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MEMO TO: Mayor and Members of the City Council
FROM: Carol Helland, Interim Director of Planning and Community Development
SUBJECT:

Comprehensive Plan Update - State and Regional Planning Framework

I. RECOMMENDED ACTION

Informational briefing to provide an overview of:

- The Growth Management Act | State requirements and timelines for the Comprehensive Plan Periodic Update
- Vision 2050 and the Countywide Planning Policies | Regional and County Planning Framework

II. DEPARTMENT CONTACTS

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III. DESCRIPTION/BACKGROUND

State and Regional Requirements for Periodic Review of the Comprehensive Plan

The Growth Management Act <<http://mrsc.org/Home/Explore-Topics/Planning/General-Planning-and-Growth-Management/Comprehensive-Planning-Growth-Management.aspx>> (GMA) provides two mechanisms for updating comprehensive plans:

- Mandatory "periodic updates" - Cities and counties must complete a periodic update for their entire comprehensive plan and development regulations, including those related to critical areas and natural resource lands on an eight-year cycle.
- Optional annual amendments - Optional amendments allow cities and counties if desired, to adopt a package of changes to the comprehensive plan and development regulations no more than once per year. This process is frequently referred to as the Comprehensive Plan Annual Docket.

Periodic Review Comprehensive Plan Updates

The Growth Management Act (GMA) requires that each Washington city and county periodically review and, if needed, revise its comprehensive plan and development regulations every eight years (RCW 36.70A.130 <<http://app.leg.wa.gov/rcw/default.aspx?cite=36.70A.130>>). For King County and all the cities in King County, the periodic review must be completed by June 30, 2023. Staff has developed a comprehensive and coordinated approach for completing this required update: *Redmond 2050*. *Redmond 2050* is a multi-year project that will consider and integrate the following state, regional, and county requirements into the anticipated periodic review.

- The **GMA** periodic review checklist. Updates must respond to a checklist provided by the Department of Commerce for the periodic review which addresses minimum compliance with the state law and identifies policy and regulatory updates required under new state laws;
- The **Puget Sound Regional Council (PSRC)** periodic review checklist and certification of compliance. Updates to policies and plans must comply with the Regional Growth Strategy and multi-county planning policies provided for in the [PSRCs Vision 2050](https://www.psrc.org/vision) regional plan; and,
- The **[Countywide Planning Policies](https://www.kingcounty.gov/depts/executive/performance-strategy-budget/regional-cpps)** (CPPs) adopted by King County, which address growth management issues in King County. The **[Growth Management Planning Council](https://www.kingcounty.gov/depts/executive/performance-strategy-budget/regional-gmpc)** (GMPC) brings together elected officials from King County and the jurisdictions within King County to develop the CPPs. Local jurisdictions must develop policies and regulations consistent with the CPPs.

Puget Sound Regional Council (PSRC) and VISION 2050

PSRC <<https://www.psrc.org/our-work/regional-planning>> is the federally designated Metropolitan Planning Organization for our region. PSRC develops policies and coordinates decisions about regional growth, transportation, and economic development planning within King, Pierce, Snohomish, and Kitsap counties. PSRC develops a shared strategy for how and where the central Puget Sound region can grow to accommodate the forecasted growth of 5.8 million people and 3.4 million jobs by the year 2050 and provides that Regional Growth Strategy in their regional long-range plan - VISION 2050. The Regional Growth Strategy component of VISION 2050 provides recommendations about how the region can distribute the forecasted growth - primarily within the designated urban growth area, and support development near high-capacity transit.

The **[Growth Management Policy Board](https://www.psrc.org/board/growth-management-policy-board)** (GMPC) serves under the PSRC. The GMPC includes representatives of PSRC's member jurisdictions, regional business, labor, civic and environmental groups. The policy board meets monthly to advise the Executive Board on key growth management issues. The **[GMPB recommended approval of the draft VISION 2050 plan](https://www.psrc.org/sites/default/files/draft-vision2050-plan.pdf)** in December of 2019 <<https://www.psrc.org/sites/default/files/draft-vision2050-plan.pdf>>. The PSRC General Assembly votes on all major decisions and includes all

mayors, county executives, commissioners, and councilmembers of PSRC member jurisdictions. VISION 2050 is scheduled to be acted on by PSRC's General Assembly <<https://www.psrc.org/board/general-assembly>> in May 2020.

Countywide Planning Policies and Growth Targets

Under the Growth Management Act, counties, in consultation with cities, are responsible for adopting population and employment growth targets to ensure that each county collectively is accommodating projected population and employment. While the PSRC provides the framework and guidance for distributing growth, the county must implement the Regional Growth Strategies in the Countywide Planning Policies (CPPs). The CPPs provide a countywide vision and serve as a framework for each jurisdiction to develop its own comprehensive plan. The CPPs also provide specific growth targets for each jurisdiction.

Urban Growth Capacity Study

The Urban Growth Capacity Study, also known as “buildable lands,” is a collaboration between cities and King County to analyze recent land use development trends, and to compare those trends to comprehensive plans and growth targets, providing information on development and capacity for updating growth targets and comprehensive plans. King County coordinates the development of the report, and each city provides a standardized set of development data for their jurisdiction.

The Urban Growth Capacity Study serves as the basis for determining Redmond’s share of growth for the next 20 years. Preliminary growth targets are expected in June 2020. King County staff will provide a more detailed report on the Land Capacity Study and the process for approval and ratification of the growth targets at a future meeting.

Staff anticipates providing additional information regarding the Comprehensive Plan update at the following upcoming City Council meetings.

- March 17, 2020 | Regular Business Meeting Staff Report: State and Regional Planning Context
- April 14, 2020 | Study Session: Redmond Comprehensive Plan Periodic Update Redmond 2050
- May 19, 2020 | Regular Business Meeting Staff Report: Redmond 2050 Scope and Public Engagement Plan
- June 16, 2020 | Regular Business Meeting Staff Report: Urban Capacity Study - King County staff presentation

IV. PREVIOUS DISCUSSIONS HELD

Committee of the Whole - Planning and Public Works - March 10, 2020

V. IMPACT

A. Service/Delivery:

This is an informational briefing that will facilitate greater community understanding of the anticipated periodic update of the Redmond Comprehensive Plan.

B. Fiscal Note:

N/A

VI. ALTERNATIVES TO STAFF RECOMMENDATION

N/A

VII. TIME CONSTRAINTS

N/A

VIII. LIST OF ATTACHMENTS

Attachment A-Presentation