

GROWTH MANAGEMENT PLANNING COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM
KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON

AGENDA TITLE: Policy Issues Related to the Update of the Countywide Planning Policies

PRESENTED BY: Interjurisdictional Staff Team

SUMMARY

The focus of the June GMPC meeting is to determine broad policy direction for bringing the King County Countywide Planning Policies (CPPs) into alignment with the policies and actions of VISION 2040 and bringing out of date policies up to date. The CPPs are to implement VISION while providing clear direction to the jurisdictions within King County on broader cross-jurisdictional issues as the comprehensive plans are updated.

Staff has proposed a reorganization of the CPP chapters to mirror those of VISION. For the purposes of GMPC discussion, the chapters have been grouped into seven major themes: Environment; Development Patterns; Housing; Economy; Public Services; Transportation; and Multi-Chapter Policy Themes (these policy themes affect multiple chapters and will be addressed throughout the CPPs). Further, staff identified two categories of policy issues, as reflected in this staff report. Group A issues—the focus of June’s staff presentation—are those issues for which staff seek GMPC direction. Group B issues are included in this staff report but will not be the focus of presentation unless requested by GMPC members for further discussion.

Following this meeting, IJT staff will begin drafting policies to reflect the direction provided. The June meeting is not about specific policy language but rather about the scope and direction needed to write policies in the coming months.

BACKGROUND

The CPPs are part of the planning hierarchy as envisioned by the Growth Management Act (GMA) in the State of Washington. Originally drafted in the early 1990’s, the King County CPPs described a vision for the county for the 1992-2012 planning period. The CPPs established a framework for designating the Urban Growth Area and for the initial round of local comprehensive plans under GMA that were adopted in the mid-1990s.

Several factors currently support GMPC’s decision to conduct a comprehensive review and update of the Countywide Planning Policies, including: recent adoption of VISION 2040 and the Multicounty Planning Policies (MPPs); recent amendments to state law and state agency

guidance; revised population, housing and employment growth targets in King County and the region; and general datedness of the CPPs as we near the end of the 1992-2012 planning period.

VISION 2040 and the Multicounty Planning Policies

In April 2008 the Puget Sound Regional Council General Assembly adopted VISION 2040, the long-range growth, economic, and transportation strategy for the four-county central Puget Sound region. A key feature of VISION is the Regional Growth Strategy—a pattern of preferred growth in the region that modifies growth assumptions in King County by deemphasizing subareas and distributing growth in cities based on their size and function within the region. The CPP update promotes the preferred pattern of growth found in VISION and provides the policy basis by which all jurisdictions in King County will align their comprehensive plans when jurisdictions update them.

Statutory Compliance

The Revised Code of Washington (RCW) is the compilation of all permanent state laws in effect and has been amended several times since its adoption in 1990. Staff will identify relevant RCW amendments and evaluate recent Washington Administrative Code (WAC) updates to ensure consistency of the updated CPPs with state requirements and guidelines.

OFM Population Projections and Growth Target

The Growth Management Act requires counties and cities to plan for growth consistent with population projections produced by the state Office of Financial Management. Meeting this requirement, the GMPC adopted the 2006-2031 Housing and Employment Growth Targets in October 2009. The CPP update will support the new growth targets by providing appropriate context and policy direction to further promote the Regional Growth Strategy established in VISION 2040.

CPPs Are Increasingly Out-Of-Date

To maintain the CPPs as a relevant document, a general policy update will incorporate current information on the county and its cities. In addition, with local governments moving into a third round of comprehensive planning under GMA, the focus of the CPP document will shift from initial plan adoption to the ongoing and evolving implementation of GMA and countywide policies. Finally, CPPs will be amended to ensure that they accurately reflect current state law, state agency guidance, and recent hearings board decisions.

2010 CPP UPDATE WORK PROGRAM

In March, 2010 staff proposed to GMPC a revised CPP organizational structure to align with the MPP chapter structure found within VISION 2040. This new structure collapses the 10 existing chapters into seven and improves accessibility of the CPPs, demonstrating greater alignment with the MPPs and VISION 2040.

| New CPP Chapter: | Incorporating elements from existing CPP chapters:* |
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| 1. Vision and Framework | I. King County 2012 IX. Economic Development X. Implementation and Transition |

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| 2. Environment | II. Critical Areas V. Community Character & Open Space |
| 3. Development Pattern | III. Land Use Pattern V. Community Character & Open Space |
| 4. Housing | VI. Affordable Housing |
| 5. Economy | IX. Economic Development |
| 6. Transportation | IV. Transportation |
| 7. Public Services | V. Community Character & Open Space VII. Contiguous & Orderly Development VIII. Siting Public Facilities |
| *Policies currently found in Chapter X. Regional Finance and Governance will be located throughout the new CPP chapter structure as appropriate. | |

Within this structure, staff proposed a work program to include: presentation of policy language that prioritizes regional service delivery in a manner to promote the Regional Growth Strategy; revision of Framework policies to ground the remaining policy work; revision of implementing policies and narrative throughout the CPPs; and preparation of the revised CPPs for adoption and ratification.

With adoption of Motion 10-2 in April, GMPC approved revisions to CPPs FW-18, FW-19 and T-14 that prioritize regional services in a manner to promote the Regional Growth Strategy. Turning attention to updating the bulk of the CPPs, GMPC directed staff to bring to the body those issues that represent policy changes that could benefit from further discussion and appropriate direction.

SCOPE OF WORK DISCUSSION

In scoping the CPP update work, IJT staff cross-referenced VISION with the existing CPPs. This research found that the CPPs are generally adequate in carrying forward the basic tenets of the MPPs, although many policies are considerably out of date. Staff identified multiple policy areas in which the existing CPPs: a) are silent on particular tenets of the MPPs, b) do not adequately address specific issues, or c) that use outdated terminology.

Those policy issues for which staff request GMPC direction are identified as Group A issues and are the focus of this staff report and presentation. Additional topic areas were identified that do not raise significant policy issues but are important for clarifying or strengthening the CPPs in relation to VISION and are identified as Group B issues below.

Group A Policy Issues

Environment

The CPPs were written prior to adoption of major recent environmental advances such as adoption of Critical Areas Ordinances, the formation of the Water Resource Inventory Areas

(WRIAs), and the creation of the Puget Sound Partnership. Consequently, many of the existing policies are no longer relevant. The new focus for the Environment Chapter will be on those issues that cross jurisdictional boundaries, have cross-jurisdictional impacts, or require a strong policy foundation for continuation.

- Water Quality Monitoring. The MPPs call for counties and cities, along with water providers, to develop standards and targets to monitor the region’s waterways. An addition to the CPPs could touch on common performance measures and targets for water quality and provide direction for funding coordination for information such as safety of swimming beaches.

Staff recommendation: Add a new policy to address a regional approach for funding and monitoring of water quality throughout the county.

- Air Quality. The MPPs call for the overall quality of the region’s air to be better than it is today. The MPPs specifically call for maintaining or improving existing standards for carbon monoxide, ozone, and particulates and for reducing levels of air toxics, fine particulates, and greenhouse gases. Further, the MPPs highlight the importance of reducing pollutants from transportation activities in improving air quality. An addition to the CPPs could touch upon: concentrating growth in Urban Centers and other mixed use/ high density areas; improving transit; improving pedestrian and bike facilities; encouraging car pooling and sharing; encouraging low emission construction practices; and encouraging low emission vehicles.

Staff recommendation: Add a new policy to indicate the importance of land use and transportation measures in minimizing air pollution and impacts to public health.

Development Patterns

Several policy issues addressed in VISION 2040 suggest moderate policy amendments needed in an update of the CPP chapter on Development Patterns. A brief summary of the staff analysis and recommendations are given for each item below.

- Urban Growth Areas. MPP-DP-1 calls for a “regional framework” for designating and adjusting Urban Growth Area boundaries over time, with an emphasis on stability, sustainability, and support for the Regional Growth Strategy. The focus on long-term management of the UGA is further supported by newly updated WAC 365-196-310. The existing CPPs concentrate on criteria for initial designation of the King County UGA boundary, which occurred in the early 1990s. A process and criteria for a 10-year review and adjustment to the UGA are described in FW-1 Step 8. Factors considered in adjusting the UGA are addressed elsewhere in the CPPs as well, including references to the 4 to 1 program and the Buildable Lands evaluations. These various policies are not well integrated, nor do they match actual criteria used by GMPC to make decisions about the UGA boundary over the years.

Staff recommendation: Shift emphasis of CPPs to ongoing UGA adjustment. Clarify process and criteria and clarify connections between relevant CPPs.

- Transfer / Purchase of Development Rights. MPP-DP-48 encourages the use of these innovative techniques for reducing development pressure on rural and resource lands. Existing CPPs were drafted prior to much subsequent work on TDR in King County and the region.

Staff recommendation: Update existing CPPs that address TDR to provide more specific direction for ongoing implementation of county and local TDR programs within the context of an evolving regional TDR approach.

Housing

The topic of **Affordable Housing Targets** has been identified by staff as potentially involving significant amendments to the existing CPPs. VISION 2040 provides ample high-level guidance on planning for housing affordability in MPPs H-1 to H-9. Action H-1 calls for development of a regional housing program and Action H-2 calls for coordination on a number of housing policy issues, including “guidance for developing local housing targets.” Existing CPPs address very well the broad policy direction on housing affordability contained in VISION 2040, including a formula for calculating local affordable housing targets. However, since their original adoption in the early 1990s, the technical basis for the targets has become somewhat dated. Furthermore, through the implementation and monitoring of the affordable housing targets over time, concerns have arisen about the current targets as an effective tool for achieving the larger countywide goals.

Staff recommendation: Review current affordable housing targets and identify options for updating and/or revising the technical basis for setting targets for the county and cities and for monitoring the targets over time.

Economy

Several policy issues addressed in VISION 2040 suggest moderate policy amendments needed in an update of the CPP chapter on the Economy. A brief summary of the staff analysis and recommendations are given for each item below.

- Industry Clusters. VISION 2040 is a companion document to the Prosperity Partnership Regional Economic Strategy. As such, the MPPs support planning and economic development targeted to key industry “clusters.” Existing CPPs on economic development were adopted prior to the development of the regional strategy.

Staff recommendation: Add language to the CPPs to support the industry clusters concept as a strategy for countywide economic development within a regional context.

- Economic Activities in Rural Cities and Resource Lands. MPPs EC-21 and EC-22 call for focus of appropriate employment growth into local centers, and ensuring that employment in and adjacent to resource lands is compatible with resource functions and character. Existing CPPs are largely silent on these issues.

Staff recommendation: Add new CPP addressing appropriate economic development in rural and resources lands and rural cities.

Public Services

The term “public services” refers to utilities including: water; sewer; stormwater; solid waste; electrical; and telecommunications. It also includes public facilities such as schools and fire protection facilities. Public services are primarily provided by cities, special districts, and private companies, with oversight by the cities and the county. As with other chapters of the CPPs, there are no major conflicts with the MPPs, but language should be updated to mesh with the regional vision. This update provides an opportunity to implement the Regional Growth Strategy through close coordination with special service districts.

Financing of public services is an important aspect of these policies; that issue appears in the cross-cutting multi-chapter policy themes below. There are two Group A policy issues and no minor policy issues regarding public services.

- Public Services Plans. MPP PS Action 5-7 calls for the CPPs to directly link utility and service plans to implementation of the regional vision. This will give clearer direction to utility districts, cities and the county to develop plans that acknowledge the regional vision, focus development into urban areas and Urban Centers, and implement the growth targets.

Staff recommendation: Revise and strengthen policies in the CPPs to link utility and service plans to the regional vision.

- Transition of Special Districts. MPP-PS-6 pushes along consolidation of special service districts and promotes the transition of urban services from special districts to cities. This transition is encouraged by the GMA but is not explicitly stated within the CPPs. Greater emphasis is timely now with the current progress of annexation of the urban area into cities.

Staff recommendation: Develop new policies or revise existing policies with strategies to promote public services transition to service by the cities.

Transportation

Transportation policies guide the provision of streets, roads, transit services and non-motorized services by cities and the county. The links between transportation and land use and between

transportation and health are vital to the success of the CPPs. These linkages are a key aspect of the regional vision, and require that several policies in the CPPs be updated.

There is a single policy that warrants discussion at today's meeting, plus a series of minor policy changes that need to be addressed under the transportation policies. All are intended, and needed, to implement the regional vision expressed in the MPPs. In addition, all of the multi-chapter policies below have a direct impact on the set of transportation policies as well.

- Regional Coordination of Transit Services. There are multiple policies in VISION 2040 addressing various coordination issues (e.g. facilitating a common vision, mobility to and within mixed-use development, planning for rail). Existing CPPs satisfy many, but not all, of the aspects of such coordination.

Staff recommendation: Add language to existing policies, where needed, to recognize ongoing efforts and encourage coordination among all transit providers (bus, rail, ferry) to facilitate the transfer and movement of people and goods throughout the county and region. (The intent of the updated CPPs would be to recognize and leverage existing coordination mechanisms at the regional or county level to the greatest extent possible rather than create new entities or layers.)

Multi-Chapter Policy Themes

There are several issues that cut across the topical nature of the chapters and form the foundation or the backbone of the policies. Some of these issues may be addressed more fully in one chapter than another but their influence will be felt through multiple chapters. One example of this is climate change, which will be primarily addressed in the Environment chapter but is also linked to the Transportation and Development Patterns chapters. It is important that these multi-chapter policy themes be handled in a consistent manner throughout the document to avoid any internal inconsistencies.

- Regional Coordination and Financing. Many policies throughout the CPPs (such as Regional Finance and Governance) identify organizational changes, program development or financial commitments from jurisdictions. While many of these have been implemented, others have been considered and not implemented and others not as yet considered. While each of these commitments was appropriate when the CPPs were written, many are no longer necessary or conditions have changed such that implementation is not appropriate or necessary.

Staff recommendation: Identify each commitment, evaluate its usefulness and prepare new policy recommendations for each.

- Climate Change. The MPPs call for greenhouse gas reductions consistent with the goals established by the state. But, these goals are not considered to be aggressive enough to achieve climate stability. Should the CPPs take on a more aggressive position regarding climate reduction goals? Should the CPPs establish specific local and community-level

targets for emissions reductions in the short and long-term? Further, should the CPPs call for development of common approaches or standards for using the SEPA process to evaluate greenhouse gas emissions associated with different land uses?

Staff recommendation: Add a new section to the Environment Chapter addressing climate change and include policies establishing a more aggressive climate reduction goal than is included in the MPPs, addressing regional coordination on measurement of greenhouse gas emissions and on setting community-based targets. Further, add policies regarding the linkage between climate change and land use and transportation to the Transportation and Development Patterns Chapters.

- Healthy Communities. Health and well-being are linked with how we live and how we get around. This concept of healthy communities is a fundamental underpinning of the MPPs. Healthy communities relates to focusing growth into urban areas to allow for more walking, biking, and transit trips for work, play, shopping, and school. In the MPPs, this is primarily addressed in the Development Patterns chapter but is also fundamental to the Transportation and Environment chapters.

Staff recommendation: Add policies to the Development Patterns, Environment, and Transportation Chapters on the linkage between land use form and transportation activities on public health. Further, include policies regarding the importance of the preservation of agricultural land and the local food system to public health.

Group B Policy Issues

Environment

- Cross-jurisdictional efforts. Environmental characteristics do not respect jurisdictional boundaries. Streams and rivers can meander through multiple jurisdictions while many jurisdictions reside in the same watershed. Consequently, environmental protection needs to be standardized or coordinated among jurisdictions.

Staff recommendation: Retain and revise policies dealing with the following topics: protection of critical areas, wetland mitigation, aquifer protection, fish and wildlife habitats, and regional open space. Add policies to encourage low impact development approaches for managing stormwater, protecting water quality, and minimizing flooding and erosion.

- Regional environmental organizations. There are many organizations and agencies that oversee protection of important natural systems on a regional basis. The CPPs could be enhanced to provide policy support and coordination for these entities.

Staff recommendation: Add policies to reference and support the work of specific regional agencies such as: the King County Flood Control District, the Puget Sound Partnership, and the Puget Sound Clean Air Agency.

Development Patterns

- Subregional Centers (Criteria for Designation). MPP-DP-11 and -12 support the development of centers in communities throughout the region, to include “Subregional Centers” which may be designated locally. Subregional Centers are distinct from regionally designated Regional Growth Centers (CPP-designated Urban Centers) and at a smaller scale, though with many of the same characteristics of concentrations of transit-supportive mixed land uses and pedestrian oriented design. Currently, the CPPs call for local designation of Activity Areas, a concept that is similar to the Subregional Center described in Vision 2040.

Staff recommendation: Revise CPP section on Activity Areas to align with terminology in VISION 2040 and to clarify the process and criteria for designation of Subregional Centers in local comprehensive plans.

- Subregional Centers (Policies Relating to Office Parks). VISION 2040 calls for creating Regional and Subregional Centers through the creation of vibrant, sustainable compact communities with a high degree of connectivity in the street network to accommodate walking, biking, and transit use. Existing CPPs LU-70 to LU-74 encourage the development of office parks within Activity Centers, and policy emphasis that does not appear to be consistent with the Subregional Centers concept in VISION 2040.

Staff recommendation: Review existing policies on office park development and delete as necessary for internal consistency and for consistency with regional guidance.

- Growth Targets. VISION 2040 provides direction for setting local jurisdiction housing and employment targets in a manner that supports the Regional Growth Strategy as well as strategy of focusing growth in designated Regional Growth Centers. In 2009, the GMPC adopted CPP amendments that included new growth targets for cities and urban unincorporated areas.

Staff recommendation: Add guidance in the CPPs for local adoption of housing and employment targets for Regional Growth Centers, as required in VISION 2040.

- Brownfields Redevelopment. MPP-DP-15 calls for policies supporting the redevelopment of brownfield and greyfield sites. DP Action-14 implements this policy through countywide efforts to “develop strategies for cleaning up brownfield and contaminated sites” and also identifying these and other underutilized sites for future infill. Existing

CPPs refer to infill and redevelopment, but do not explicitly address the issues addressed in VISION 2040.

Staff recommendation: Enhance existing CPPs to carry out and provide guidance for coordinated local and countywide work that advances these regional objectives.

- Regional Growth Centers. VISION 2040 calls for countywide designation of centers consistent with a “regional framework,” which includes regional criteria for Regional and Manufacturing/Industrial Centers. Existing CPPs provide clear criteria for Urban Centers and Manufacturing/Industrial Centers that are largely consistent with regional guidance.

Staff recommendation: Review existing policies and revise where needed to ensure criteria for centers designation in King County meets or exceeds regional standards.

- Buildable Lands Program. DP Action-8 in VISION 2040 calls for efforts within the region to coordinate procedures and methods for carrying out the review and evaluation requirements of RCW 36.70A.215, the “Buildable Lands” statute. Recently updated WAC 365-196-315 provides state agency guidance for the program, where none had existed before. Existing CPP FW-1 Step 5(b), adopted in the late 1990s, establishes in broad terms the current Buildable Lands Program in King County.

Staff recommendation: Revise the existing CPP to clarify roles and expectations; definitions; timelines; linkages to countywide and local policies; and overall program design. Consider technical appendix to CPPs with details of above.

- Joint Planning in Urban Unincorporated Areas. MPPs DP-18 to DP-20 call for all urban areas to be annexed into cities with provision of urban services by cities. DP Action-15 calls for coordinated countywide action to “develop approaches to reconcile different standards for development and infrastructure in unincorporated urban areas.” Existing CPPs are consistent with broad guidance in VISION 2040.

Staff recommendation: Add direction in CPPs, as needed, to carry out DP Action-15 as part of future work program.

- Protect Rural Lands. MPPs DP-21 to DP-28 provide guidance on minimizing negative environmental impacts on rural lands, appropriate character and location of development in rural areas, and development of tools and strategies to permanently protect rural and resource lands. Existing CPPs are largely sufficient in addressing the above.

Staff recommendation: Review existing policies and revise where needed to clarify appropriate rural land uses.

- Urban Facilities in Rural Areas. MPPs PS-21 to PS-24 provide guidance on the siting of facilities in urban and rural areas. Existing CPPs address the direction in VISION on this issue in several chapters.

Staff recommendation: Adopt minor clarifying amendment to CPP LU-9 on siting of schools to more closely align with PS-24.

- Sustainable Use of Resource Lands. MPPs DP-29 to DP-32 call for countywide policies to include provisions to ensure the long-term integrity and productivity of resource lands. Existing CPPs largely address this policy direction.

Staff recommendation: Review policies and enhance existing provisions, where needed, to more comprehensively address sustainable use of resource lands.

- Regional Design Factors. MPPs DP-33 to DP-42 call for countywide policies that provide guidance for preserving significant historical, visual, and cultural resources; advancing the use of environmentally friendly design guidelines; and using natural features for determining corridors and siting facilities. Existing CPPs address guidance for regional and local design at a general level.

Staff recommendation: Build on existing CPPs to more comprehensively address elements of regional design called for in VISION 2040.

Housing

- Housing Supply and Affordability. MPPs H-1 to H-9 include emphasis on two elements of housing that are not referenced in the existing CPPs. One is provision of housing for “all demographic groups.” The other is furtherance of a broad range of tools to encourage overall housing production.

Staff recommendation: Add language to existing CPPs to promote provision of housing for all demographic groups. Enhance CPPs to promote best housing practices to increase the overall supply and diversity of housing, including affordable housing in centers.

Transportation

- Security / Emergency Management. Cognizant of concerns generated by events such as the Nisqually quake, 9-11 attacks, and Hurricane Katrina, VISION 2040 calls on local governments to make coordinated preparations for potential natural disasters and emergency situations, particularly as they pertain to the integrity and functioning of transportation systems. The CPPs are currently silent on these issues.

Staff recommendation: Add one or more policies to encourage coordination on planning and response among King County jurisdictions, local, regional, state and federal agencies.

- Supporting the Growth Strategy. MPPs are based on the regional growth strategy (RGS) of VISION 2040 that created a typology of cities (e.g. metropolitan cities, core cities, etc.). The current CPPs contain a similar typology of centers (e.g. urban and rural areas, Urban Centers, Manufacturing Industrial Centers, activity centers) that do not align with the RGS but in some cases may be a local subset.

Staff recommendation: Revise CPPs to reflect the VISION 2040 typology and retain the existing “centers” references where appropriate in the relevant transportation policies. In addition, add policy provisions to the transportation chapter that explicitly support the RGS and related regional policy objectives by: 1) promoting the design and development of “complete streets” for all levels of facilities; 2) applying the principle of “context-sensitive design” to transportation facilities; and 3) encouraging walkable, healthy community design as integral to the transportation system.

- Preservation of Existing Transportation Systems. VISION 2040 emphasizes the maintenance of existing transportation systems as vital and cost-effective for the region and localities. Existing CPPs address some aspects of system maintenance.

Staff recommendation: Strengthen policy language to stress optimizing the existing infrastructure and emphasize the importance of identifying reliable and predictable funding for maintaining and updating facilities.

- Level of Service Standards and Concurrency. Implementation of the VISION 2040 Regional Growth Strategy may necessitate that jurisdictions at all levels re-evaluate level of service (LOS) and concurrency measures relative to land use and transportation systems. Local and regional LOS and concurrency measures may need more emphasis on addressing multi-modal travel models as well as additional coordination among jurisdictions.

Staff recommendation: Add language to CPPs to reflect MPP direction on coordination and multi-modal measures. As a follow-up to the CPP update, update Appendix 5 to provide more current best practices guidance on concurrency.

Multi-Chapter Policy Themes

- Jobs-Housing Balance. This concept addresses the need to provide a range of housing choices in a manner that promotes accessibility to employment centers.

Staff recommendation: Add a new policy to more fully address housing types and affordability to match demand from employment types and wage levels.

- Supporting the Growth Strategy. The MPPs changed how growth targets are formulated by categorizing the urban landscape in regional geographies with a prioritization to centers. The most recently adopted housing targets track this new geography.

Staff recommendation: Incorporate the new concepts of the regional geography throughout the CPPs to ensure consistency with the MPPs.

- Equity and Social Justice. The CPPs are silent on the issues of equity, social and environmental justice ensuring that low-income, minority and special needs populations do not bear a disproportionate burden of impacts from public projects and do receive a proportionate share of public amenities. This refers to access to the transportation system, family-wage jobs, affordable housing, and access to parks and open space. Further, the concept of equity and social justice refers to the absence of harmful land uses and impacts, commonly referred to as environmental justice.

Staff recommendation: The concept of equity and social justice, including the promotion of health equity, will be touched on across the chapters.

NEXT STEPS

With direction provided by GMPC on the policy issues presented here, staff will begin the drafting of CPP policy language. Staff will present GMPC with draft language in September, 2010 and anticipate devoting that meeting to review of those policy changes.

**Policy Updates for Discussion
June 23, 2010 GMPC Meeting**

| GROUP A | | |
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| Regional Policy Direction | Guiding MPPs | Staff Recommendation |
| Environment | | |
| Water Quality Monitoring | MPP En 13-16; En Action 8 and 9 | Add a new policy to address a regional approach for funding and monitoring of water quality throughout the county. |
| Air Quality | MPP En 17-19 | Add a new policy to indicate the importance of land use and transportation measures in minimizing air pollution and impacts to public health. |
| Development Patterns | | |
| Urban Growth Areas | MPP DP 1-2 | Shift emphasis of CPPs to ongoing UGA adjustment. Clarify process and criteria and clarify connections between relevant CPPs. |
| Transfer/ Purchase of Development Rights | MPP DP 25, 30, 48; DP Action 12 | Update existing CPPs that address TDR and similar tools to provide more specific direction for ongoing implementation of county and local TDR programs within the context of an evolving regional TDR approach. |
| Housing | | |
| Affordable Housing Targets | MPP H 1-9; H Action 1 | Review current affordable housing targets and identify options for updating and/or revising the technical basis for setting targets for the county and cities and for monitoring the targets over time. |
| Economy | | |
| Industry Clusters | MPP Ec 3 | Add language to the CPPs to support the industry clusters concept as a strategy for countywide economic development within a regional context. |
| Economic Activities in Rural Cities and Resource Lands | MPP Ec 21-22 | Add new CPP addressing appropriate economic development in rural and resources lands and rural cities. |
| Public Services | | |
| Public Services Plans | MPP PS Action 5-7 | Revise and strengthen policies in the CPPs to link utility and service plans to the regional vision. |
| Transition of Special Districts | MPP PS 6 | Develop new policies or revise existing policies with strategies to promote public services transition to service by the cities. |
| Transportation | | |
| Regional Coordination of Transit Services | MPP T 10, 29, 30, 32; G 1; RCW 36.70A.070(6)(a)(v) | Add language to existing policies, where needed, to recognize ongoing efforts and encourage coordination among all transit providers (bus, rail, ferry) to facilitate the transfer and movement of people and goods throughout the county and region. |
| Multi-Chapter Policy Themes | | |
| Regional Coordination and Financing | G 4-5; T 2, 3, 33 | Identify each regional coordination and financing commitment, evaluate its usefulness and prepare new policy recommendations for each. |

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| Climate Change | MPP En 20-25 | Add a new section to the Environment Chapter addressing climate change and include policies establishing a more aggressive climate reduction goal than is included in the MPPs, addressing regional coordination on measurement of greenhouse gas emissions and on setting community-based targets. |
| | | Add policy to CPPs to promote development patterns that support reductions in the release of GHGs. |
| | | Add policy to CPPs to promote transportation systems that support reductions in the release of GHGs. |
| Healthy Communities | MPP DP 43-47; T 5-7 | Add policies to the Development Patterns, Environment, and Transportation Chapters on the linkage between land use form and transportation activities on public health. |
| | | Include policies regarding the importance of the preservation of agricultural land and the local food system to public health. |

| GROUP B | | |
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| Regional Policy Direction | Guiding MPPs | Staff Recommendation |
| Environment | | |
| Cross-jurisdictional Efforts | | Retain and revise policies dealing with the following topics: protection of critical areas, wetland mitigation, aquifer protection, fish and wildlife habitats, and regional open space. |
| | | Add policies to encourage low impact development approaches for managing stormwater, protecting water quality, and minimizing flooding and erosion. |
| Regional Environmental Organizations | | Add policies to reference and support the work of specific regional agencies such as: the King County Flood Control District, the Puget Sound Partnership, and the Puget Sound Clean Air Agency. |
| Development Patterns | | |
| Subregional Centers | MPP DP 11-13; DP Action 5 | Revise CPP section on Activity Areas to align with terminology in VISION 2040 and to clarify the process and criteria for designation of Subregional Centers in local comprehensive plans. |
| Subregional Centers | MPP DP 14 | Review existing policies on office park development and delete as necessary for internal consistency and for consistency with regional guidance. |
| Growth Targets | MPP DP 3,4 | Add guidance in the CPPs for local adoption of housing and employment targets for Regional Growth Centers, as required in VISION 2040. |
| Brownfields Redevelopment | MPP DP 15, DP Action 14 | Enhance existing CPPs to carry out and provide guidance for coordinated local and countywide work that advances these regional objectives. |
| Regional Growth Centers | MPP DP 5-10 | Review existing policies and revise where needed to ensure criteria for centers designation in King County meets or exceeds regional standards. |
| | | Inclusion of updated map of Urban Center locations and boundaries in the CPPs as an appendix. |
| Buildable Lands Program | MPP DP Action 8; WAC Update 365-196-315 | Revise the existing CPP to clarify roles and expectations; definitions; timelines; linkages to countywide and local policies; and overall program design. Consider technical appendix to CPPs with details of above. |
| Joint Planning in Urban Unincorporated Areas | MPP DP 18-20, DP Action 15 | Add direction in CPPs, as needed, to carry out DP Action-15 as part of future work program. |
| Protect Rural Lands | MPP DP 21-28 | Review existing policies and revise where needed to clarify appropriate rural land uses. |
| Urban Facilities in Rural Areas | MPP T 28; PS 21-24 | Adopt minor clarifying amendment to CPP LU-9 on siting of schools to more closely align with PS-24. |
| Sustainable Use of Resource Lands | MPP DP 29-32 | Review policies and enhance existing provisions, where needed, to more comprehensively address sustainable use of resource lands. |
| Regional Design Factors | MPP DP 33-42 | Build on existing CPPs to more comprehensively address elements of regional design called for in VISION 2040. |
| Housing | | |
| Housing Supply and Affordability | MPP H 1-9 | Add language to existing CPPs to promote provision of housing for all demographic groups. |

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| | | Enhance CPPs to promote best housing practices to increase the overall supply and diversity of housing, including affordable housing in centers. |
| Transportation | | |
| Transportation: Security and Emergency Management | MPP T 8 | Add one or more policies to encourage coordination on planning and response among King County jurisdictions, local, regional, state and federal agencies. |
| Supporting the Growth Strategy | MPP T 10, 11, 14-16, 20, 21 | Revise CPPs to reflect the VISION 2040 typology and retain the existing “centers” references where appropriate in the relevant transportation policies. |
| | | Add policy provisions to the transportation chapter that explicitly support the RGS and related regional policy objectives by: 1) promoting the design and development of “complete streets” for all levels of facilities; 2) applying the principle of “context-sensitive design” to transportation facilities; and 3) encouraging walkable, healthy community design as integral to the transportation system. |
| Preservation of Existing Transportation Systems | T 33 | Strengthen policy language to stress optimizing the existing infrastructure and emphasize the importance of identifying reliable and predictable funding for maintaining and updating facilities. |
| Level of Service Standards and Concurrency | MPP DP 54-56 | Add language to CPPs to reflect MPP direction on coordination and multi-modal measures. |
| | | Update CPP Appendix 5: Transportation upon completion of CPP update. |
| Multi-Chapter Policy Themes | | |
| Jobs-Housing Balance | MPP H 4; Ec 20 | Add a new policy to more fully address housing types and affordability to match demand from employment types and wage levels. |
| Supporting the Growth Strategy | MPP DP 7, 10, 13; Ec 18; T 12; H 6 | Incorporate the new concepts of the regional geography throughout the CPPs to ensure consistency with the MPPs. |
| Equity and Social Justice | MPP T 22 | The concept of equity and social justice, including the promotion of health equity, will be touched on across the chapters. |