

# KING COUNTY COUNTYWIDE PLANNING POLICIES 1/28/21

*PRESENTATION FOR THE KING COUNTY PLANNING DIRECTORS*

# GMPC SCHEDULE 2021

January 27

- Work Session
- Concepts of the draft chapters
- Breakout rooms to facilitate discussion

February 24

- Feedback from work session
- Review and initial comments on proposed policy changes

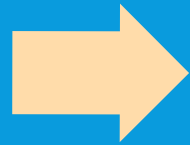
March 31

- Review of proposed Public Review Draft including growth targets
- Direction for the release of the Public Review Draft

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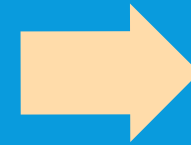
April/May

- Public comment period
- Review with jurisdictions



May 26

- Recap of public comment received
- Consideration of amendments



June 23

- Further consideration of amendments
- Final action on the 2021 CPP Update

# 2021 CPP UPDATE APPROVAL SCHEDULE



# ENVIRONMENT KEY THEMES

- Emphasize climate change by adding a new subsection.
- Update the greenhouse gas reduction goals to correspond to the goals set by the King County-Cities Climate Collaboration (K4C).
- Protect and restore natural resources that sequester and store carbon.
- Address fossil fuel facilities to protect public health, safety, and welfare; and to protect the natural ecosystem to reduce climate change.
- Address environmental justice issues across several policies including access to a healthy environment, community resilience, and reduction of pollution.
- Provide parks, trails, and open space within walking distance of urban residents prioritizing underserved communities.
- Call for the use of best available science when establishing and implementing environmental standards.

# ECONOMY KEY THEMES

- Support the Regional Economic Strategy.
- Support advanced manufacturing throughout the county.
- Foster a supportive environment for locally owned and women and minority owned businesses.
- Reduce historic and ongoing disparities in income and employment opportunities for communities that have been economically disadvantaged.
- Call for the development of a system that provides a safety net during economic downturns.
- Prioritize a diversity of middle-wage jobs.
- Encourage the public and private sectors to incorporate environmental stewardship and social responsibility into their practices.

# DEVELOPMENT PATTERNS KEY THEMES

- Integrate social equity and public health into local and countywide planning.
- Codify growth target and urban growth capacity report processes.
- Address four-to-one program provisions.
- Establish a Centers Designation Framework consistent with the PSRC regional framework
- Ensure better understanding of past housing and land use practices that have led to inequities by race and ethnicity.
- Develop new growth targets with a planning horizon to 2044, and link growth targets to land use assumptions in comprehensive plans.
- Strengthen city-county collaboration around annexation area planning. Clarify the process for reassigning potential annexation areas.
- Recognize the role of Cities in the Rural Area consistent with the King County Comprehensive Plan.

# HOUSING KEY THEMES

- Align with existing plans including VISION 2050 and the Regional Affordable Housing Task Force Final Report and Recommendations.
- Redefine Countywide Need as the number of homes needed today and, in the future, to ensure that no low-income household is cost burdened.
- Guide cities and the county through a four-step continuous improvement process to meet the countywide need
- Establish regular monitoring of regional and jurisdictional progress through the Affordable Housing Dashboard and leverage new centralized data infrastructure created by King County staff that support the AHC.



# HOUSING KEY THEMES, CONT'D.

- The CPP policy amendments are structured to achieve health and equity outcomes with five key equity objectives:
  - Equitable processes and outcomes;
  - Increased housing supply, particularly for households with the greatest needs;
  - Expanded housing options and increased affordability accessible to transit and employment;
  - Expanded housing and neighborhood choice for all residents; and
  - Housing stability, healthy homes, and healthy communities.

# TRANSPORTATION KEY THEMES

- Emphasize creating an equitable transportation system.
- Improve the safety of the system for all users.
- Encourage alternatives to driving along including transit and active transportation.
- Minimize displacement and impact on affected communities.
- Strengthen connections between land use and transportation.
- Promote a sustainable system by encouraging transit use, active transportation and alternative fuels.

# PUBLIC FACILITIES + SERVICES KEY THEMES

- Address impacts of climate change on fisheries and water reuse and reclamation.
- Make investments in renewable and alternative energy sources.
- Make the provision of telecommunication infrastructure a focus on broadband service to businesses and households of all income levels.
- Commit specific RCW acknowledgement and requirements for district-jurisdiction review meetings with reports to the GMPC to school siting policy.
- Establish a process for public capital facilities of regional or statewide importance to incorporate equity in determining impacts and benefits.
- Prioritize investments for affordable and equitable access to public services in this chapter.
- Consider climate change, economic and health impacts when siting and building essential public facilities.
- Establish a new Public Facility and Service Disaster Preparedness topic area

# NEXT STEPS

- IJT Staff will review notes taken during the 1/27 GMPC Work Session and consider any public comment received to-date
- IJT Staff will revise draft policies and update the matrix of policies by chapter
- Updated policies will be presented to the GMPC on February 24<sup>th</sup> for review and comment

# URBAN GROWTH CAPACITY REPORT UPDATE

# URBAN GROWTH CAPACITY REPORT - STATUS

- Finalizing market factor guidance
  - Discounts capacity, accounting for non-development over the planning period
- Updated employment density guidance complete
  - Square Feet/Job assumption recommendations
- Developing reporting tools and guidance to calculate final capacity
- Calculating final capacity through February

# URBAN GROWTH CAPACITY REPORT – UPDATED ASSUMPTIONS

- Market factor
  - New approach looks at what has developed in cities in the last 5 and 20 years, compared to land residential and non-residential land supply to create low/medium/high market segments
  - Categorizes cities by Regional Geography, and market segments by product type (e.g., low-density residential, multifamily, industrial)
  - Recommended ranges for each jurisdiction
- Employment Density
  - Analyzed 2006 and 2019 jobs and non-residential development Updated square feet/job recommendations
  - Recommendations provided by sub-area

# URBAN GROWTH CAPACITY REPORT – CALCULATING FINAL CAPACITY

- With updated market factor guidance and employment density assumptions, we have all we need to calculate final capacity
- Phase 4 of data collection will kick off in early February to facilitate calculating capacity
  - Reporting tables are being designed to calculate automatically
  - KC staff will set up one-on-one appointments with city staff to facilitate reporting
- Capacity results essential to the draft UGC report in late March



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