

GMPC MOTION 26-1

A MOTION approving Countywide Centers in jurisdictions in King County.

WHEREAS, the Puget Sound Regional Council adopted the Regional Centers Framework Update in March 2018, and VISION 2050 in November 2020, and these regional policy documents expand the growth management centers framework to include a new countywide center designation;

WHEREAS, in 2021, the Growth Management Planning Council adopted the 2021 Countywide Planning Policies, including a new Appendix 6: King County Centers Designation Framework via GMPC Motion 21-1, which was adopted by the County in Ordinance 19384 and ratified by the cities on April 6, 2022;

WHEREAS, in 2021, the Growth Management Planning Council designated Candidate Countywide Centers via GMPC Motion 21-3;

WHEREAS, in 2024, the Growth Management Planning Council updated criteria for Countywide Centers in Appendix 6 via GMPC Motion 24-2, which was adopted by the County in Ordinance 19871 and ratified by the cities on March 24, 2025;

WHEREAS, the County invited jurisdictions to apply for Countywide Center designation in 2025, with an application window closing on October 1, 2025;

WHEREAS, jurisdictions have submitted applications for forty-two countywide centers, including one countywide industrial center, and forty-one countywide growth centers;

WHEREAS, the Interjurisdictional Team reviewed the applications, worked with jurisdictions to refine and clarify the applications, and brought a recommendation to the Growth Management Planning Council;

WHEREAS, approval of this motion will replace the candidate status in GMPC Motion 21-3; and

24 WHEREAS, approval of this motion will allow designated Countywide Centers to apply for
25 Puget Sound Regional Council transportation funding, which is expected to open competitive grant
26 processes in 2027;

27 NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Growth Management Planning Council of King
28 County hereby approves the list of Countywide Centers as shown in Attachment A.

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Girmay Zahilay, Chair, Growth Management Planning Council

32 Attachments

33 A: Amendments to 2021 King County Countywide Planning Policies - Designation of Countywide
34 Centers

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In the Countywide Planning Policies, after Appendix 6, insert a new Appendix 7: Countywide Centers, and the following map (and make changes to the table of contents and formatting of the document to incorporate new Appendix 7):

