

#	Rank	Weight Average	Criteria
1	2	15.2	<p>Size The ideal site would:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Accommodate the 500 – 700 bed capacity b. Provide room for expansion c. The site must permit the design of a facility that adheres to modern, accepted jail practices and standards d. The site must accommodate adequate recreational facilities e. Accommodate space for jail programs (See section 9) f. Provide space for storage and jail maintenance <p>* See notes at the end.</p>
2	1	15.3	<p>Cost - Operational costs for facility on the site(s) This is largest long term expense for county. The ideal site would:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Enable/allow the most operationally efficient facility/ complex to be developed and constructed on site b. Target a facility design to result in minimal increase of personnel c. Include design features that could result in sustainable savings for power, stormwater management, water use, waste management, etc.
3	8	7.3	<p>Cost – cost and effort to purchase the site The ideal site would:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Have reasonable net acquisition cost. b. Be county owned if possible c. If not county owned, have willing and motivated seller d. Condemnation for part or all is an option but certainly not desirable e. Involve a single selling entity (vs. trying to package up a site with multiple sellers) f. Be available for timely development
4	7	8.2	<p>Cost – cost to develop, build and potentially expand on site The ideal site would:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Have minimal to no mitigation requirements b. Have reasonable development costs. If possible, avoid a site that requires special techniques, unusual foundation supports significant additional drainage systems or special extensions of water and sewer lines c. Have appropriate zoning or be amendable d. Have reasonably good soils, terrain and access to services for lower upfront costs e. Have existing conditions most favorable to lowest development/construction costs (soils, services, other?)
5	4	8.5	<p>Location – Safety The ideal site would:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Avoid poor foundation and geotechnical conditions, earthquake faults, need for piling, liquefaction potential, and extensive excavation/filling, be outside the 100-year floodplain and outside of landslide and mine hazard areas

			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> b. Be accessible to medical facilities, with less than 10 minutes response time for emergency medical care. c. Be located away from high risk hazards such as high pressure gas lines and airport landing/take-off zones. d. Include space for area of refuge (evacuation zone.)
6	3	9.9	<p>Location - Operational Convenience- County The ideal site would be:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Reasonably close to I-5 b. Centrally located in county c. A reasonable drive to the courthouse
7	4	8.5	<p>Location – Transportation The ideal site would:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Enable convenient access from major transportation corridors for law enforcement agencies and courthouse access and for visitation by families, legal counsel and for release of prisoners b. Be close to existing roadways, public transportation, and bike and pedestrian paths to reduce costs, minimize environmental impacts from transportation-related emissions, and promote healthy commuting practices c. Provide adequate space for secure and visitor parking for staff, law enforcement, professional and personal visiting d. Maximize use of technology to reduce trips to and from the jail
8	10	6.5	<p>Location – Environmental considerations The ideal site would:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Avoid or easily mitigate impact on unique, sensitive or critical areas b. Allow for the use of environmentally positive and efficient infrastructure, including, but not limited to geothermal, solar energy, on-site stormwater treatment, etc.
9	6	8.2	<p>Location - Site offers potential for inmate programs The ideal site would have:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Space for on-sit programs such as horticultural or other programs b. Space for jail industry programs that would provide an asset to the community and provide basic skills training for the offender c. Space for classrooms for basic education, life skills, training, etc.
10	9	7.2	<p>Location - Neighborhood considerations We want to determine what is best for the county as a whole. However this may adversely impact some neighborhoods. The ideal site would:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Minimize impact on neighboring land use whenever possible. b. Have sufficient buffers to minimize the visual and auditory impacts to the neighborhood c. Allow for mitigation of traffic and road use effects on the neighborhood d. Have sufficient space to provide both internal and perimeter security barriers for community safety <p>Note: the operational planning will help mitigate the impact to the immediate neighborhood.</p>

1	11	5.4	<i>Other considerations and overall opinion of site.</i> This would allow some points for subjective thoughts that aren't necessarily factored in above or scored above, such as: a. Unintended consequences b. Need for other users to be nearby c. Long term impact d. Impact on adjacent land parcels, both positive and negative e. Gut feeling on suitability for the new jail
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* Notes on size:

While outside the scope of the Jail Planning Task Force, if the county decides to co-locate the Sheriff's office with the jail, the site should include space for a new headquarters and parking.

The Mental Health Triage Facility is part of the Jail Planning Task Force charge and we recognize this is important. While we restricted ourselves to the jail for the purposes of moving a new jail forward, we recommend that space be included either on-site or off-site for a Mental Health Triage Center.

The Jail Planning Task Force has taken into consideration all elements of the County's established siting criteria for Essential Public Facilities, as outlined in the Whatcom County Comprehensive Plan (policy 2AAA-7), and has included those elements it feels are necessary. The Task Force recognizes that the wording in policy 2AAA-7 states that the listed elements should be considered, but does not mandate all elements be included.