

KING COUNTY GROWTH MANAGEMENT PLANNING COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM

AGENDA TITLE: Certification of the 2021 King County Countywide Planning Policies
PRESENTED BY: Liz Underwood-Bultmann, Puget Sound Regional Council Ivan Miller, King County

Today's Meeting

At today's meeting, the Growth Management Planning Council (GMPC) will receive a briefing by the Puget Sound Regional Council (PSRC) on the Certification of the 2021 King County Countywide Planning Policies (CPPs).

Overview

As noted in the certification report, a major emphasis of the Washington State Growth Management Act is the need to coordinate local, regional, and state planning efforts. To ensure this coordination and plan compatibility, the PSRC works with local governments in reviewing their policies and plans, and then certifies them under state law authority and in accordance with the PSRC's adopted procedures.

In 2021, the GMPC recommended and the King County Council adopted a major update to the CPPs (Ordinance 19384), with a minor amendment in 2023 (Ordinance 19553). The CPPs were updated to align with the multicounty planning policies and the Regional Growth Strategy in VISION 2050, to reflect local context for the regional policy framework, and to outline a countywide vision for the future of King County and its 39 cities.

PSRC reviewed the CPPs and found that the policies address the VISION 2050 multicounty planning policies and the Regional Transportation Plan. PSRC staff coordinated with County staff in the review of the CPPs and drafting of the certification report. At its July 2023 meeting, the Executive Board of the PSRC certified the 2021 King County CPPs.

Next Steps

The Certification Report identified a two primary issues where additional work may be warranted. These include more fully reflecting the MPP provisions related to tribal engagement and clarifying the growth targets for potential annexation areas (as well as growth target consistency). Both of these issues will be proposed for inclusion in the GMPC's 2024 work program.

For More Information

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Attachment

A. PSRC 2021 King County Countywide Planning Policies Certification Report