

## NEW WHATCOM GUIDING PRINCIPLES AND IMPLEMENTATION STRATEGIES

### *Summary of 2/16/06 recommended Planning Commission revisions*

#### III. Improve Waterfront Access

1. Develop strong connections between uplands and water.

C. Improve access to **Central Business District and New Whatcom** from I-5 through a combination of road improvements and signage, commensurate with demonstrated need. Limit the impacts of additional traffic through adjacent neighborhoods and commercial areas.

3. Provide multiple modes of access to each area of the waterfront.

##### New Whatcom Implementation Strategies:

- A. Make the **majority of** water's edge **predominantly** accessible via non-motorized means of transportation, including pedestrian walkways, bicycle trails, motorized and non-motorized boat access, and transient moorage, connected to a network of parks, trails and transit connections. Restrict or control public access to areas used for water-dependant industry, sensitive habitat or government agency uses where public access would conflict with public health or safety, habitat protection or national security.

4. Provide convenient connections between different modes of transportation (jitney/bus).

##### New Whatcom Implementation Strategies

- A. ~~Encourage frequent, convenient and well designed transit service as well as sufficient density to support it.~~

Encourage transit and rideshare trips to reduce peak hour trips on existing infrastructure by including well designed transit routes, convenient transit stops, frequent service, and sufficient activity, jobs, and residential density to support frequent transit service.

#### IV. Promote a Healthy & Dynamic Waterfront Economy

5. Provide public amenities and infrastructure to support redevelopment.

##### New Whatcom Redevelopment Strategies

- A. Make responsible economic decisions throughout the life of the project by:
  - Facilitating as much public ownership as possible.