



**Agenda for Gig Harbor Planning Commission
Gig Harbor Civic Center
Thursday, September 12, 2024 at 5:30 P.M.**

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This meeting may also be viewed live in the Council Chambers at the Civic Center.

Call to Order/Roll Call:

Approval of Minutes: September 5, 2024

Public Comment:

Agenda Items:

Introduction of the Transportation Element – Presentation Marissa Milam from Fehr & Peers and Commission discussion

Other Business: Next meeting Thursday, September 19, 2024

Adjournment:

PUBLIC COMMENT & DECORUM

The city desires to allow a maximum opportunity for public comment. However, the business of the Planning Commission must proceed in an orderly, timely manner. The purpose of a Planning Commission meeting is to advise on subjects prescribed by the City Council; it is not a public forum.

Public comment may be made in-person from the microphone, remotely via Zoom or by phone during designated portions of the meeting. To speak during the meeting via Zoom, press the Raise Hand button near the bottom of your Zoom window or press *9 on your phone. Please refrain from raising your hand until the Chair has announced

that the Commission has opened the public comment portion of the meeting. Your name or the last three digits of your phone number will be called out when it is your turn to speak. When using your phone to call in, you may need to press *6 to unmute yourself. Speakers will be allotted 3 minutes per individual, unless revised by the chair. Comments shall be made, first giving the speaker's name and address. Anyone making "out of order" comments may be subject to removal from the meeting.

Instead of making oral comments, written comments may be submitted to the Planning Commission at MThomas@gjgharborwa.gov.

All remarks shall be addressed to the commission as a body and not to any specific commissioner. All speakers shall be courteous in their language and deportment and shall not engage in or discuss or comment on personalities or indulge in derogatory remarks or insinuations with regard to any commissioner, or any member of the staff or the public.

There will be no demonstrations during or at the conclusion of any public comment. These guidelines are intended to promote an orderly system of holding public meetings, to give every person an opportunity to be heard and to ensure that no individuals are embarrassed by voicing their opinions.

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**Minutes for Gig Harbor Planning Commission
Thursday, September 5, 2024 at 5:30 P.M.
Council Chambers**

Call to Order/Roll Call

Chair Krawczyk called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. Commissioners, Martin, Tessicini, Jordan, Burcar and Bradbury were present. Commissioner Snodgrass was excused.

Staff: Interim Community Development Director, Jeff Wilson; Jeff Langhelm, PE, Public Works Director; Principal Planner, Robin Bolster-Grant and Planning Technician, Michelle Thomas.

Approval of Minutes

Motion: Move to approve minutes from August 22, 2024 (Bradbury/Jordan)

Vote: Unanimously approved

Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items None.

Agenda Items

Introduction of Capital Facilities, Essential Public Facilities and Utilities Elements – Presentation Robin Bolster-Grant and Jeff Langhelm with Commission discussion.

Other Business

Next meeting Thursday, September 12, 2024, Introduction of the Transportation Element with Fehr & Peers and the City Engineer. Commissioner Tessicini will not be present for the next 2 meetings.

Adjournment 7:45 P.M.

Michelle Thomas

Michelle Thomas
Planning Technician



Gig Harbor Transportation Element Update

Planning Commission
September 12, 2024

FEHR & PEERS

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2018 Plan

Overview of the comprehensive update performed in 2018



2024 Updates

Key updates for 2024 Element



Project List

Approach for updating the 20-year transportation project list



Next Steps

Upcoming work



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2024 Update



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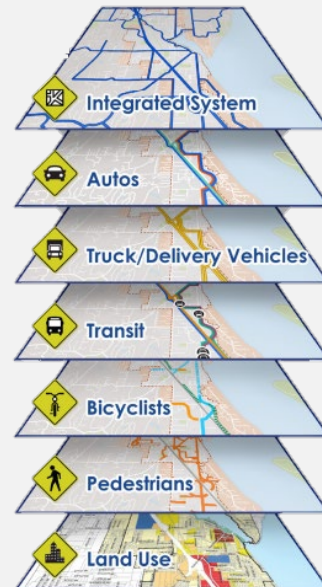
City of Gig Harbor
2018 Transportation Element

HIGHLIGHT

The 2018 Transportation Element included a comprehensive update of the city's transportation vision, extensive public outreach, and new multimodal level of service (MMLOS) networks and standards.

2018 Transportation Element

- ✓ Extensive public outreach, including:
 - ✓ Stakeholder interviews
 - ✓ Project website
 - ✓ Pop-up studio
 - ✓ Walkshops
 - ✓ Open houses
 - ✓ Planning Commission and City Council
- ✓ Defined new goals for the city's transportation vision based on outreach
- ✓ Established priority networks for pedestrians and bicyclists, and new MMLOS standards
- ✓ Developed a new capital project list from community input, modeling of future growth, and new layered network



Layered Network Concept



Walkshops for the community to learn about Complete Streets and identify potential projects

2018 Transportation Goals



Goal 1: Inviting and accessible, encourage public health through active transportation

Gig Harbor's transportation network will provide safe and complete connections for all users, making active transportation modes like walking and biking reasonable options in all areas of the City.



Goal 2: Smart, efficient, and achievable

The City will plan a transportation system that is both functional and fiscally realistic, measuring that system using performance metrics that are tied to the City's multimodal goals.



Goal 3: Effective in connecting centers to the regional transportation system

Gig Harbor will prioritize transportation projects that improve multimodal connections within COLIs, as well as investments that connect the City with the region.



Goal 4: Sustainable over time, both financially and environmentally

The City considers the full costs of planning, permitting, construction, and maintenance in its transportation investment decisions, as well as how these investments impact the environment.



Goal 5: Understand the community

The City's transportation planning process and investment decisions are well-understood by the community. The City actively coordinates with a broad range of groups to develop and ensure operation of the transportation system.

Impact of Goals on TE Process

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- Transportation plan goals

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- Evaluation of existing & future needs based on 20-year land use growth (potential plan investments)

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- Prioritization of potential investments (based on goals)

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- Constrained project list

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- Realistic transportation element

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2024 Update



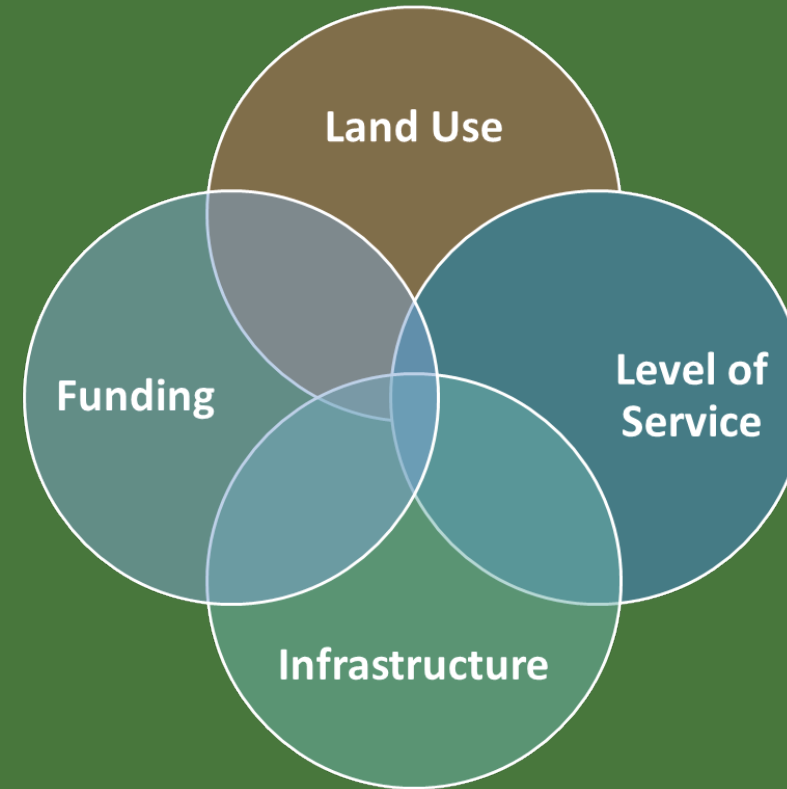
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Transportation Element Requirements



- Travel forecasts align with land use assumptions
- Intergovernmental coordination
- Defines level of service objectives for all modes
- Projects align with level of service objectives
- Financially constrained



- ✓ Recognize that the 2018 Transportation Element has served the community well
- ✓ Refine goal language to be more reader-friendly
- ✓ Review and incorporate new PSRC and Commerce legislative requirements into the plan
- ✓ Develop updated traffic forecasts based on the 2044 land use growth targets
- ✓ Conduct public outreach to understand long-term transportation project priorities
- ✓ Update the 20-year project list based on outreach, modeling results, and financial projections

2024 Transportation Goal Edits



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Gig Harbor will prioritize transportation projects that **connect and support strong, vibrant centers.**

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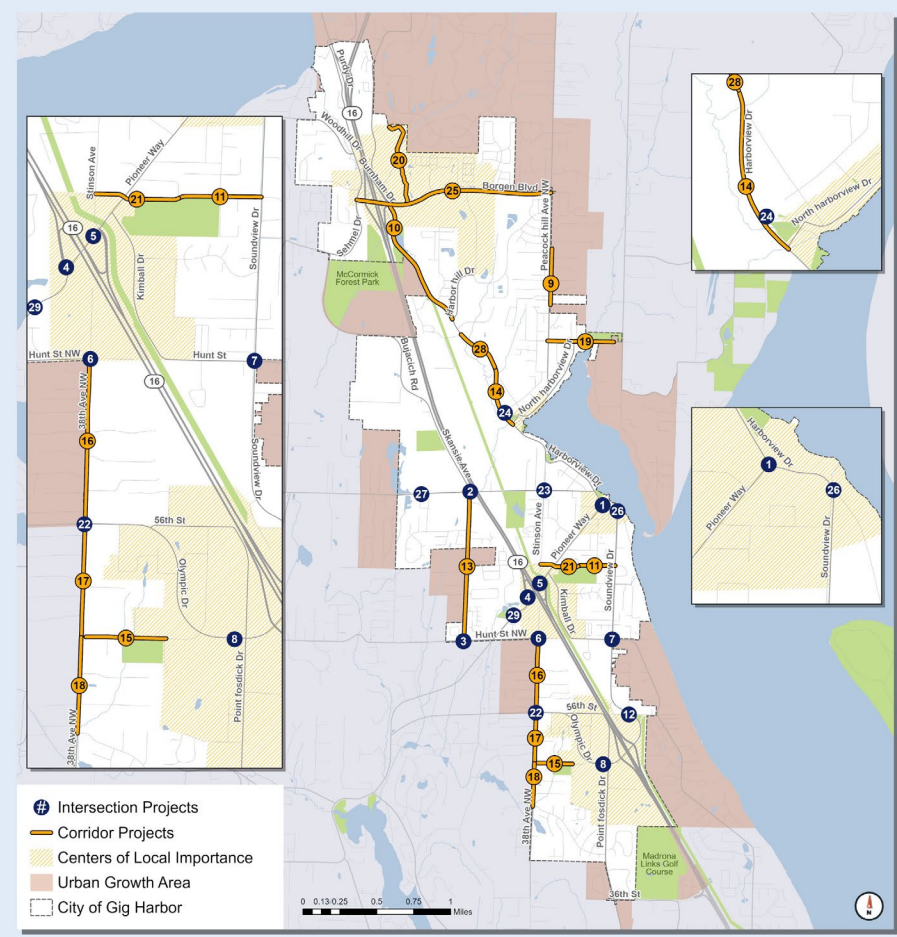


Short Term Project List

Informed by:

- ✓ 2025 Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP)
- ✓ 2018 TE outreach and MMLoS analysis
- ✓ City staff

Short Term Project List

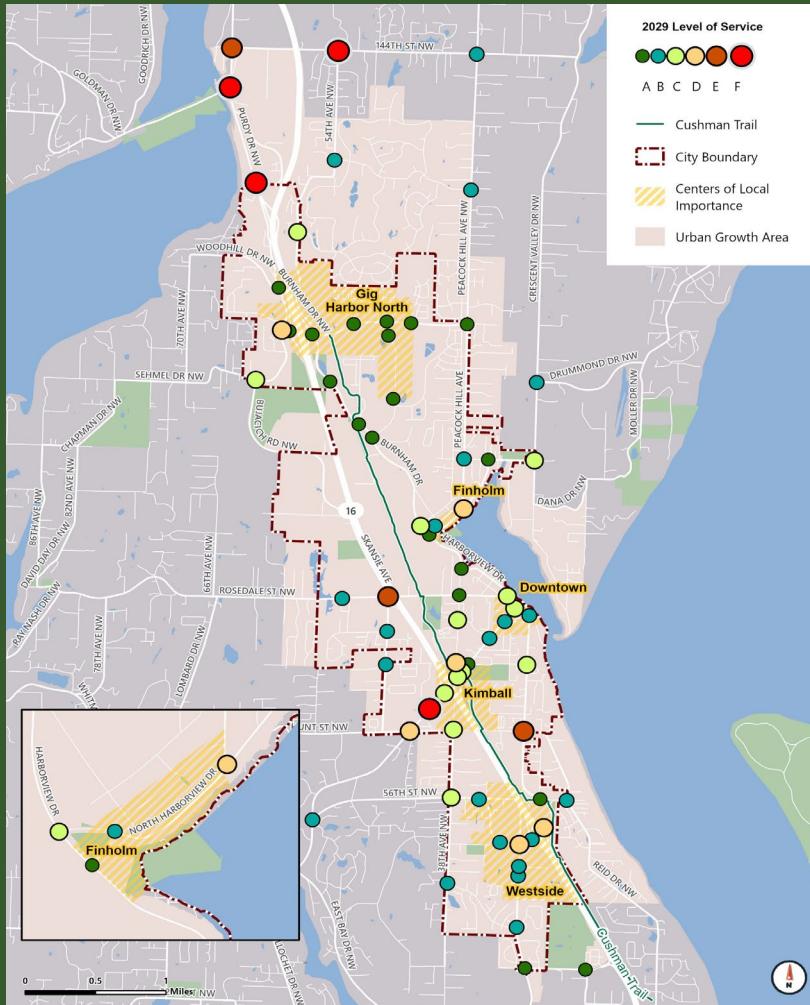


Intersection Projects

Map ID	Project Name	TIP ID
1	Harborview Dr / Pioneer Way Intersection Improvements	11
2	Rosedale St / Skansie Ave Intersection Improvements	22
3	Hunt St / Skansie Ave Intersection Improvements	12
4	Wollochet Dr / SR-16 Eastbound Right Turn Lane	6
5	Wollochet Dr / SR-16 Westbound Right Turn Lane	5
6	Hunt St / 38th Ave Intersection Improvements (Potential Future Roundabout)	13
7	Soundview Dr / Hunt St Intersection Improvements	15
8	Olympic Dr / Point Fosdick Right Turn Lane Extension	7
12	Olympic Dr / Hollycroft St Intersection Improvements	27
22	38th Ave / 56th St Roundabout	
23	Rosedale St / Stinson Ave Roundabout Improvements	
24	Austin St / Harborview Dr Intersection Improvements (Potential Future Roundabout)	
26	Harborview Dr / Soundview Dr Intersection Improvements	
27	Rosedale St / Schoolhouse Rd Intersection Improvements	
28	Wollochet Dr/Wagner Way Intersection Improvements	2

Corridor Projects

Map ID	Project Name	TIP ID
9	Peacock Hill Ave Complete Street Improvements	8
10	Burnham Dr Complete Street Improvements Phase 2	18
11	Grandview St Improvements (Soundview Dr to McDonald Ave)	23
13	Skansie Ave Complete Street Improvements	24
14	Burnham Dr Complete Street Improvements Phase 1B	16
15	50th St Court Complete Street Improvements	14
16	38th Ave Complete Street Improvements Phase 2	4
17	38th Ave Complete Street Improvements Phase 1C	10
18	38th Ave Complete Street Improvements Phase 1B	9
19	Vernhardson St Complete Street Improvements	26
20	Cushman Trail Extension Phase 5A	20
21	Grandview St Improvements (McDonald Ave to Stinson Ave)	
25	Burnham Dr / Borgen Blvd Corridor Study	
28	Burnham Dr Improvements Phase 1A	1



Long-Term Project List

Informed by:

- ✓ 2018 TE outreach
- ✓ City staff
- ✓ TE goals, layered network, and LOS standards
- ✓ 2029 traffic forecasts and intersection analysis, based on the city's pipeline developments
- ✓ 2044 traffic forecasts and intersection analysis, based on the city's 2044 land use growth targets

Public Outreach

<https://fp.mysocialpinpoint.com/gig-harbor-transportation-element>



SHAPING GIG HARBOR'S TRANSPORTATION FUTURE

The City of Gig Harbor is updating its Transportation Element. **Visit our Social Pinpoint site and let us know what you think of our transportation projects!**

We want to hear from YOU!



Social Pinpoint project webpage and survey

- ✓ Provides short-term project list for reference
- ✓ Focuses engagement on long-term transportation priorities
- ✓ Will be active September 3rd – September 24th

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2024 Update



Project List



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Next Steps

Public Outreach

- ✓ Summarize feedback from online survey

Project List

- ✓ Incorporate outreach feedback into long-term project list
- ✓ Finalize 2044 modeling results to refine future intersection projects

Transportation Element

- ✓ Review historical transportation expenditures and revenue to inform the future cost-constrained project list
- ✓ Share updated Transportation Element
- ✓ Update the City's Transportation Impact Fees





Questions?

From: [Julie Martin](#)
To: [Michelle Thomas](#)
Subject: Fwd: Comp Plan - Transportation Element
Date: Tuesday, September 10, 2024 1:12:50 PM

Michelle, will you please share these comments with the other commissioners, thank you.

----- Forwarded message -----

From: **Kathy DiMaggio** <kdimaggio14@gmail.com>
Date: Tue, Sep 10, 2024 at 12:18 PM
Subject: Comp Plan - Transportation Element
To: Julie Martin <juliemartin7199@gmail.com>
Cc: Mary Kolar <mmkolar4@gmail.com>, Scott Kolar <kolarsmmj@gmail.com>, Lynn Stevenson <lynn@crazyhappy.com>, Greg Hoeksema <jockdok@gmail.com>, <richard_a_jordan@hotmail.com>

Julie,

I note the Pedestrian Element of Comp Plan is introduced at Thursday's Planning Commission. I'm not able to attend the meeting, but I'd like my concern voiced.

The definition/objective of level of service for pedestrians seems to lack safety elements. If the definitions will continue from the 2018 Transportation Element, pedestrian level of service is simply sidewalks and shoulders protected by a raised curb. Could other elements that provide safety be added (crosswalk markings, crosswalk "announcement" for cars)?

The agenda and presentation are at: [Planning Commission • Agendas & Minutes - Gig Harbor, WA • CivicClerk](#)

Per the presentation, the elements which will transcend into the project list, are:

- (1) Land Use,
- (2) Funding,
- (3) Infrastructure and
- (4) Level of Service.

The corresponding bullets in the presentation are:

- Travel forecasts align with land use assumptions

- Intergovernmental coordination
- Defines level of service objectives for all modes
- Projects align with level of service objectives
- Financially constrained

Thanks,

Kathy

Kathy DiMaggio

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