

Background

The Arterial Atlas unites the long-range roadway system plan with the land use plan for Clark County. It is an outcome of Clark County's Comprehensive Growth Management Plan, which sets the course for future growth in our community and promotes strong linkages between transportation and land use. The Arterial Atlas provides guidance for developing a roadway system that will help fulfill the objectives of the comprehensive plan.

The proposal is to add text to the Arterial Atlas that describes the process and procedures for amending the Arterial Atlas within the document. The intention of the additional text is to connect the document to the Clark County Code in a user-friendly manner.

General Information

The proposal would add the following language to preface of the Arterial Atlas:

Amendments to the Arterial Atlas

Arterial Atlas amendments shall be accomplished through the changes initiated and approved by the county. Arterial Atlas Amendments are Type IV processes as legislative decisions with public hearings to the Planning Commission and Board of County Councilors. These changes to the Arterial Atlas may occur as part of the periodic review update, consistent with RCW 36.70A.130, or as part of annual changes to the plan once per calendar year, or as part of emergency amendments which may be brought forward at any time, subject to applicable provisions. Arterial Atlas amendments may be approved only when all of the provisions of CCC 40.560.010(O) are met.

Location: The Arterial Atlas applies to the entire Unincorporated Clark County.

1. APPLICABLE CRITERIA, EVALUATION OF REQUEST AND FINDINGS

Criteria CCC 40.560.010(O)(2)(a) . There is a need for the proposed change

Finding: A change is needed to inform readers of the process and procedures for amendments to the Arterial Atlas.

Criteria CCC 40.560.010(O)(2)(b) . The proposed change is compliant with the Growth Management Act.

The GMA goals set the general direction for the county in adopting its framework plan and comprehensive plan policies. The most pertinent GMA goals that apply to this proposal are Goals 3 and 12:

(3) Transportation. Encourage efficient multimodal transportation systems that are based on regional priorities and coordinated with county and city comprehensive plans.

(12) *Public Facilities and Services. Ensure that those public facilities and services necessary to support development shall be adequate to serve development at the time the development is available for occupancy and use without decreasing current service levels below locally established minimum standards.*

Finding: The proposed text amendment provides an important link with the planned transportation system and the procedural amendments that support regional priorities and coordination. Goal 12 addresses concurrent development of infrastructure. The proposed text amendment associates the procedural requirements when development plans change.

Criteria CCC 40.560.010(O)(2)(c) . The proposed change is consistent with the adopted comprehensive plan, including the land use plan and the rest of the Arterial Atlas.

The Clark County Comprehensive Plan contains many policies that guide urban form and efficient land use patterns. The most relevant goals and policies applicable to this application are as follows:

Chapter 5 Transportation Element:

GOAL: Develop a regionally-coordinated transportation system that supports and is consistent with the adopted land use plan.

GOAL: Ensure mobility throughout the transportation system.

Finding: This proposal has no impact on the Goals of the Clark County Comprehensive Plan. It will provide information on the process and procedures to amend the Arterial Atlas, which are currently shown in the Clark County Code. The Arterial Atlas will continue to develop and improve an interconnected transportation system, that ensure mobility in Clark County.

Criteria CCC 40.560.010(O)(2)(d) . The proposed change is consistent with applicable interlocal agreements; and

Finding: There are no interlocal agreements which directly apply to this proposal.

Criteria CCC 40.560.010(O)(2)(e) . The proposed change does not conflict with the adopted Metropolitan Transportation Plan.

Finding: There is no conflict with the adopted Metropolitan Transportation Plan and this proposal

2. CONCLUSION AND RECOMMENDATION

All of the criteria for approval of an Arterial Atlas amendment have been met.

Based upon the findings presented in this report, staff recommends that the Planning Commission forward a recommendation to **APPROVE** this proposal.

Recommendation Summary

The following table lists the applicable criteria and summarizes the findings of the staff report. The Planning Commission findings will be added to the table after public deliberation at the Planning Commission hearing scheduled for this application.

COMPLIANCE WITH APPLICABLE CRITERIA	Criteria Met?	
	Staff Report	Planning Commission Findings
Criteria for Arterial Atlas Changes		
1. Need for Change	Yes	
2. Compliance with GMA	Yes	
3. Consistency with the adopted Comprehensive Plan	Yes	
4. Consistency with applicable interlocal agreements	Yes	
5. Consistency with adopted Metropolitan Transportation Plan	Yes	
Recommendation:	Approve	

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