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TO: Members of the Growth Management Planning Council
FROM: Kurt Triplett, King County Executive and Chair, GMPC
RE: Resources to Serve Growth and Density

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The meeting of the Growth Management Planning Council (GMPC) on September 16, 2009 will set a very important cornerstone for the future of our county. The Targets Committee has done a remarkable job in arriving at the proposed target numbers for each jurisdiction based on the State Office of Financial Management's population forecast and the requirements of Vision2040. I want to respect their hard work and move toward adoption of targets at our meeting on September 16.

Three cities have raised the issue of links between the proposed targets and services and infrastructure to serve the projected growth. The City of Seattle specifically asked the GMPC to adopt a new Framework Policy in the Countywide Planning Policies (CPPs) to address this issue directly. However, I do not feel we will be prepared to adopt a new Framework Policy at our next meeting. The GMPC has already given direction to our staff to propose amendments to the CPPs in 2010. I believe adopting a new Framework Policy out of context of this process is not appropriate. The staff has started reviewing the CPPs for their current relevance and for their consistency with the Multi County Planning Policies (MPPs) contained in Vision 2040.

As a further clarification of this work, I would like to suggest that, based on the work by the City of Seattle, we consider all of the Framework Policies first – before considering any other subordinate policies in the CPPs. This will give the GMPC the opportunity to establish a strong policy foundation for the CPP update. I would like GMPC to consider providing the following additional direction to staff regarding the update of the CPPs at our meeting on September 16:

- Evaluate all Framework Policies for consistency with the MPPs and to specifically consider any additional policies to address countywide financing priorities, as articulated by the City of Seattle;
- Present draft work on the Framework Policies to the GMPC during the first quarter of 2010 in the form of a Motion to amend the CPPs;
- Provide staff support for GMPC consideration of the proposed Motion on the Framework Policies during the second quarter of 2010; and

- Evaluate all CPP policies and present analysis, including any proposed policy amendment to the GMPC during the second half of the year.

While I hope to see the GMPC adopt the growth targets on September 16, I do not want the GMPC to lose sight of the important issue being raised by the City of Seattle. I also do not want the GMPC to take a piecemeal approach to amending the CPPs. Consequently, I would like you to consider joining me in providing this new and expanded direction to the Interjurisdictional Team.

I look forward to our discussion on the September 16. Thank you for your consideration.