commuting (12)
- Establish a policy that encourages public/private partnerships to help workers arriving in Washington County via the WCCE to access employment centers (2)

Land and Water Conservation

- Program: Promote nonmetallic mining in areas where impacts are minimal on adjacent land uses... (p. 446)
 - Consider removing the word “minimal” to prevent the program from being excessively limiting (1)
- Work with and educate farmers to help identify sources of and find solutions to runoff (2)
- Work with farmers and developers as appropriate to enforce stormwater management control practices (1)
- Encourage cooperation and collaboration among groups and municipalities while working to maintain compliance with State and Federal regulations, such as WPDES MS4 permits, to benefit from economies of scale (1)

Health

- Program: Continue WDNR subcontract for inspection of transient non-community wells (p. 450)
 - Define or clarify what transient non-community wells are (2)
- Program: Continue the development of a mass clinic disaster plan (p. 450)
 - Too vague, expand on this further and clarify what the County’s role should be on this vs. the role of clinics and other facilities (2)
- Program: Continue to coordinate medication collection with twice-a-year clean sweep...(p. 451)
 - Promote greater awareness of the program, particularly in light of the opioid crisis (2)
 - Clean sweep may not have been held twice last year and may have been held in conjunction with Waukesha County, please confirm (1)
 - Also spread awareness of police departments, hospitals, and other facilities that collect pharmaceuticals throughout the year (1)
- Program: Participate in developing “Safe Routes to School” programs with interested local government and schools districts (p. 451)
 - What role does or should the County play in this program (2)

Land Use

- Allow for flexibility in land use regulations in order to accommodate development (2)

Aging and Disability Resource Center

- Program: Collaborate with community agencies to develop a housing survey...(p. 456)
 - Also consider collaborating with Cedar Community and other senior living facilities on this effort (1)
- Program: Consider promotion of construction design concepts such as Universal Design 23 and Visitability (p. 457)
 - Explain these concepts (3) NOTE: The facilitator explained that these concepts are described in the Housing Element
- Promote awareness of programs and services available, particularly to seniors and those who are not internet users (1)
- Promote greater use of the Senior Center in West Bend (1)

Emergency Management

- Emergency management is well-run and efficient, no need for any major changes (1)
- Consider opportunities to create efficiencies through shared services (3)

Sheriff's Office

- Program: Continue to promote shared service and equipment...(p. 461)
 - Strongly agree with program (3)
- Program: Continue to study the development of an integrated County emergency dispatch center (p. 461)
 - This should be a high priority and have a shorter timeframe than five years (3)

Parks

- Focus on priority parks (2)
- Program: Enhance communication and marketing for the County park system (p. 463)
 - Encourage supporting parks as an economic development effort and note that this program applies to the Economic Development Element in the table (1)
- Collaborate with communities in relation to parks (1)
- Encourage facility design to promote bicycling and hiking beyond off-street paths, such as on the widened shoulders of roads (1)
- Program: Assist in implementing the recommendations of the Washington County Bikeway and Trail Network Plan (third program p. 463)
 - Note that this program applies to the intergovernmental cooperation element in the table (1)
- Program: Implement the County Bikeway and Trail Network Plan...(p. 465 under the Planning section)
 - Implementation of the County Bikeway and Trail Network Plan should be considered a Parks program (1)
- Support park acquisitions (1)
- Policy: Support strategic park acquisitions and expansions of priority parks (third to last policy on p. 462)
 - Consider changing or eliminating policy to more accurately reflect that park policies do not currently include acquiring additional parklands (1)
- Work with local municipalities to maintain or encourage public access to lakes (1)

Planning

- Promote concentrating economic development along IH 41 and USH 45 (1)
- Facilitate allowing smaller lot sizes in some areas, including established communities as well as agricultural areas (1)
- Encourage the preservation of agricultural lands (1)
- Acknowledge the need for the development of affordable housing (1)

County Administration

- Identify and implement opportunities to consolidate services between Washington County and other counties (4)
- Consolidating services with other counties may result in a larger overall budget and more opportunities to pursue specialized projects (1)
- The overall breadth of services provided by Washington County is impressive and County Administration has been increasing efficiencies in providing services (1)
- Consider consolidation of Washington County with another county(s) of similar size (1)

- Discourage regional taxing authorities (1)
- The library system within Washington County should be studied to increase efficiencies (2)
- Washington County should facilitate shared services between local governments (2)
- Program: Continue to work with UWM-WC in coordinating maintenance of facilities (p. 468)
 - Clarify the program (1)
- Washington County should be a leader in innovative governance (1)
- Ensure that Washington County continues to have representation in the Southern Housing Region Program (1)

Economic Development

- Fully fund the Impact Revolving Loan Fund (1)
- Support Economic Development Washington County (EDWC) (3)
- Policy on page 470
 - Specify support of freight railroad (1)
- Do not implement the STH 60 Northern Reliever Route (1)
- The revolving loan fund process can be cumbersome for small economic development projects (1)
- Some communities do not support boundary agreements (in reference to the last economic development policy) (1)
- EDWC should work with other economic development stakeholders to ensure that the IH 41 and USH 45 corridors benefits from growth associated with the Foxconn development (1)
- Encourage business retention efforts in light of potential departure of businesses that may leave Washington County to be closer to the main Foxconn manufacturing campus in Racine County (1)
- Review economic development programs included in the recommendations to ensure they are still relevant (1)
- Re-evaluate the WCCE to ensure it is meeting the economic development needs of Washington County (1)

Recommendations for Local Governments

- Encourage the development of reasonably priced housing in communities with sanitary sewer service to meet the workforce housing needs of Washington County (2)
- Discourage the development of large institutional uses, such as nursing homes, in areas with poor access to services (1)
- Support nonmetallic mining operations in the County while limiting the effects on County residents (1)

Recommendations for County Partnering Organizations

- Encourage land owners to collaborate with Cedar Lakes Conservation Foundation, the Ozaukee Washington Land Trust, and Tall Pines Conservancy in their efforts to conserve land (1)