

MEMORANDUM

To: **Planning Commission**

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Subject: **King County growth targets and allocations briefing**

BACKGROUND

Under the Growth Management Act, counties are required to work with their respective cities to establish 20-year growth targets and adopt countywide planning policies. To support the periodic review of the comprehensive plan (Redmond 2050), King County Countywide Planning Policies and growth targets are expected to be updated in 2021. Staff will provide an overview of the county process, staff recommendations, and the timeline for setting and adopting local growth targets.

KEY FACTS

Under the Growth Management Act, King County, in consultation with cities, is responsible for ensuring that cities plan for accommodating their share of the region's population and employment growth. The Growth Management Act requires counties and cities, at a minimum, to provide capacity to accommodate 20-year projected growth targets. Growth capacity is the amount of housing and jobs that could be allowed under adopted zoning.

Growth Allocations

The Vision 2050 Regional Growth Strategy calls for the 16 Core Cities, which includes Redmond, to accommodate 28% of the region's population growth and 35% of its employment growth by the year 2050. Growth targets are part of the Countywide Planning Policies (CPPs) and are developed by the county in consultation with the jurisdictions within the county.

OUTCOMES:

PSRC Certification

In its review of comprehensive plans for certification, PSRC looks for substantial consistency of the plan's land use growth assumptions with adopted countywide growth targets. In addition to assessing that the land use growth assumptions are consistent with the growth targets and implementing the Regional Growth Strategy, PSRC will review actions and measures taken in local comprehensive plans to achieve the regional growth targets. Certification is a requirement for jurisdictions and agencies that intend to apply for PSRC funding or proceed with projects submitted into the Regional Transportation Improvement Program. PSRC maintains a report of the certification status of each jurisdiction

City of Redmond

Redmond will use growth targets to inform planning for land use, transportation, and capital facilities. Recommendations about where to allocate growth, within Redmond, will be based on final growth targets, consultant modeling and analysis, community feedback, and conformance with the Regional Growth Strategy.

Timeline

March 2021: The King County draft growth targets will be available for public comment as part of the proposed Countywide Planning Policies (CPPs).

NEXT STEPS

Staff is participating in the Core Cities caucus meetings and review of allocation methodologies. We will return to the Planning Commission in with the allocations for Redmond.