



King County

Department of Local Services – Permitting Division

State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA) Addendum to Final Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement

Name of Proposal: Amendments to the King County Countywide Planning Policies to adopt Countywide Centers and add one Regional Center.

Description of Proposal: Growth Management Planning Council (GMPC) Motion 26-1 would adopt Countywide Centers for multiple jurisdictions in urban areas of King County. This would include 41 countywide growth centers and one countywide industrial center. GMPC Motion 26-2 would recommend that the Ballard Regional Center be approved by the Puget Sound Regional Council (PSRC) as a Regional Urban Growth Center. Countywide and regional centers are areas where housing and employment growth is concentrated, and designation allows jurisdictions to apply for competitive transportation funding allocations at PSRC.

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Location of Proposal: Urban Areas in King County

Addendum to Final Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement: This Addendum updates information in the Final Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (Final SEIS) that was issued in March 2020 by PSRC for VISION 2050. The Final SEIS is available at the following: [LINK](#).

The modified proposal in this Addendum is within the range of the proposals studied in the Final SEIS. As such, no additional SEPA review is required. This Addendum adds information about the proposal but does not substantially change the analysis of significant impacts and alternatives in the existing environmental document.

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SEPA Authority: This Addendum to the Final Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement is issued under WAC 197-11-600(4)(c) and 197-11-625. This finding is made pursuant to Chapter 43.21C RCW, King County Code Chapter 20.44, and Chapter 197-11 WAC, after reviewing the Final SEIS and other information on file with the lead agency, considering the extent to which the proposed action will cause adverse environmental effects in excess of those created by existing regulations, and considering mitigation measures which the agency or the proponent will implement as part of the proposal. The responsible official finds this information reasonably sufficient to evaluate the environmental impact of this proposal and concludes that an addendum to the FSEIS adequately addresses environmental impacts. and that the proposed action will not have a significant impact on current or continued use of the environment.

For additional information, please contact the proponent's contact or the responsible official listed above.

Environmental Review

Overview

The adoption of amendments to the Countywide Planning Policies is a non-project action under the Washington State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA). This Addendum is not intended to satisfy individual project action SEPA requirements (the review needed for a future site-specific land use or building permit application). This Addendum does not significantly change the analysis of impacts and alternatives contained in the Final Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (Final SEIS) that was prepared in 2020 for the adoption of VISION 2050, nor does it identify new or significantly different impacts.

Prior Environmental Review

A Final Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (Final SEIS) addressing the adoption of VISION 2050 was issued on March 18, 2020.

Addendum to the Environmental Review

According to the SEPA Rules, an Addendum provides additional analysis and/or information about a proposal or alternatives where their significant environmental impacts have been disclosed and identified in a previous environmental document (WAC 197-11- 600(3)(b)(ii)). An Addendum is appropriate when the impacts of the new proposal are the same general types as those identified in the prior document, and when the new analysis does not substantially change the analysis of significant impacts and alternatives identified in the prior environmental documents (WAC 197-11-600(4)(e), WAC 197-11-706).

This Addendum to the March 18, 2020, Final SEIS is being issued pursuant to WAC 197-11-625 to meet the County's SEPA responsibility. The March 18, 2020 Final SEIS evaluated alternatives and impacts that encompass the same general policy direction, land use patterns, and environmental impacts that are expected to be associated with this non-project proposal. No additional significant impacts beyond those identified in the PSRC's Final SEIS for the adoption of VISION 2050 are expected to occur as a result of the proposed amendments to the King County Countywide Planning Policies.

(A) General

This Addendum documents environmental review for two GMPC Motions. GMPC Motion 26-1 would adopt 41 countywide growth centers, and one countywide industrial centers. GMPC Motion 26-2 would recommend that the Ballard Regional Center be designated by PSRC as a Regional Urban Growth Center. The Regional Growth Strategy, which includes the requirements and direction for countywide and regional centers is discussed in Section 6.4.2. of the Final SEIS.

Affected Environment, Significant Impacts, and Mitigation Measures – Natural Environment

(B) Natural Environment

1) Earth, Topography, Soils, and Erosion

The potential impacts that could result from the CPP update are addressed in Sections 2.15, 4.6 and 4.13 of the Final SEIS. Any future site-specific development or land use proposal not exempted by Chapter 43.21C RCW, WAC 197-11-800 or local jurisdictions adopted SEPA procedures would be subject to a project-level SEPA review. No additional mitigating measures are warranted beyond those identified in the Final SEIS.

2) Air Quality and Climate Change

Potential air quality impacts that could result from the CPP update are addressed in the Sections 2.6, 4.4, and 6.4.4 of the Final SEIS. Climate Change impacts are also discussed for other affected environment sections. Any future site-specific development or land use proposal not exempted by Chapter 43.21C RCW, WAC 197-11-800 or local jurisdictions adopted SEPA procedures would be subject to a project-level SEPA review. No additional mitigating measures are warranted beyond those identified in the Final SEIS.

3) Water Resources (Ground and Surface)

Potential impacts to ground or surface water resources that could result from the CPP update are addressed in Sections 2.8 and 4.6 of the Final SEIS. Any future site-specific development or land use proposal not exempted by Chapter 43.21C RCW, WAC 197-11-800 or local jurisdictions adopted SEPA procedures would be subject to a project-level SEPA review. No additional mitigating measures are warranted beyond those identified in the Final SEIS.

4) Fish, Wildlife, Vegetation, and Wetlands

Potential impacts to fish, wildlife, vegetation, and wetlands that could result from the CPP update are addressed in Sections 2.6, 2.8, 4.5, and 4.6 of the Final SEIS. Any future site-specific development or land use proposal not exempted by Chapter 43.21C RCW, WAC 197-11-800 or local jurisdictions adopted SEPA procedures would be subject to a project-level SEPA review. No additional mitigating measures are warranted beyond those identified in the Final SEIS.

(C) Built Environment

1) Land and Shoreline Use

The proposed CPP update is consistent with the goals and policies contained in VISION 2050. The Regional Growth Strategy, which includes the requirements and direction for countywide and regional centers is discussed in Section 6.4.2. of the Final SEIS. The potential impacts on land and shoreline use were evaluated and addressed in Sections 2.4 and 4.2 the Final SEIS. While the Ballard Regional Growth Center nor the specific countywide centers are not included in the Final SEIS, the analysis for the Preferred Growth Alternative and the Transit Focused Growth alternative analyze the impacts that could result from these newly designated centers. Any future site-specific development or land use proposal not exempted by Chapter 43.21C RCW, WAC 197-11-800 or

local jurisdictions adopted SEPA procedures would be subject to a project-level SEPA review. No additional mitigating measures are warranted beyond those identified in the Final SEIS.

2) Plans and Policies

The proposed CPP update is consistent with and implements regional, and state plans and policies, including the Washington State Growth Management Act, VISION 2050 Multicounty Planning Policies, and the Puget Sound Regional Council Regional Growth Strategy. The potential impacts on plans and policies were evaluated and addressed in Section 6.4 the Final SEIS. Any future site-specific development or land use proposal not exempted by Chapter 43.21C RCW, WAC 197-11-800 or local jurisdictions adopted SEPA procedures would be subject to a project-level SEPA review. No additional mitigating measures are warranted beyond those identified in the Final SEIS.

3) Population, Employment, and Housing

Potential impacts to population, housing, and employment that could result from the CPP update are addressed in Sections 2.1, 2.2, 2.3 and 4.1 of the Final SEIS. Any future site-specific development or land use proposal not exempted by Chapter 43.21C RCW, WAC 197-11-800 or local jurisdictions adopted SEPA procedures would be subject to a project-level SEPA review. No additional mitigating measures are warranted beyond those identified in the Final SEIS.

4) Historic, Cultural, and Archaeological Resources

Potential impacts to cultural resources that could result from the CPP update are addressed in Sections 2.13 and 4.11 of the Final SEIS. Any future site-specific development or land use proposal not exempted by Chapter 43.21C RCW, WAC 197-11-800 or local jurisdictions adopted SEPA procedures would be subject to a project-level SEPA review. No additional mitigating measures are warranted beyond those identified in the Final SEIS.

5) Transportation

Potential impacts to transportation that could result from the CPP update are addressed in Sections 2.5 and 4.3 of the Final SEIS. Any future site-specific development or land use proposal not exempted by Chapter 43.21C RCW, WAC 197-11-800 or local jurisdictions adopted SEPA procedures would be subject to a project-level SEPA review. No additional mitigating measures are warranted beyond those identified in the Final SEIS.

6) Energy

Potential impacts to energy that could result from the CPP update are addressed in Sections 2.12 and 4.10 of the Final SEIS. Any future site-specific development or land use proposal not exempted by Chapter 43.21C RCW, WAC 197-11-800 or local jurisdictions adopted SEPA procedures would be subject to a project-level SEPA review. No additional mitigating measures are warranted beyond those identified in the Final SEIS.

7) Public Services and Utilities

Potential impacts to public services and utilities that could result from the CPP update are addressed in Sections 2.9 and 4.7 of the Final SEIS. Any future site-specific development or land use proposal

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