

Summary of Key Local 20/20 Proposed Changes to the City of Port Townsend Comprehensive Plan:

1. Introduction (II): Add climate change to the “what questions the plan seeks to answer”, and to the “Predictions for the future”.
2. Community Direction (III): Add climate change to the “We envision Port Townsend as” section, as well as our ability to be self-sufficient and resilient in food supply.
3. Land Use Element (IV):
 - a. Add climate change to the major land use issues facing Port Townsend in the introduction.
 - b. Add a note on the population projections regarding current projections are potentially not accounting for climate change refugees, and therefore there is a need for annual review
 - c. Add a policy regarding recognizing that the science related to climate change is rapidly developing, and that frequent evaluation may be necessary to achieve water resource management goals, including both water quantity and quality.
 - d. Air Quality / Greenhouse gas reduction section:
 - i. Add a statement regarding the need to monitor climate change impacts regularly, and to review them to determine if changes are needed to other plans, regulations, and analyses.
 - ii. Consider if more detail is needed regarding sea level rise planning than the one existing line in policy 8.7 (and if so, see example additions in the original L2020 document).
 - iii. Add a statement regarding researching city energy code changes for improved energy efficiency and renewable energy opportunities. (There is a similar change in the Housing Element below.)
 - iv. Make the tie between land use and greenhouse gases by including new policies regarding encouraging increased density, reduction in off-street parking, and incentivizing electric car charging.
 - v. Add a policy regarding increased tree planting requirements or incentives for public and private projects, as a way to reduce greenhouse gases.
 - e. Add policies related to supporting local food production at a residential and commercial level.
4. Housing Element (V):
 - a. Add a policy regarding incentivizing smaller houses as a way to both increase energy efficiency and improve housing supply.
 - b. Add a policy regarding encouraging energy efficiency, renewable energy, and water conservation in housing.
5. Transportation (VI):
 - a. Adopt a “Complete Streets” set of policies and ordinances.
 - b. Transportation Demand Management:
 - i. Modify the Policy 6.11 on Transportation Demand Management programs to include all employees, residents (including those visiting commercial establishments) and tourists
 - ii. Review the Transportation Demand Management policies in 11.4 and 11.5 and determine if changes are needed to spur implementation
 - c. Modify the Parking Management section 7 to include the need to reduce single occupant motor vehicle trips as a policy to reduce greenhouse gases, to create more parking availability downtown, and to promote alternative transportation modes (note that the last part is already in existing policy 7.14).
 - d. Update terminology from “non-motorized transportation” to “active transportation”, and add in references to bicycle to areas where pedestrian/walking is mentioned.
 - e. Update traffic calming section to reflect current street design/urban planning best practices.
 - f. Refer to National Association of City Transportation Officials (NACTO) design standards.
6. Capital Facilities (VII):
 - a. Add a policy to update information on potential climate change impacts on infrastructure periodically, and use that information to (1) validate the function and useful life of existing infrastructure and (2) plan appropriately for new infrastructure.

- b. Add a policy to direct that the city develop and adopt strategic energy management, efficiency and conservation programs in its own operations.
- c. Add a goal related to reducing the frequency and severity of flooding via policies regarding stormwater systems, culverts, etc.
- d. Add a goal and policies related to devising a sea level rise strategy for city facilities.