



**MEMO TO:** Planning and Public Works Committee of the Whole

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**DATE:** March 3, 2020

**SUBJECT:** Comprehensive Plan Update – State and Regional Planning Framework

**I. PURPOSE**  For Info Only  Potential Agenda Item  Scheduled for Council Action

The purpose of this briefing is to provide an overview of:

- The Growth Management Act | State requirements and timelines for the Comprehensive Plan Update
- Vision 2050 and the Countywide Planning Policies| Regional and County Planning framework

**II. RECOMMENDATION**

Receive information regarding state and local requirements for the upcoming Comprehensive Plan periodic update due in 2023.

**III. DEPARTMENT CONTACTS**

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**IV. DESCRIPTION/BACKGROUND**

**A. Analysis**

### **State and Regional Requirements for Periodic Review of Comprehensive Plans**

The Growth Management Act (GMA) provides two mechanisms for updating comprehensive plans:

- Mandatory "periodic updates" – Cities and counties must complete a periodic update for their entire comprehensive plan and development regulations, including those related to critical areas and natural resource lands.
- Optional annual amendments – Optional amendments allow cities and counties, if desired, to adopt a package of changes to the comprehensive plan and



development regulations no more than once per year. This process is frequently referred to as the Comprehensive Plan Annual Docket.

### **Periodic Review Comprehensive Plan Updates**

The Growth Management Act (GMA) requires that each Washington city and county periodically review and, if needed, revise its comprehensive plan and development regulations every eight years (RCW 36.70A.130). For King County and all the cities in King County, the periodic review must be completed by June 30, 2023. Staff has developed a comprehensive and coordinated approach for completing this required update and branded the work effort as *Redmond 2050*.

*Redmond 2050* will consider and integrate the following state, regional, and county requirements into the anticipated periodic review.

- The **GMA** periodic review checklist – a checklist provided by the Department of Commerce for the periodic review which addresses minimum compliance with the state law and identifies policy and regulatory updates required under new state laws;
- The **Puget Sound Regional Council (PSRC)** periodic review checklist and certification of compliance. Updates to policies and plans must comply with the Regional Growth Strategy and multi-county planning policies provided for in the [PSRC’s Vision 2050](#) regional plan; and,
- The [Countywide Planning Policies](#) (CPPs) adopted by King County, which address growth management issues in King County. The Growth Management Planning Council (GMPC) brings together elected officials from King County and the jurisdictions within King County to develop the CPPs. Local jurisdictions must develop policies and regulations consistent with the CPPs.

### **Puget Sound Regional Council (PSRC) and Vision 2050**

[PSRC](#) is the federally designated Metropolitan Planning Organization for the region. PSRC develops policies and coordinates decisions about regional growth, transportation and economic development planning within King, Pierce, Snohomish and Kitsap counties. PSRC develops a shared strategy for how and where the central Puget Sound region can grow to a forecasted 5.8 million people and 3.4 million jobs by the year 2050 in their regional long-range plan – Vision 2050. The Regional Growth Strategy component of Vision 2050 provides recommendations about how the region can distribute the forecasted growth, primarily within the designated urban growth area, and support development near high-capacity transit in the region.



The [Growth Management Policy Board](#) (GMPB) serves under the PSRC. The GMPB includes representatives of PSRC’s member jurisdictions, regional business, labor, civic and environmental groups. The policy board meets monthly to advise the Executive Board on key growth management issues. On January 16, 2020, the Executive Board received the GMPB Recommended draft VISION 2050 plan (December 2019). Vision 2050 is scheduled to be acted on by PSRC's General Assembly in May 2020. The PSRC General Assembly votes on all major decisions and includes all mayors, county executives, commissioners, and councilmembers of PSRC member jurisdictions.

### **Countywide Planning Policies and Growth Targets**

Under the Growth Management Act, counties, in consultation with cities, are responsible for adopting population and employment growth targets to ensure that each county collectively is accommodating projected population and employment. While the PSRC provides the framework and guidance for distributing growth, the county must implement the Regional Growth Strategies in the Countywide Planning Policies (CPPs). The CPPs provide a countywide vision and serve as a framework for each jurisdiction to develop its own comprehensive plan, which must be consistent with the overall vision for the future of King County. The CPPs also provide the specific growth targets for each jurisdiction.

### **Urban Growth Capacity Study**

The Urban Growth Capacity Study, also known as “buildable lands,” is a collaboration between cities and King County to analyze recent land use development trends, and to compare those trends to comprehensive plans and growth targets, providing information on development and capacity for updating growth targets and comprehensive plans. King County coordinates the development of the report, and each city provides and a standardized set of development data for their jurisdiction.

The Urban Growth Capacity Study serves as the basis for the determining Redmond’s share of growth for the next 20 years. Preliminary growth targets are expected in June 2020. King County staff will provide a more detailed report on the Land Capacity Study and the process for approval and ratification of the growth targets at an upcoming work session.

Staff anticipates providing additional information regarding the Comprehensive Plan update at the following upcoming City Council meetings.

- March 17, 2020 | **Regular Business Meeting Staff Report: State and Regional Planning Context**



- April 14, 2020 | **Study Session:** Redmond Comprehensive Plan Periodic Update *Redmond 2050*
- May 18, 2020 | **Regular Business Meeting Staff Report:** *Redmond 2050* Scope and Public Engagement Plan
- June 16, 2020 | **Regular Business Meeting Staff Report:** Urban Capacity Study – King County presentation

**A. Service Delivery**

This is an informational briefing that will facilitate greater community understanding of the anticipated periodic update of the Redmond Comprehensive Plan.

**B. Fiscal Note:**

N/A

**V. TIME CONSTRAINTS**

Staff anticipates the Overlake Neighborhood Plan/Planned Action and the Transportation Master Plan to be completed in 2022. The remainder of the Comprehensive Plan updates will be completed by 2023 in compliance with the periodic review deadline.

**VI. LIST OF ATTACHMENTS**

N/A