
Council Meeting Date: June 24, 2020

Agenda Item: VI

KING COUNTY GROWTH MANAGEMENT PLANNING COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM

AGENDA TITLE: 2021 King County CPP Update – Status Report

PRESENTED BY: Interjurisdictional Staff Team

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Countywide Planning Policies create a shared framework for growth management planning for all jurisdictions in King County. They implement the Growth Management Act and the VISON 2050 Multicounty Planning Policies. Local comprehensive plans are developed from the framework that the Countywide Planning Policies create. Countywide Planning Policies are being updated in advance of the 2024 periodic update of comprehensive plans to reflect a number of changes to the regional policy framework since their 2012 adoption.

SCHEDULE

Date	Action or Topic
June 24, 2020	GMPC meeting - approval of the Guiding Principles for the 2021 CPP Update
Summer	Staff outline policy changes, by chapter Staff establish growth target ranges Staff identify the stakeholder and public review process
September 30	GMPC meeting - briefing on the draft chapter concepts and initial target ranges
Fall	Staff complete draft chapters and draft growth targets
December 2, 2020	GMPC meeting - briefing on the draft chapter revisions, growth targets, and plans for release of the Public Review Draft
Winter, 2021	GMPC meeting; release of the Public Review Draft including growth targets
Spring	GMPC meeting - consideration of amendments

Date	Action or Topic
June	GMPC meeting - final action of the 2021 CPP Update including growth targets
Summer	King County Council consideration of the 2021 CPP Update
Fall	City ratification of the 2021 CPP Update
December 31, 2021	King County submittal of the 2021 CPP Update to PSRC for certification

GUIDING PRINCIPLES

The Guiding Principles establish the context and parameters for the update the Countywide Planning Policies and enable stakeholder engagement. The Guiding Principles also create a statement of countywide agreement on how the CPPs will be updated to guide the development of the 2024 comprehensive plans. The Guiding Principles include statements on:

- The limited scope for the update
- Centering social equity and health
- Integrating regional policy and legislative changes:
 - VISION 2050
 - GMA amendments, e.g. buildable lands
 - ST3 and other regional transportation investments
 - King County’s 4 to 1 Program changes
 - Policy recommendations from the GMPC’s Affordable Housing Committee
- Providing clear, concise, and actionable direction for comprehensive plans
- Implementing the Regional Growth Strategy with 2045 growth targets that form the land use basis for periodic comprehensive plan updates

GROWTH TARGETS

As a part of the Countywide Planning Policies update, King County jurisdictions will create and adopt new growth targets for the 2024-2044 planning period. Growth targets are a policy statement of the amount of housing and jobs King County cities and the unincorporated urban area are planning for in comprehensive plans. King County facilitates the development of growth targets with each city’s participating in the determination of their final targets. King County staff will seek a lead from each city to participate in the target setting process. Regular briefings and opportunities

for input on the target setting process are offered monthly at the King County Planning Directors meetings.

Growth Targets Development Process

Developing the growth targets has 5 key stages, before implementation in comprehensive plans, as illustrated in figure 1. The following discussion summarizes the targets development process.

Figure 1: Growth targets setting process



Regional Forecast

A regional forecast provides the level of growth anticipated in VISION 2050, the Puget Sound Regional Council’s growth management plan. This regional forecast is the starting point for the countywide employment projection for the growth targets, in combination with the Regional Growth Strategy. Population from the regional forecast is compared to the Office of Financial Management’s population projections, to ensure it is consistent with the projection range in that series.

Countywide Growth Projections

The county shares of growth in the VISION 2050 Regional Growth Strategy are applied to the regional population and employment forecasts to create a countywide projection of growth between the base year and 2044. County shares of population and employment growth from the Regional Growth Strategy are shown in table 1 below.

Table 1: Draft VISION 2050 Regional Growth Strategy county shares of growth

	Population	Employment
King County	50%	59%

Regional Geography Allocations

The regional geography shares from the Regional Growth Strategy are applied to the countywide growth projections of employment and population to create regional geography growth allocations for groups of cities. Population is then converted to housing units by household assumptions (share of group quarters population,

household size, and vacancy rates) created for each regional geography from 2018 Census data from cities averaged to regional geography.

Table 2: Draft VISION 2050 Regional Growth Strategy regional geography shares of growth in King County

	Population	Employment
Metro Cities	44%	46%
Core Cities	41%	45%
High Capacity Transit Communities	11%	6%
Cities and Towns	5%	3%
Urban Unincorporated	0.5%	0.1%
Rural	1%	0.3%

City and Potential Annexation Area Growth Target Ranges

In the next step, regional geography allocations are translated into a range for cities and potential annexation areas using several data based factors, including existing capacity from the Urban Growth Capacity Report, number of regional growth centers, number of transit station areas, and recent growth. These factors are applied for cities relative to one another within a regional geography category, to build a potential target range for each city.

City and Potential Annexation Area Growth Targets

Cities will meet in caucuses grouped by their regional geography to negotiate their final growth targets, within the initial target ranges created in the previous step.

AT TODAY’S MEETING

GMPC will consider of the Guiding Principles to provide to direction to staff as they begin the update process. GMPC will also discuss the process that will be used to create growth targets over the summer and fall of 2020.

NEXT STEPS

- Staff will:
 - review the policies and identify areas for change
 - establish a stakeholder and public review process
 - develop target ranges
- The GMPC review of draft chapter concepts and initial target ranges at their September 30th meeting

ATTACHMENT

Proposed Guiding Principles for the 2021 King County Countywide Planning Policies Update

2021 King County Countywide Planning Policies Update

Guiding Principles

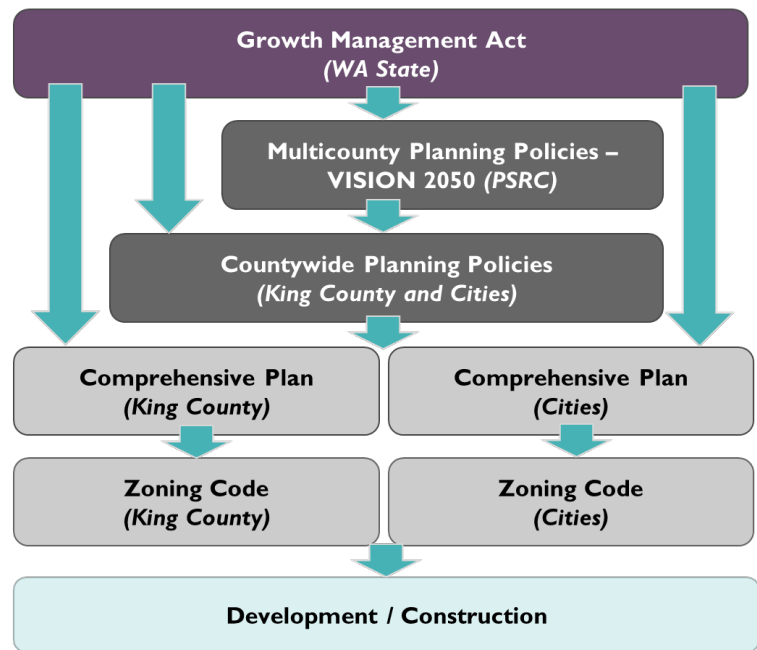
Context for an Update Centered around Equity

Being able to live where we choose matters because it determines our quality of life and ability to thrive. Where we choose to live shapes our social connections and community, our access to high quality jobs, health care, traditional foods, sense of safety and security, education, greens space, transportation, and other public services.

However, these seemingly individual choices are shaped by systemic racial and social injustices and inequities, particularly in land use and planning, that have taken away the ability to freely choose for Black, Indigenous, People of Color, including immigrants and refugees, and no- and low-income people. Policy choices, both past and present, such as forced removal of Native Peoples from their traditional lands, homesteading, redlining, and exclusionary zoning, combined with disproportionate investment in certain geographies, neighborhoods, and job sectors have created deeply rooted racial and socioeconomic disparities across all quality of life outcomes in our communities and our region.

Together we can use approaches and implement policies that promote equitable outcomes and a sense of belonging throughout all our communities, creating conditions for each person to participate, prosper, and to reach their full potential. Centering equity and health in the work to update the Countywide Planning Policies is the path forward, so that people can choose where to live, work, and recreate, regardless of race, place, and income. Together, these policies will promote a more equitable and sustainable future.

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About these Principles

These principles are a statement of countywide agreement on how cities and King County will revise the Countywide Planning Policies, which will guide the development of 2024 comprehensive plans.

Principles

1. **Establish a limited scope for review based on the 2012 baseline** consistent with local annual comprehensive plan amendment review processes and with the limited scope of the VISION 2050 update (both of which address regional policy changes).
2. **Center social equity and health** within the Countywide Planning Policies to ensure comprehensive plans enable equitable health and quality of life outcomes for all. This will be guided by data-based measures of equity and recent engagement with diverse communities including: low-income residents, Black, Indigenous, people of color, immigrant and refugee populations, LGBTQ+ communities, and persons with disabilities, in topics relevant to development of the CPPs and comprehensive plans. Updated policies will acknowledge the disparate health and quality of life outcomes created and perpetuated by public policy and address current disparities between communities through pro-equity approaches.
3. **Integrate regional policy and legislative changes** that will have occurred since 2012 including:
 - Vision 2050 and the Regional Centers framework
 - Growth Management Act state legislative amendments e.g., for buildable lands
 - Planned ST3 and other regional transit investments
 - King County 4:1 program amendments
 - Policy recommendations from the GMPC's Affordable Housing Committee
4. **Provide clear, actionable direction for comprehensive plans** through specific policies that are adaptable to the variety of jurisdictions in the county. The 2020 Countywide Planning Policies will be a strong statement of King County jurisdictions' values for planning.
5. **Implement the Regional Growth Strategy with 2044 growth targets that quantify land use, infrastructure, and other needs to be addressed in periodic comprehensive plan updates.**