



Wilburton Vision Implementation

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Agenda

1. Refinements to Proposed Draft Transportation Policies
2. Staff Recommendation on NE 6th Street Extension
3. Actions: Recommendation and Transmittal



Action

Staff requests:

- **Approve** recommendations on draft transportation policy amendments
- **Approve** transmittal letter to Planning Commission of policy recommendations



Additional Policy Refinements

- **S-WI-66 (NEW WI-TR-3)**. Updated to broaden access as “vehicle access” rather than “garage and service vehicle access”, which was viewed as limiting.

Staff Refinements (11/9)

Work with developers to provide **garage and service vehicle access** via internal access corridors rather than along arterial streets.

Final Staff Recommendation (3/14)

Work with developers to provide **vehicle access** onto their site via internal access corridors rather than along arterial streets.

Additional Policy Refinements

- **S-WI-67 (NEW WI-TR-4).** Updated “walking and biking” to “active transportation” as a more consistent term across transportation policies.

Staff Refinements (11/9)

Design and implement a wayfinding program within the neighborhood and along the Grand Connection to the benefit of people walking, bicycling, and using transit.

Final Staff Recommendation (3/14)

Design and implement a wayfinding program within the neighborhood and along the Grand Connection to the benefit of active transportation and transit users.

Additional Policy Refinements

- **S-WI-68 (NEW WI-TR-5).** Updated “pedestrians and cyclists” to “active transportation users” as a more consistent term across transportation policies.

Staff Refinements (11/9)	Final Staff Recommendation (3/14)
Coordinate with WSDOT to improve the NE 4th Street I-405 overpass to provide safer and more comfortable connections for pedestrians and bicyclists.	Coordinate with WSDOT to improve the NE 4th Street I-405 overpass to provide safer and more comfortable active transportation connections.

Additional Policy Refinements

- **S-WI-71 (NEW WI-TR-8).** Deleted proposed policy

Staff recommends no arterial extension of NE 6th St. between 116th Avenue NE and 120th Avenue NE.

No other new vehicular crossing of Eastrail crossing is anticipated

Staff Refinements (11/9)	Final Staff Recommendation (3/14)
Allow for a new Eastrail vehicular crossing only at the NE 6 th Street alignment.	<i><Delete proposed policy amendment></i>

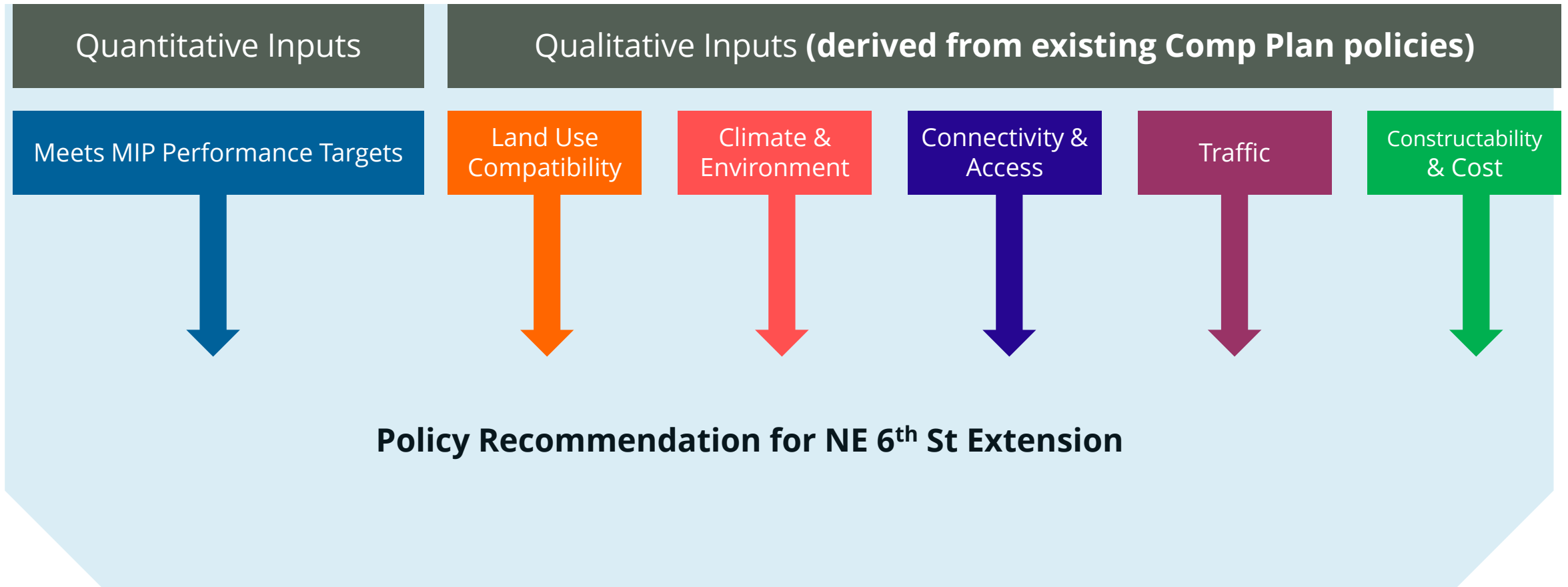
Background: NE 6th Street Extension

- Planned by WSDOT to 116th Ave NE for HOV/HOT/transit (TFP-211)
- NE 6th St extension to 120th Ave NE identified as city project (TFP-211)
- Extension of 5-lane arterial to 120th Ave NE studied in EIS under the preferred alternative



Evaluation Criteria: Framework

Should NE 6th St arterial be extended to 120th Ave NE?



Evaluation Criteria: Descriptions

Criteria	Description
MIP Performance Targets	Volume to capacity (V/C) ratios and typical urban travel speeds for Primary Vehicle Corridors meet Performance Management Area (PMA) target
Land Use Compatibility	Compatibility with future land use and urban design vision of the Wilburton TOD area
Climate & Environment	Impacts on air quality, greenhouse gas emissions, tree canopy, polluting surfaces, etc.
Connectivity & Access	Improved access and connectivity for different modes
Traffic	Improved quality and safety of the travel experience for all users
Constructability & Cost	Financial and technical (geological, engineering, etc.) considerations

Evaluation Criteria: Impacts

Criteria	Impacts of NE 6 th St Extension to 120 th Ave NE
MIP Performance Targets	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Creates additional east-west vehicle connection • Neither alleviates nor exacerbates congestion elsewhere
Land Use Compatibility	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Incompatible with new transportation, land use, and open space opportunities
Climate & Environment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increases impervious and pollution-generating surfaces • Potentially induces vehicle trips that ↑ GHG emissions and ↑ VMT
Connectivity & Access	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Creates new complete streets connection • Introduces modal conflict point between vehicles and active transportation users
Traffic	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Potentially induces more general purpose vehicle trips • Introduces adverse safety impacts to active transportation users
Constructability & Cost	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Requires substantial engineering of steep slope areas • Public project funded with resources dedicated through the CIP

Action

Staff requests:

- **Approve** recommendation on draft transportation policy amendments
- **Approve** transmittal letter to Planning Commission of policy recommendation



Next Steps

- Planning Commission will receive Transportation Commission policy recommendations (March 2024)
- Planning Commission will transmit all Wilburton policy recommendations (along with Land Use Code Amendments) to the City Council (anticipated May 2024)



Thank you!

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