



## MEMORANDUM

**To:** Planning Commission

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**Subject:** Updates to Countywide Planning Policies and Growth Targets

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### OVERVIEW

The purpose of this briefing is to provide information on proposed amendments to the King County Countywide Planning Policies (CPPs), including the growth targets, which are included in the CPPs.

### BACKGROUND

The Growth Management Act (GMA) requires counties and cities to collaboratively and periodically review and update the Countywide Planning Policies ([CPPs](#)). The [Growth Management Planning Council](#) (GMPC) is a body of elected officials from jurisdictions throughout the county charged with overseeing the preparation of the CPPs. In King County, the CPPs address growth management within the county and integrate regional and legislative policy changes including those provided through Vision 2050, GMA amendments, and Sound Transit and other regional transit investments. Policies are provided through a series of chapters including:

- Environment,
- Development Patterns,
- Housing,
- Economy,
- Transportation, and

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- Public Facilities and Services.

The primary purpose of the CPPs is to ensure consistency and coordination between the Multicounty Planning Policies contained in VISION 2050 and the comprehensive plans of cities and towns within King County.

## **TIMELINE**

The King County CPPs, which include local housing and employment growth targets, are expected to be updated in 2021 in accordance with the following timeline.

- March 2021: GMPC reviews draft CPP amendments including growth targets. **The GMPC will release a draft of proposed CPP amendments and will solicit feedback that will be incorporated into the final draft of amendments for review and adoption by GMPC in June.**
- June 2021: GMPC approves CPP amendments and recommends CPPs to the King County Council for consideration.
- 3Q 2021: King County Council consideration and adoption of CPP amendments
- 4Q 2021: Amendments forwarded to each city and town for ratification.

City Staff continues to work with the 11 Core Cities in King County to come to agreement on growth targets that will inform planning for land use, transportation, and capital facilities. Staff will provide an update on the growth target process and outcomes as part of the April 6th staff report to the City Council when more information is available.

## **RATIFICATION AND CERTIFICATION**

### **City of Redmond Ratification of the CPPs**

Review and ratification of the CPPs will demonstrate active involvement and participation in the process provided under the Growth Management Act and the CPPs. Updates contemplated as part of Redmond 2050 will be guided and informed by the King County CPPs. Redmond will use updated growth targets to inform planning for land use, transportation, and capital facilities.

### **Puget Sound Regional Council (PSRC) Certification**

Certification of comprehensive plans is a requirement for jurisdictions that intend to apply for PSRC funding or proceed with projects submitted into the Regional Transportation Improvement Program. During its certification review, PSRC looks for substantial consistency between a plan's land use growth assumptions and adopted countywide growth targets and certifies the transportation element of the comprehensive plan.

## **ATTACHMENTS**

**Attachment A** : Staff Presentation

**Attachment B** : King County Presentation

**Attachment C** : Draft CPPs

**Attachment D** : King County Staff Report