



# Kitsap Regional Coordinating Council

COUNTYWIDE PLANNING POLICY –  
PUBLIC/AGENCY COMMENT OVERVIEW

KRCC Board Meeting  
July 6<sup>th</sup>, 2021

# PRESENTATION GOALS

- Provide the KRCC Board of overview of those who provided comments
- Provide the KRCC Board the approach to reviewing comments received
- Provide the KRCC Board an overview of comments received by Element
- Answer questions from the KRCC Board regarding comments received

# COMMENT PERIOD OVERVIEW

- Overall comment period – May 7<sup>th</sup> - June 25<sup>th</sup>
  - Element D comment period – June 11<sup>th</sup> – June 25<sup>th</sup>
  - 14 separate commentors
  - Response to comments prepared for the KRCC Board
- Suquamish Citizens Advisory Council
  - Puget Sound Regional Council
  - Kitsap Economic Development Alliance
  - League of Women Voters of Kitsap
  - Betsy Cooper, Kingston Resident
  - Marty Bishop, West Sound Climate Action
  - Michael Maddox, Poulsbo Resident
  - Bert Jackson, Kitsap Environmental Coalition
  - Beverly Parsons, Kitsap Environmental Coalition
  - Margaret Tufft, Kitsap Environmental Coalition
  - Cindy Brooke, Kitsap Environmental Coalition
  - Carol Price, Kitsap Environmental Coalition
  - Pedro Valverde, Kitsap Environmental Coalition
  - Cara Cruickshank, Kitsap Environmental Coalition

# APPROACH TO COMMENT RESPONSE

- Each comment letter broken down by individual comment
- Responses broken down by Countywide Planning Policy (CPP) Element
- Separate columns provided for specific vs. general policy comments
- Response to each comment provided
- Approach to response:
  - Acknowledge comment
  - Provide response to outline how the issue is addressed within the CPPs
  - Specific policy changes or recommendations not included within response to comments



Commenter	CPP Element & Section	CPP Page Number	Original CPP Text	Commenter Proposed Policy Change	General Comment on Specific Policy	Response to Comment
Margaret Tufft, Kitsap Environmental Coalition	Objective b.	4	<u>A vital and diversified economy, that provides career pathways and living wage jobs for residents, supported by adequate buildable lands for a range of employment uses.</u>	A vital and diversified economy, that provides career pathways and living wage jobs for residents, supported by adequate <del>buildable</del> lands for a range of employment uses.	There are many more uses other than building on land. "Range of employment uses" is enough.	Thank you for your comment.  The term buildable lands is a common term that is used by local government to describe the Growth Management Act requirement to provide enough capacity to support employment and population growth throughout the planning period in their comprehensive plans.
Margaret Tufft, Kitsap Environmental Coalition	UR-1	5	The Kitsap Countywide Planning Policies should be dynamic and regularly monitored for applicability and effectiveness.	The Kitsap Countywide Planning Policies <del>should</del> shall be dynamic and regularly monitored for applicability and effectiveness.		Thank you for your comment.  While the term "should" is utilized in the opening of this policy, it is important to note that UR-1 points directly to the statutory requirements to update the CPPs and uses the word shall when referencing state law requirements.  a. The <u>adopted</u> Countywide Planning Policies should be reviewed through the Kitsap Regional Coordinating Council process <u>prior to each required comprehensive plan update as required by RCW 36.70A.130 at least every five years.</u> <del>Proposed Policy</del> revisions shall be reviewed for impacts according to the State Environmental <del>Protection Policy</del> Act (SEPA), <u>consistency with PSRCs Multicounty Planning Policies (MPPs), and shall be consistent</u> with the State Growth Management Act (GMA).
Margaret Tufft, Kitsap Environmental Coalition	UR-1 a.	5	The <u>adopted</u> Countywide Planning Policies should be reviewed through the Kitsap Regional Coordinating Council process <u>prior to each required comprehensive plan update as required by RCW 36.70A.130</u> at least every five years. Proposed <u>Policy</u> revisions shall be reviewed for impacts according to the State Environmental Protection <u>Policy</u> Act (SEPA), <u>consistency with PSRCs Multicounty Planning Policies (MPPs), and shall be consistent</u> with the State Growth Management Act (GMA).		GMA-what if county/city proposes stricter/looser amendments to countywide planning policies?	Thank you for your comment.  The county and cities are required to implement the CPPs within their local comprehensive plans. Jurisdictions can certainly adopt measures that go beyond what the CPPs require to be implemented. However, local comprehensive plans cannot adopt policies that would directly conflict with the CPPs.

# COMMENT OVERVIEW BY ELEMENT

## Introduction (UR)

- General questions regarding CPP ratification process, terminology utilized in the document, and the ability of cities and counties to adopt stricter or looser policies than CPPs.

## Element A – Countywide Growth Pattern (CW)

- Several comments regarding transportation, climate change, rural character
- Several comments on terminology utilized in the CPPs
- PSRC comments regarding annexations, equity and health disparities, and transit supportive densities
- KEDA comments on equity and housing affordability

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## Element B – Urban Growth Areas (UGA)

- Several comments on policies asking for “should” to “shall” policy changes
- Several comments on process for Urban Growth Area expansions and both buildable lands and land capacity analysis processes
- Several comments on process for distributing population and employment growth

## Element C – Centers of Growth (C)

- PSRC comment – consideration to remove reference to “an updated PSRC growth target” (see policy C-4.a(2)). PSRC does not develop growth targets, but an updated Regional Growth Strategy in VISION 2050 informs targets.

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## Element D – Rural Land Uses and Development Patterns (R)

- General comments regarding housing and providing public sewer in rural areas

## Element E – Countywide Strategies for the Natural Environment (NE)

- Several comments on policies asking for “should” to “shall” policy changes to strengthen policies or request for minor changes or additional language within existing policies.
- PSRC comment on proposed climate change policies regarding hazardous industries and essential public services in 500-year flood plain



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## Element F – Contiguous, Compatible, and Orderly Development (D)

- Several comments on newly proposed displacement and equity policies. Most asking for strengthen policy language that is more directive.

## Element G – Siting Public Capital Facilities

- Comment asking for internet and broadband to be included in policies for capital facilities
- PSRC comment on school siting

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## Element H – Transportation (T)

- Several comments on policies asking for “should” to “shall” policy changes to strengthen policies or request for minor changes or additional language within existing policies.
- PSRC comment on prioritizing transportation investments in centers and near transit, where growth is most likely to occur.
- PSRC comment to consider adding a policy to ensure mobility choices for people with special needs
- PSRC comment stating transportation chapter should address racial and social equity in the context of planning and implementing transportation improvements, programs, and services
- PSRC comment encouraging consideration of how the CPPs address greenhouse gas emissions

## Element I – Housing

- Several comments on policies asking for policy changes to strengthen policies on issues such as displacement and affordable housing.
- Comment that Tribal and Navy housing should be considered when inventorying housing
- Comments that policies should provide greater direction (shall vs. should) on providing a variety of housing types in each jurisdiction.

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## Element J – Economic Development (ED)

- Several comments from KEDA suggesting specific policy changes and edits
- Several comments suggesting minor edits and changes to existing and proposed policies

## Element K – Fiscal Impact (FI)

- Request to add policy regarding broadband and other technologies that could shift infrastructure needs and costs.

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## Element L – Coordination with Tribal Government (CT)

- PSRC comment regarding new multi-county planning policies which emphasize the role of tribal nations in regional and local planning. Asking for consideration of expanded policies to more fully address newly expanded policies related to tribal coordination regarding incompatible uses, impacts on tribal lands, economic role of tribes, and coordinated planning for services and facilities

## Element M – Coordination with Fed. Government including Navy (CF)

- Minor policy change request from KEDA.

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## Element N – Roles and Responsibilities

- Several minor policy change requests

## Appendix materials/General comments

- Minor comments on Centers of Growth (Appendix C) and List of Centers (appendix D)
- Several general comments receiving covering a variety of topics



QUESTIONS?

