



City of Monroe 2024 Comprehensive Plan

Inclusive Planning Assessment: Comprehensive Plan Policies

The following table lists all the policies adopted to implement the eight goals from the 2015-2035 Monroe Comprehensive Plan. Each policy was reviewed against five initial screening questions and an outcome category was assigned. The outcome categories were assigned based on the available information and knowledge, and current conditions as they are presented at the time of analysis. Additional data and conversations will provide deeper knowledge of how existing policies contribute to equitable and inclusive outcomes. However, it is not recommended that green outcome categories be adopted as-is for the 2024 Comprehensive Plan. Instead, an equity lens should be applied in all policies to work towards equitable and inclusive outcomes.

Initial Screening Questions

- Does the analysis undertaken in this Chapter represent all subgroups of the population and provide contextual information on how or if outcomes are shared by all residents, businesses, and areas?
- How might inequity or exclusion show up? For whom?
 - Does the goal/policy or could this goal/policy have the potential to intentionally or unintentionally disproportionately impact a community or group of people?
- Could there be unseen impacts to access, health, and safety?
- Are there words or images that may be offensive and exclusionary?
- Are there assumptions about a person's upbringing, economic status, or education for them to be partake, seen and heard in this chapter, goal, or policy?

Outcome Category

- **Green** = Advancing community benefits and/or results-driven outcomes; achieves Imagine Monroe's aspirational vision and does not contribute adversely to equitable outcomes or exclusion
- **Yellow** = Neutral / Status Quo; can help achieve Imagine Monroe's aspirational vision but may not provide clear direction to address equitable outcomes
- **Orange** = Perpetuating Harm; can help achieve Imagine Monroe's aspirational vision but contributes adversely to equitable outcomes and excludes one or more groups of people based on income, race or ethnicity, education, or ability

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		Land Use	Transportation	Economic Development	Housing	Parks, Rec, Open Space	Facilities & Utilities	Shorelines & Environment
Goal 1: Establish and maintain a safe, secure environment in Monroe for residents, businesses and visitors.								
P.001 Enhance Street and pedestrian connections between the Highway 2/North Kelsey commercial district and downtown.			◆				◆	
P.002 Implement code enforcement programs and promote ongoing repair and maintenance of buildings.					◆		◆	◆
P.003 Separate vehicle lanes from sidewalks through the use of landscape strips, stormwater management systems or on-street parking.			◆				◆	◆
P.004 Design Streets with scaled lighting along sidewalks and median strips.			◆				◆	
P.005 Promote calming of traffic on non-arterial streets.			◆				◆	
P.006 Request that public transit providers construct passenger shelters at all bus stops.			◆				◆	
P.007 Promote features that facilitate safer crossings for pedestrians and bicyclists where need has been identified.			◆				◆	
P.008 Improve pedestrian safety and freight mobility at US 2 and Fryelands Boulevard.			◆	◆			◆	
P.009 - Promote building setbacks from significant slopes to maintain slope stability and reduce the need for engineered approaches.		◆					◆	◆
P.010 - Manage land use development to reduce downstream urban flooding.		◆	◆				◆	◆
P.011 - Require special site plan review of proposed development in geological and flood hazard areas. Evaluate alternative development options where determined necessary.		◆		◆			◆	◆
P.012 - Review and update building and development codes on an ongoing basis, incorporating the best and latest standards for development in critical areas.		◆						◆
P.013 Review and update wellhead protection regulations to protect private wells, consistent with the requirements of the Washington Administrative Code and Growth Management Act.			◆				◆	◆

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P.014 - Establish a maximum number of units that can be served by a single traffic outlet.		◆			◆			
P.015 Coordinate and develop level of service (LOS) standards consistent with other entities that provide police and fire services within the Monroe planning area.			◆			◆	◆	
P.016 Maintain park use rules and regulations that support public access and safety, environmental protection, and protection of park resources and assets.						◆		
P.017 Include "Americans with Disabilities Act" compliant access in the design of all new public facilities. Modify existing facilities where readily achievable.						◆		
P.018 - Maintain parkland, facilities and open space areas in a manner that: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Preserves natural habitat Promotes community pride Exhibits cleanliness and security Reduces or mitigates public liability 		◆		◆	◆	◆	◆	
P.019 Develop and maintain an emergency response plan and other related policies to assure continued public safety and quality of life.				◆			◆	◆
P.020 – Maintain eligibility for Federal Hazard Mitigation Grants.		◆					◆	◆
P.021 - Participate in the National Flood Insurance Program Community Rating System		◆						◆
P.022 Encourage BNSF to have trains pass each other in such a manner as to minimize the amount of time crossings are blocked in the City of Monroe.			◆	◆				
P.023 Prioritize code enforcement on drug houses, unsafe areas, and property maintenance.		◆						
P.024 Support Fire District in efforts to develop additional facilities that will enhance emergency services and public safety throughout the city, especially north of the BNSF railroad tracks.		◆	◆				◆	
P.025 Ensure that natural hazard mitigation planning considers the transportation system including the restoration of transportation systems in case of disaster.			◆					
Goal 2: Manage Monroe’s environment and natural resources, supporting the health, safety, welfare, recreational needs and economic well-being of current and future generations.								

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P.026 Minimize noise generated by transportation, construction and commerce near residential areas using current technology and engineering practices.			◆				◆	◆
P.027 Promote resource and energy-efficient housing design and construction methods.					◆			◆
P.028 Promote new commercial landscaping consist of native, evergreen species requiring minimal water and maintenance. Encourage similar residential practices.						◆	◆	◆
P.029 Promote the retention of trees during public works projects, providing it does not impair project safety, structural integrity or design function.							◆	◆
P.030 Incentivize minimal site grading and minimal tree removal, providing it does not impair project safety, structural integrity or design function.							◆	◆
P.031 Promote alternative modes of transportation.			◆			◆	◆	◆
P.032 Coordinate transportation planning with regional trail network plans, enabling future connections to projects including the Centennial Trail and the Stevens Pass Greenway.		◆	◆	◆		◆	◆	◆
P.033 Encourage street design that provides localized stormwater management, reducing the need for stormwater collection and remote treatment.			◆			◆	◆	◆
P.034 Stimulate economic development and tourism through natural resource preservation and enhancement.		◆		◆		◆	◆	◆
P.035 Recognize, plan for and actively promote the Skykomish River and Woods Creek and associated shorelines as an important part of Monroe’s economic development strategy.		◆		◆		◆		◆
P.036 Preserve open spaces through techniques such as conservation easements and density bonuses.		◆						
P.037 Protect the functions and values of all critical areas using best available science.							◆	◆
P.038 Maintain regulations and standards supporting Low-Impact Development watershed management techniques.		◆	◆				◆	◆

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P.039 Promote site development and construction practices that minimize impact on natural systems.							◆	◆
P.040 Manage surface water areas for multiple use, to include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Flood and erosion control • Wildlife habitat • Open space • Recreation • Groundwater recharge functions 		◆				◆	◆	◆
P.041 Where appropriate, apply mitigation sequencing techniques in management of wetland areas.							◆	◆
P.042 Consider flood control strategies that preserve full function and do not negatively impact adjacent properties when evaluating development proposals.		◆				◆	◆	◆
P.043 - Identify, inventory, classify and protect fish and wildlife habitats, providing special consideration to fish which migrate for spawning.		◆						◆
P.044 Identify and designate areas where a contiguous system would provide greater benefit than a series of isolated areas, including but not limited to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Open space corridors • Connecting environmentally sensitive areas • View-sheds • Recreational and wildlife corridors 		◆				◆		◆
P.045 Participate in regional efforts to recover species listed under the Endangered Species Act through activities including watershed planning and restoration.		◆				◆	◆	◆
P.046 Reduce ambient light during nighttime hours through the use of technology and building practices.		◆					◆	◆
P.047 Encourage utility providers to limit disturbance to land and vegetation within transmission corridors to measures necessary for facility safety and maintenance.							◆	◆
P.048 Encourage conservation of resources to delay the need for additional energy, water and other facilities.		◆					◆	◆

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P.049 Allow the incorporation of agricultural lands into City limits only when such incorporation supports: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Land use needs and goals • Parks and recreation policies • Open space policies 		◆				◆		
P.050 Develop a parks and open space system that provides for passive and active recreation, protects unique features, and defines and links city neighborhoods.		◆	◆			◆	◆	◆
P.051 Provide environmental education sponsored by the Parks Department or in partnership with other groups, organizations or institutions.						◆		◆
P.052 Develop procedures to acquire open space, conservation land, working with public agencies, private sector and conservation groups.		◆				◆		◆
P.053 Maintain parkland, facilities and open space areas in a manner that: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Preserves natural habitat • Promotes community pride • Exhibits cleanliness and security • Reduces or mitigates public liability 		◆	◆		◆	◆	◆	◆
P.054 Maintain and enhance access to shorelines, particularly the Skykomish River, Woods Creek, and Lake Tye.		◆	◆	◆		◆		◆
P.055 Improve physical access to the Skykomish River and Woods Creek from the downtown area.		◆		◆		◆		◆
P.056 Maintain natural hydrological functions within ecosystems and watersheds and seek restoration opportunities identified in the Shoreline Master Program.								◆
P.057 Support renewable energy, alternative energy and water reclamation.					◆		◆	◆
Goal 3: Grow as a regional center and destination, providing employment opportunities while sustaining a balanced, diverse, resilient economy for Monroe								
P.058 Enhance street and pedestrian connections between the Highway 2/North Kelsey commercial district and downtown.			◆				◆	
P.059 Sustain and enhance the Highway 2/North Kelsey commercial area as a local and regional draw, enhancing its range of retail, service and housing options.		◆	◆	◆	◆		◆	

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P.060 Create gateway features marking entries into key areas of Monroe and improve overall wayfinding using creative signage and urban design solutions.			◆	◆		◆	◆	
P.061 Actively support the creation and ongoing success of business improvement organizations dedicated to downtown and other commercial areas.				◆				
P.062 Stimulate the long-term growth of Main Street between Kelsey and 179th Avenue as an important service area, and as a mixed-use extension of Downtown vitality.		◆	◆	◆	◆		◆	
P.063 Identify and promote the development of neighborhood commercial centers which serve and are compatible with surrounding residential areas, using location criteria and regulations.		◆	◆	◆	◆		◆	
P.064 Implement code enforcement programs and promote ongoing repair and maintenance of commercial and mixed-use buildings.					◆		◆	
P.065 Identify, preserve, and protect historic, cultural and archaeological resources.		◆		◆				
P.066 Incorporate art features as part of public infrastructure projects in downtown, the North Kelsey area and in parks projects throughout the city.				◆		◆	◆	
P.067 Encourage preferential parking for carpools and vanpools.			◆				◆	
P.068 Ensure that the amount of land zoned for business and industrial use is adequate to meet policy objectives and employment forecasts.		◆		◆				
P.069 Work with local businesses, business- development agencies, merchants, and residents to identify and address economic development objectives.				◆				
P.070 Identify economic sectors within Monroe where opportunity to create additional jobs might exist, and implement strategies to attract such jobs.				◆				
P.071 Seek opportunities to boost employment in Monroe in cooperation with but not limited to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Everett Community College • Monroe School District • Washington State Department of Corrections • Education and training agencies 				◆			◆	
P.072 Provide a supportive business environment in Monroe.		◆		◆				

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P.073 Identify and promote recreational activities, uses, and opportunities that support local tourism and lodging.		◆		◆				
P.074 Promote installation of high-speed telecommunication lines, providing state-of-the-art services to Monroe.				◆			◆	
P.075 Stimulate economic development and tourism through natural resource preservation and enhancement.		◆		◆		◆	◆	◆
P.076 Promote redevelopment and infill along the west Main Street corridor, including higher-density residential and mixed-use development.		◆		◆	◆		◆	
P.077 Stimulate continued development of a health services district and commercial node along 179th Avenue, supporting health-related uses and serving nearby neighborhoods and industrial areas.		◆		◆			◆	
P.078 Allow home-based occupations and 'cottage industries' if compatible with neighborhoods and adjacent land uses.		◆		◆	◆			
P.079 Evaluate potential alternative uses of First Air Field.		◆		◆			◆	
P.080 Explore opportunities with Snohomish County/ WSDOT to coordinate facility and transportation improvements, corridor beautification and development/redevelopment.			◆	◆		◆	◆	
P.081 Actively promote recreational activities as an important part of Monroe's economic development strategy.		◆		◆		◆		◆
P.082 Evaluate long-range plans for the Fairgrounds in conjunction with Snohomish County. Determine impact on City services and explore development opportunities that complement uses at the Fairgrounds, the Frylands, and the health services district.		◆		◆			◆	
P.083 Coordinate the Capital Facilities element with economic development policies to help ensure appropriate facilities and services are provided to commercial and industrial lands.				◆			◆	
P.084 Make City licensing and permitting regulations and procedures coherent, fair and expedient.		◆		◆			◆	
P.085 Coordinate licensing and permitting procedures with inspections by other government agencies, if any, to eliminate duplication of efforts.		◆		◆			◆	

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P.086 Consider using special assessment (local improvement districts), revenue and other self- supporting bonds and impact fees instead of tax- supported general obligation bonds.			◆	◆		◆	◆	
P.087 Promote the development of new regional draw/destination civic and cultural facilities in Downtown and along the Main Street corridor.		◆		◆		◆		
Goal 4: Provide for and appropriately locate the types, quality, and quantities of development in Monroe to assure land use compatibility, enhance neighborhood character, and facilitate the City's long-term sustainability.								
P.088 Sustain and enhance the Highway 2/North Kelsey commercial area as a local and regional draw, enhancing its range of retail, service and housing options.		◆	◆	◆	◆		◆	
P.089 Stimulate the long-term growth of Main Street between Kelsey and 179th Avenue as an important service area, and as a mixed-use extension of Downtown vitality.		◆	◆	◆	◆		◆	
P.090 Consider alternative approaches to development, such as clustering or lot size policies that support overall density targets without undermining desired land use character.		◆			◆		◆	◆
P.091 Where possible, building heights for proposed structures should be compatible with surrounding development or City-adopted plans.		◆						
P.092 Standardize the orientation of public, commercial and residential structures to the street, with front-yard setbacks minimized to help structures address and 'frame' rights-of-way where appropriate.		◆	◆				◆	
P.093 Support maintenance and revitalization of older housing to stabilize and beautify existing neighborhoods.					◆			
P.094 Require buffering where new commercial or industrial uses abut residential neighborhoods.		◆			◆	◆		
P.095 Identify and promote the development of neighborhood commercial centers which serve and are compatible with surrounding residential areas, using location criteria and regulations.		◆	◆	◆	◆		◆	
P.096 Encourage the provision of higher density housing in close proximity to retail, health-care services, parks, and transportation routes.		◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	

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P.097 Identify, preserve and protect historic, cultural and archaeological resources.		◆		◆				
P.098 Ensure that the amount of land zoned for business and industrial use is adequate to meet policy objectives and employment forecasts.		◆		◆				
P.099 Promote redevelopment and infill along the west Main Street corridor, including higher-density residential and mixed-use development.		◆		◆	◆		◆	
P.100 Stimulate continued development of a health services district and commercial node along 179th Avenue, supporting health-related uses and serving nearby neighborhoods and industrial areas.		◆		◆			◆	
P.101 Avoid imposing excessive noise regulations in areas where higher noise levels are normal and necessary for essential activities, and do not create use conflicts or environmental problems.		◆						
P.102 Evaluate potential alternative uses of First Air Field.		◆		◆			◆	
P.103 Promote resource and energy-efficient building design and construction methods.		◆					◆	◆
P.104 Review and update building and development codes on an ongoing basis, incorporating the best and latest standards for development in critical areas.		◆						◆
P.105 Seek to expand proposed annexations where such expansions help implement policies regarding natural features or open spaces or would serve to make city boundaries more regular.		◆						◆
P.106 Require development proponents to mitigate service and utility impacts, ensuring that proportional costs are borne by new development rather than present residents and ratepayers, and that level of service standards are not degraded.			◆			◆	◆	
P.107 Develop and adopt new, or refine existing GMA- compliant impact fees as part of financing public facilities, balancing between impact fees and other sources of public funds.						◆	◆	
P.108 While First Airfield remains an airport, encourage economic development opportunities and aviation related uses adjacent to airports and promote the efficient mobility of goods and services region-wide consistent with the economic development chapter and the regional transportation strategy.		◆	◆	◆				

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Goal 5: Provide for a wide range of housing types for all Monroe residents.								
P.109 Sustain and enhance the Highway 2/North Kelsey commercial area as a local and regional draw, enhancing its range of retail, service and housing options.		◆	◆	◆	◆		◆	
P.110 Support maintenance and revitalization of older housing to beautify and help stabilize existing neighborhoods.					◆			
P.111 Encourage the provision of higher density housing in close proximity to retail, health-care services, parks and transportation routes.		◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	
P.112 Coordinate with non-profit agencies and other groups providing low to moderate-income housing.					◆			
P.113 Promote the development of affordable housing.		◆			◆			
P.114 Promote housing design and construction that enhances community image and fosters compatibility with surrounding development.					◆			
P.115 Promote redevelopment and infill along the west Main Street corridor, including higher-density residential and mixed-use development.		◆		◆	◆		◆	
P.116 Allow increased building heights and density within the Downtown and Al Borlin neighborhoods.		◆		◆	◆		◆	
P.117 Allow the development of Work/Live units within Mixed Use areas and Downtown.		◆		◆	◆			
P.118 Permit a variety of smaller-sized housing, including cottage housing, manufactured home parks, or other types where compatible with surrounding neighborhoods.					◆			
P.119 Encourage the development of housing for special needs populations that may include the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> integration of universal design standards to assist elderly and other special needs populations to stay in their homes; coordination of housing and service providers in serving special needs populations; and 					◆			

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> promoting the development of ongoing operations of supportive housing with appropriate services for people with special needs throughout the county and region. 								
Goal 6: Provide and promote both utility and transportation infrastructures that coincide with need, growth, and long-term objectives.								
P.120 Seek investment in streetscape improvements, transportation infrastructure, and public facilities.		◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	
P.121 Promote integration of parking facilities in the downtown area with pedestrian, bicycle and transit circulation.		◆	◆				◆	
P.122 Enhance street and pedestrian connections between the Highway 2/North Kelsey commercial district and downtown.			◆				◆	
P.123 Create gateway features marking entries into key areas of Monroe and improve overall wayfinding using creative signage and urban design solutions.			◆	◆		◆	◆	
P.124 Work with Snohomish County to manage development within the Rural Urban Transition Area (RUTA) to foster a more coordinated approach to the development of infrastructure.		◆	◆			◆	◆	◆
P.125 Coordinate with transit providers to establish public transit service in areas of higher density land use and mixed use development.		◆	◆		◆		◆	
P.126 Integrate streetscape/art into street design to enhance community character and identity.		◆	◆		◆	◆	◆	◆
P.127 Require new utility lines be laid underground if possible (Exempt high-voltage transmission lines).							◆	
P.128 Design utility facilities with as little negative impact to surrounding aesthetic as possible.							◆	
P.129 Seek to improve the appearance of utility corridors through design and maintenance.							◆	
P.130 Maintain level of service standards indicated in for highway and non-highway transportation facilities in Monroe.			◆			◆	◆	

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P.131 Promote transportation system improvements that support efficient transport of goods and convenient access to businesses.			◆	◆			◆	
P.132 Promote land use patterns that facilitate multipurpose trips and reduce the quantity and length of trips by single-occupancy vehicles.		◆	◆				◆	◆
P.133 Promote standard-scale, grid-style street patterns except where constrained by critical areas.		◆	◆				◆	
P.134 Promote alternative modes of transportation by providing: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • sidewalks • walking and biking paths • interconnected street networks • Improved transit systems. 			◆	◆			◆	
P.135 Require new development to include site and building features that support alternative modes of transportation including: walking, bicycle, carpool and transit.		◆	◆	◆		◆	◆	
P.136 Develop a street system that encourages the use of local streets as the primary routes from one location in the city to another.			◆				◆	
P.137 Separate vehicle lanes from sidewalks through the use of landscape strips, stormwater management systems or on-street parking.			◆				◆	◆
P.138 Design Streets with scaled lighting along sidewalks and median strips.		◆	◆	◆				
P.139 Promote calming of traffic on non-arterial streets.			◆				◆	
P.140 Work with regional transportation agencies to address traffic mitigation and develop system improvement methodologies.			◆				◆	
P.141 Develop compatible land use strategies and public education programs that encourage public transportation use in cooperation with surrounding communities.		◆					◆	◆
P.142 Request that public transit providers construct passenger shelters at all bus stops			◆				◆	
P.143 Promote features that facilitate safer crossings for pedestrians and bicyclists where need has been identified.			◆				◆	

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P.144 Conserve unimproved public rights-of-way to assure availability for future transportation needs, including non-motorized routes connecting neighborhoods, employment, shopping, and transit centers.	Green	◆	◆			◆	◆	
P.145 Implement Transportation System Management (TSM) improvements as an economical alternative to traditional capacity-increasing investments.	Yellow			◆			◆	◆
P.146 Review site plans with transit providers to foster compatibility with public transportation.	Green		◆				◆	
P.147 Coordinate transportation planning with regional trail network plans, enabling future connections to projects including the Centennial Trail and the Stevens Pass Greenway.	Yellow		◆	◆		◆		
P.148 Design streets that control localized stormwater, reducing the need for stormwater collection and remote treatment.	Green		◆			◆	◆	◆
P.149 Work with WSDOT to promote completion of the Phase 1 and 2 portion of the US 2 Bypass in the shortest time period possible.	Green		◆	◆		◆	◆	
P.150 Explore opportunities with Snohomish County/ WSDOT to coordinate facility and transportation improvements, corridor beautification and development/redevelopment.	Yellow		◆	◆		◆	◆	
P.151 Work with WSDOT and Snohomish County, to evaluate opportunities for the creation of a permanent trail along WSDOT-owned lands held for the proposed US 2 bypass.	Green		◆	◆		◆	◆	
P.152 Encourage improved pedestrian connectivity between the Frylands industrial parks and residential areas to the south.	Green		◆			◆	◆	
P.153 Work to improve US 2 access to the Frylands, ranging from lane configurations and signal timing to grade-separated crossings.	Green		◆	◆			◆	
P.154 Establish a maximum number of units that can be served by a single traffic outlet.	Orange	◆			◆			
P.156 Direct new development to those areas where adequate transportation facilities exist or will be provided as defined in City-adopted facilities plans.	Yellow	◆	◆		◆	◆	◆	

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P.157 In concert with adjacent jurisdictions and utility providers to help ensure the location of utility facilities is generally consistent with comprehensive plan goals and policies.		◆					◆	
P.158 Conduct a cost/benefit analysis when considering annexation.		◆	◆		◆	◆	◆	
P.159 Coordinate and combine the construction of new utility lines and public infrastructure, minimizing disruption and helping reduce the cost of services.			◆				◆	
P.160 Locate and consolidate new utility systems into existing rights-of-way and easements whenever possible.			◆				◆	
P.161 Achieve and maintain a balance between capital facilities expenditures and funding capacities, adjusting income, adopted levels of service standards and land use projections as necessary.							◆	
P.162 Capital projects that are not included in the six-year Capital Facilities Plan or which are potentially inconsistent with the Comprehensive Plan shall be evaluated prior to their inclusion into the City's annual budget.			◆			◆	◆	
P.163 Maintain at least a six-year Capital Facilities Plan to finance needed capital facilities as determined within projected funding capacities, clearly identifying sources of funding for such facilities. The plan should be reviewed annually prior to the city budget process.			◆				◆	
P.164 Meet periodically with utility providers, ensuring coordination of plans and projects.							◆	
P.165 Promote the growth of trails and trail networks within Monroe, facilitating in-town connectivity and ties to regional trail networks.		◆	◆	◆		◆	◆	
P.166 Encourage BNSF to have trains pass each other in such a manner as to minimize the amount of time crossings are blocked in the City of Monroe			◆					
P.167 Encourage the development of east/ west corridors.		◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	
P.168 Use inter-jurisdictional planning to identify goals, policies and development regulations that promote significant regional transportation linkages and multimodal connections between aviation facilities and employment centers.			◆	◆				

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Goal 7: Provide parks and civic facilities, recreational opportunities, and arts and cultural activities on pace with need, growth and long-term objectives								
P.169 Promote investment in parks and civic facilities.		◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	
P.170 Strive to provide an access point to the Skykomish greenbelt at the southern terminus of 179th Avenue.		◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	
P.171 Identify and implement ways that use usable open space and parks to enhance community character and identity.		◆	◆		◆	◆	◆	
P.172 Identify, preserve and protect historic, cultural and archaeological resources.		◆		◆				
P.173 Incorporate art features as part of public infrastructure projects in downtown, the North Kelsey area and in parks projects throughout the city.				◆		◆	◆	
P.174 Promote the planting of native evergreen species that are low-maintenance in parks and usable open space.						◆	◆	◆
P.175 Coordinate transportation planning with regional trail network plans, enabling future connections to projects including the Centennial Trail and the Stevens Pass Greenway.			◆	◆		◆		
P.176 Identify and promote recreational activities, uses, and opportunities that support local tourism and lodging.		◆		◆				
P.177 Work with Snohomish County and WSDOT, exploring opportunities for corridor beautification.			◆	◆		◆	◆	
P.178 Work with WSDOT and Snohomish County, to evaluate opportunities for the creation of a permanent trail along WSDOT-owned lands held for the proposed US 2 bypass.			◆	◆		◆	◆	
P.179 Preserve usable open spaces through techniques such as conservation easements and density bonuses.		◆				◆		◆
P.180 Manage surface water areas for multiple uses, including flood and erosion control, wildlife habitat, usable open space, recreation and groundwater recharge functions.		◆				◆	◆	◆

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P.181 Identify and designate open space corridors connecting environmentally sensitive areas, view-sheds, recreational and wildlife corridors, or other areas where a contiguous system would provide greater benefit than a series of isolated areas.		◆				◆	◆	◆
P.182 Prioritize the preservation and maintenance of existing facilities over the construction of new ones.			◆			◆	◆	
P.183 Allow the incorporation of agricultural lands into City limits only when such incorporation supports: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Land use needs and goals • Parks and recreation policies • Open space policies 		◆				◆		◆
P.184 Encourage the shared use of community facilities such as parks, libraries, and schools.						◆	◆	
P.185 Develop a parks and usable open space system that provides for passive and active recreation, protects unique features, and defines and links city neighborhoods.		◆				◆	◆	◆
P.186 Maintain Level of Service (LOS) standards indicated for provision of open space and parks features.						◆		
P.187 Maintain park use rules and regulations that support public access and safety, environmental protection, and protection of park resources and assets.						◆		
P.188 Offer recreation programs that utilize the unique resources and variety of facilities provided within Monroe’s park, recreation and usable open space system.					◆			
P.189 Offer recreation programs that are responsive to population demographics, cultural qualities and growth needs.						◆		
P.190 Offer recreation programs and services that are charged as appropriate to recover costs.						◆		
P.191 Promote park design and development that is high quality, aesthetically pleasing and sensitive to the opportunities provided by the built and natural environment.						◆		◆

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P.192 Work to ensure park design conforms to local ordinances and accepted state and national standards for public access, health, safety and welfare.						◆		
P.193 Provide appropriate and responsive parks services through specific planning and through coordinated planning with other City of Monroe departments.		◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆
P.194 Provide appropriate and responsive parks services through coordinated planning with related agencies.						◆		
P.195 Include "Americans with Disabilities Act" compliant access in the design of all new public facilities. Modify existing facilities where readily achievable.						◆		
P.196 Provide for the needs of special populations in park facility planning, design and program services to include but not limited to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Economically disadvantaged Physically challenged Developmentally disabled 				◆				
P.197 Develop joint recreation programs and participate in joint recreation services with school districts, law enforcement, social agencies other community groups and associations, and surrounding communities or neighborhoods within the local or sub-regional area.						◆		
P.198 Promote historical and cultural education through the preservation of historical sites, and through support for events that promote the historic and cultural heritage of the City of Monroe.				◆		◆		
P.199 Develop procedures to acquire open space, conservation land, working with public agencies, private sector and conservation groups.		◆				◆		◆
P.200 Maintain parkland, facilities and open space areas in a manner that: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Preserves natural habitat Promotes community pride Exhibits cleanliness and security 		◆		◆		◆	◆	◆

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reduces or mitigates public liability 								
P.201 Maintain a user fee schedule, identifying charges and monetary policies within public/private agreements that provide for maintenance and recreation services at reasonable costs to the public.							◆	
P.202 Maintain an impact and service fee schedule to finance needed parks and recreation projects.						◆	◆	
P.203 Participate in federal and state loan and grant programs to take full advantage of park and recreation financial assistance.						◆		
P.204 Identify land available for exchange, purchase or long-term lease for parks, recreation or usable open space. Sources for such opportunities are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Derelict land Easements Tax delinquent land Surplus roadway/highway Surplus railway rights-of-way Other land not presently in productive use 		◆				◆	◆	
P.205 Where appropriate, encourage joint use of City-managed facilities in providing recreation services.						◆	◆	
P.206 Encourage joint-use of facilities, including county or state properties and properties belonging to private entities in providing recreation services.						◆		
P.207 Utilize school sites and buildings for recreation services, utilizing joint purchase and/or use agreements.						◆		
P.208 Promote the growth of trails and trail networks within Monroe, facilitating in-town connectivity and ties to regional trail networks.		◆	◆	◆		◆	◆	
P.209 Encourage the participation of schools, civic groups, churches, service clubs and youth organizations in trail cleanup and maintenance programs.						◆		
P.210 Conduct a demographics analysis and citizen/ user group recreation survey every three to five (3-5) years to establish park service needs.						◆		

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P.211 Maintain and enhance access to shorelines particularly the Skykomish River, Woods Creek, and Lake Tye.		◆	◆	◆		◆	◆	◆
P.212 Improve physical access to the Skykomish River and Woods Creek from the downtown area.		◆		◆		◆	◆	◆
P.213 Improve Lake Tye and adjoining park facilities, including working with the County on trail and park improvements.		◆	◆	◆		◆	◆	
P.214 Promote the development of new civic and cultural facilities in Downtown and along the Main Street corridor.		◆		◆		◆		
Goal 8: Establish downtown Monroe as a thriving commercial, civic, and residential area								
P.215 Encourage new development and redevelopment in the downtown area, including related investment in streetscape improvements, transportation infrastructure and public facilities.		◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	
P.216 Promote integration of parking facilities in the downtown area with pedestrian, bicycle and transit circulation.		◆	◆				◆	
P.217 Prioritize the construction and maintenance of improvements commensurate with downtown's role as the focal point of the community.			◆	◆		◆	◆	
P.218 Enhance street and pedestrian connections between the Highway 2/North Kelsey commercial district and downtown.			◆				◆	
P.219 Create gateway features marking entries into key areas of Monroe and improve overall wayfinding using creative signage and urban design solutions.			◆	◆		◆	◆	
P.220 Actively support the creation and ongoing success of business improvement organizations dedicated to downtown.				◆				
P.221 Stimulate the long-term growth of Main Street between Kelsey and 179th Avenue as an important service area, and as a mixed-use extension of Downtown vitality.		◆	◆	◆	◆		◆	
P.222 Promote the location of off-street parking at the rear of such buildings.		◆	◆				◆	
P.223 Promote the development of new regional draw/ destination civic and cultural facilities in Downtown and along the Main Street corridor.		◆		◆		◆		

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P.224 Allow increased building heights and density within the Downtown and Al Borlin neighborhoods.		◆		◆			◆	
P.225 Allow the development of Work/Live units within Mixed Use areas and Downtown.		◆		◆	◆			
P.226 Encourage retail, dining and entertainment uses on ground floor in Downtown, particularly along Main and Lewis streets.		◆		◆				
P.227 Require the use of appropriate lighting in downtown to deter crime.		◆						
P.228 Promote the development of a parking lot or parking structure downtown.		◆	◆	◆			◆	

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