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<p>I-102 King County property owners are entitled to have their property assessed at the true and fair value of real property for taxation purposes so that those portions of the property that are not developed or redeveloped due to physical or environmental constraints shall be assessed to reflect the presence of such constraints. Property appraisals shall be consistent with the King County Comprehensive Plan, development regulations, zoning, and any other governmental policies or practices in effect at the time of appraisal that affect the use of property, as well as physical and environmental influences as required by RCW 84.40.030.)</p>	<p>Clarification of existing policy intent</p>	<p>This is a mandate in state law and a policy is not needed</p>	<p>n/a</p>	<p>n/a</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Planned implementation of proposal: n/a Description of proposed regulations: n/a Anticipated resource need: n/a Anticipated timeline: n/a 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No issues identified.
<p>((I-201 The update process shall provide continuing review and evaluation of Comprehensive Plan policies and development regulations.))</p>	<p>Clarification of existing policy intent</p>	<p>Consolidated in I-202</p>	<p>n/a</p>	<p>n/a</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Planned implementation of proposal: n/a Description of proposed regulations: n/a Anticipated resource need: n/a Anticipated timeline: n/a 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No issues identified.
<p>I-202 Through the update process, ((King County)) Comprehensive Plan policies and ((supporting)) implementing development regulations shall be subject to continuing review, evaluation, and amendment according to the annual, midpoint, and ((eight)) 10-year update schedule in accordance with Revised Code of Washington 36.70A.130 ((+1) and (-2)) and the King County Code.</p>	<p>Clarification of existing policy intent</p>	<p>Consolidating I-201. Reflecting recent comprehensive planning cycle changes in state law. Other edits for clarity.</p>	<p>n/a</p>	<p>n/a</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Planned implementation of proposal: n/a Description of proposed regulations: n/a Anticipated resource need: n/a Anticipated timeline: n/a 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No issues identified.
<p>I-202a Except as provided in I-202b, ((P))proposed amendments to the King County Comprehensive Plan, including the Land Use Map, shall be considered by the King County Council only once each calendar year in accordance with the State Growth Management Act and so that the cumulative effect of the proposals can be determined.</p>	<p>Clarification of existing policy intent</p>	<p>Relocated from I-207, with edits to align with new policy I-202b</p>	<p>n/a</p>	<p>n/a</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Planned implementation of proposal: n/a Description of proposed regulations: n/a Anticipated resource need: n/a Anticipated timeline: n/a 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No issues identified.
<p><u>I-202b After appropriate public participation, amendments may be considered more than once each calendar year as follows:</u> <u>a. For initial adoption of a subarea plan;</u> <u>b. Adoption or amendment of a shoreline master program;</u> <u>c. Amendment of the capital facilities element of a comprehensive plan that is part of the adoption or amendment of the County budget;</u> <u>d. To resolve an appeal of a comprehensive plan filed with the Growth Management Hearings Board or with the court; or</u> <u>e. If an emergency exists, if:</u> <u>1. Based on the King County Council finding that the amendment is necessary for the immediate preservation of public peace, health, or safety or for the support of County government and its existing public institutions; and</u> <u>2. Public notice and an opportunity for public comment precede the adoption of the amendments.</u></p>	<p>New policy</p>	<p>To reflect existing allowance in K.C.C. 20.18.030 and to reflect requirements in WAC 365-196-640</p>	<p>Additional clarity for processing emergency Comprehensive Plan updates, ensuring opportunity for public notice and comment</p>	<p>n/a</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Planned implementation of proposal: Programmatic and Regulatory Description of proposed regulations: Sub-e is added to K.C.C. Chapter 20.18 Anticipated resource need: No Anticipated timeline: Ongoing 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No issues identified.

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<p>I-203 Except as otherwise provided in this policy, the annual update shall not consider proposed amendments to the ((King County)) Comprehensive Plan that require substantive changes to Comprehensive Plan policies ((and development regulations)) or that alter the Urban Growth Area ((B)) boundary. Substantive amendments may be considered in the annual update only to consider the following:</p> <p>a. <u>Changes required by existing Comprehensive Plan policies;</u> b. <u>Changes to technical appendices and any amendments required thereby;</u> c. <u>Adoption of Community Service Area subarea plans;</u> d. <u>Comprehensive updates of subarea plans initiated by motion;</u> e. <u>Changes required by amendments to the Countywide Planning Policies or state or federal law;</u> f. <u>Amendments resulting from the comprehensive plan implementation progress report required by Revised Code of Washington 36.70A.130;</u> g. <u>Land use map or shoreline master program map amendments resulting from a site-specific application or an area zoning and land use zoning study, provided that the amendments do not require substantive change to policy language or alter the Urban Growth Area boundary, except to correct mapping errors;</u> h. <u>Amendments to add or remove lands from the Agricultural Production District under policy R-656a and/or R-656b for King County safety, preservation, and/or fish passage road projects that are in the adopted six-year Capital Improvement Program;</u> i. ((A)) <u>Four-to-One proposals</u> ((that changes the Urban Growth Area Boundary)); ((b. An amendment regarding the provision of wastewater services to a Rural Town. Such amendments shall be limited to policy amendments and adjustments to the boundaries of the Rural Town as needed to implement a preferred option identified in a Rural Town wastewater treatment study; e-)) <u>i. Amendments necessary for the conservation, protection, and recovery of threatened and endangered species; or</u> ((d. Adoption of Community Service Area subarea plans; e-)) <u>k. Amendments to the Comprehensive Plan</u> ((w)) <u>Work</u> ((p)) <u>Plan to change deadlines</u> ((-or f. <u>Amendments to update the Comprehensive Plan schedule to respond to adopted ordinances to improve alignment with the Growth Management Act, multicounty and countywide planning activities)).</u></p>	<p>Substantive change</p>	<p>The list of what's allowed to change in an annual Comprehensive Plan update currently lives in both this policy and in K.C.C. 20.18.030, but the lists do not currently match. So, the policy is updated to align with the code (with edits for clarity), and the code will now point to the policy to avoid mismatched lists in the future.</p> <p>Substantive changes to the list:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> remove an outdated provision for wastewater services in a Rural Town (the study has been completed and no boundary changes are needed); add an allowance for annual changes needed to address new implementation progress reporting to the state; and add an annual allowance for changes needed to mitigate removal of Agricultural Production District lands for road projects to improve feasibility of implementation of polices R-656a and R-656b <p>Other edits for clarity, consistent with existing intent (such as development regulations can be amended at any time)</p>	<p>Improved clarity and consistency in the regulation of Comprehensive Plan Amendments; alignment with current planning needs</p>	<p>n/a</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <u>Planned implementation of proposal:</u> Programmatic and Regulatory <u>Description of proposed regulations:</u> Proposed change to K.C.C. 20.18.030 to rely on the standards in this policy for annual updates <u>Anticipated resource need:</u> No <u>Anticipated timeline:</u> 2025 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Moving the list of types of changes that would be allowed with an annual KCCP update to Chapter 12 of the KCCP is a policy choice; moving the language to the KCCP may limit when the list can be changed. The County is in the process of selecting the next long-term solid waste disposal option for when the Cedar Hills landfill reaches capacity. Council may want to consider adding a related allowance to the annual update for policy adjustments that may be necessary for implementation of the selected disposal option. Lead-in text elsewhere in Chapter 12 describes a new GMA requirement for an "implementation progress report" to be completed by the Executive. In Policy I-203, updates needed as a result of this implementation progress report would authorize policy changes needed because of this progress report as part of an annual update. Executive staff indicate that if a KCCP update is needed to address the progress report, that would likely be in the 2031 update.
<p>I-204 The ((eight)) 10-year update shall consider proposed amendments that could be considered in the annual update ((and also those outside the scope of the annual update)), proposed amendments relating to substantive changes to Comprehensive Plan policies ((and development regulations,)) and proposals to alter the Urban Growth Area ((B)) boundary in accordance with applicable provisions of Countywide Planning Policies.</p>	<p>Clarification of existing policy intent</p>	<p>Reflecting recent comprehensive planning cycle changes in state law</p> <p>Other edits for clarity and consistency (such as development regulations can be amended at any time)</p>	<p>n/a</p>	<p>n/a</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <u>Planned implementation of proposal:</u> n/a <u>Description of proposed regulations:</u> n/a <u>Anticipated resource need:</u> n/a <u>Anticipated timeline:</u> n/a 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The 10-year update is also the statutory update under the GMA. This policy could include language to recognize that.
<p>I-204a The midpoint update is an optional process that allows for consideration of a smaller range of substantive <u>policy changes and amendments to the Urban Growth Area boundary</u> at the ((four)) five-</p>	<p>Clarification of existing policy intent</p>	<p>Reflecting recent comprehensive planning cycle changes in state law</p>	<p>n/a</p>	<p>n/a</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <u>Planned implementation of proposal:</u> n/a 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No issues identified. Executive staff note that the 2029 midpoint update is expected to

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<p>year point of the ((eight)) 10-year update schedule. Midpoint updates are only authorized by a motion that establishes the scope of work. ((A smaller range of substantive changes to policies and amendments to the Urban Growth Area boundary may be considered as part of the midpoint update.)) Workplan action items may be added or amended if related to a topic identified in the scope of work.</p>		<p>Other edits for clarity consistency, and streamlining</p>			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Description of proposed regulations:</u> n/a • <u>Anticipated resource need:</u> n/a • <u>Anticipated timeline:</u> n/a 	<p>include changes related to the new climate change and resiliency element that is required to be partially implemented in 2029 update, and fully implemented in the 2034 update.</p>
<p>I-205 ((In accordance with RCW 36.70A.140 and the State Environmental Policy Act, as applicable,)) King County shall use equitable engagement strategies to ensure public participation in the update process for Comprehensive Plan policies and development regulations, particularly from populations historically underrepresented or excluded from planning processes. King County shall disseminate information regarding public involvement in the Comprehensive Plan update process, including, but not limited to, the following: description of procedures and schedules for proposing amendments to Comprehensive Plan policies and development regulations; guidelines for participating in the docket process; public meetings to obtain comments from the public or other agencies; provision of public review documents; and dissemination of information relating to the Comprehensive Plan update process on the Internet or through other methods.</p>	<p>Substantive change</p>	<p>Updated to advance equity goals and to align with changes in RP-102</p> <p>Removes not-applicable language about the State Environmental Protection Act</p>	<p>Improved engagement with priority populations, which can result in more equitable outcomes for those populations in County plans</p>	<p>Countywide Planning Policies, FW-6 and FW-8</p> <p>Equity and Social Justice Strategic Plan</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Planned implementation of proposal:</u> Programmatic • <u>Description of proposed regulations:</u> n/a • <u>Anticipated resource need:</u> Yes • <u>Anticipated timeline:</u> Ongoing 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No issues identified. • Note: Work Plan action 2 is related to this.
<p>I-207 ((Proposed amendments to the King County Comprehensive Plan, including the Land Use Map, shall be considered by the King County Council only once each calendar year in accordance with the State Growth Management Act and so that the cumulative effect of the proposals can be determined.)) All proposed Comprehensive Plan policy amendments ((should)) shall include the following analysis:</p> <p>a. <u>Rationale and effect:</u> a detailed statement of ((what is proposed to be changed and why;</p> <p>b. <u>Effect:</u> a statement detailing the anticipated outcome of the change on the geographic area affected, populations affected, and environment;</p> <p>c. <u>Compliance:</u> a statement confirming compliance with the:</p> <p>1. <u>Growth Management Act, including statutory references where applicable; and</u></p> <p>2. <u>Countywide Planning Policies, including policy references where applicable;</u></p> <p>3. <u>King County Strategic Plan, including policy, objective or strategy references where applicable; and</u></p> <p>d. <u>Public Review:</u> an indication that the proposed policy amendment was included in the executive's public review draft or a statement of the public review process used to solicit comments on the proposal));</p> <p>1. <u>Whether the proposed change is a new policy or substantive policy change, is clarification of existing intent, or is technical with no policy change intended;</u></p> <p>2. <u>The rationale for the proposed change;</u></p> <p>3. <u>The anticipated outcome of the proposed change, including effects on the geographic area(s) and populations affected; and</u></p>	<p>Substantive change</p>	<p>To provide improved information about proposed Comprehensive Plan changes</p>	<p>Improved clarity about intent and effect of proposed changes for the public and decision makers to</p>	<p>n/a</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Planned implementation of proposal:</u> Programmatic • <u>Description of proposed regulations:</u> n/a • <u>Anticipated resource need:</u> No • <u>Anticipated timeline:</u> Ongoing 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No issues identified.

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<p>4. Consistency of the proposed change with any other related plans and policies, including specific plan names and policy references, where applicable; and</p> <p>b. Implementation: a description of the anticipated implementation of the proposed change, including:</p> <p>1. Whether implementation of the proposed change is regulatory, programmatic, or a capital project, or a combination;</p> <p>2. If the change is regulatory, a description of the development regulations transmitted with the Comprehensive Plan update that implement the proposed change, in conformance with Policy I-208;</p> <p>3. If the change is programmatic or a capital project, whether it needs additional resources to implement the proposed change; and</p> <p>3. If the change is programmatic or a capital project, the anticipated timing for implementation.</p>						
<p>I-208 Proposed amendments to the Comprehensive Plan policies (should) shall be accompanied by any changes to development regulations, (as well as modifications to capital improvement programs, subarea, neighborhood, and functional plans required for implementation so that regulations will be consistent with the Comprehensive Plan) when necessary to implement the policy change.</p>	Substantive change	<p>Updated to align with requirements in the Growth Management Act and King County Code</p> <p>Removed language is addressed in I-209</p>	n/a	n/a	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Planned implementation of proposal: n/a Description of proposed regulations: n/a Anticipated resource need: n/a Anticipated timeline: n/a 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No issues identified.
<p>I-209 Adopted Comprehensive Plan policy changes shall be integrated into future regularly scheduled updates to the Capital Improvement Program, subarea plans, and functional plans, when necessary to implement the change.</p>	Clarification of existing policy intent	<p>Moved from I-208, and edited to align with current practice. These updates do not occur as part of Comprehensive Plan updates; they get integrated during the next regularly scheduled update of the applicable plans. Neighborhood plans are removed, as those are no longer part of the County's current practice</p>	n/a	n/a	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Planned implementation of proposal: n/a Description of proposed regulations: n/a Anticipated resource need: n/a Anticipated timeline: n/a 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Subarea plans are elements of the Comprehensive Plan. They are different than functional plans or the capital improvement program, which are implementation tools that should also be consistent with subarea plans. Council may wish to delete subarea plans from the list here.
<p>I-301 King County shall:</p> <p>a. Monitor (and benchmark), measure, assess, and report on the progress of the (Countywide Planning Policies and King County) Comprehensive Plan toward achieving (their) its objectives, inclusive of those relating to growth targets, the environment, development patterns, housing needs, the economy, transportation, (and) the provision of public services, and health and social equity outcomes of residents(-); and</p> <p>b. Use results of such monitoring, measurement, assessment, and reporting to (encourage) identify implementation actions and inform policy revisions, as appropriate, to achieve the planning objectives found within the Growth Management Act, Countywide Planning Policies, and (King County) Comprehensive Plan.</p>	Clarification of existing policy intent	<p>Updates to align with various current Comprehensive Plan performance measurement programs and actions</p> <p>Reference to Countywide Planning Policies is removed, as that is addressed through the Growth Management Planning Council (consistent with Countywide Planning Policy FW-2)</p> <p>Other edits for clarity, consistency, and current terminology</p>	n/a	n/a	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Planned implementation of proposal: n/a Description of proposed regulations: n/a Anticipated resource need: n/a Anticipated timeline: n/a 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No issues identified.

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<p>((1-404)) <u>I-500</u> King County's regulation of land use should:</p> <p>a. Protect public health, safety and general welfare, and property rights;</p> <p>b. Protect consumers from fraudulent practices in land use, land sales and development;</p> <p>c. Implement and be consistent with the Comprehensive Plan and other adopted land use goals, policies, and plans;</p> <p>d. Be expeditious, predictable, clear, straightforward, and internally consistent;</p> <p>e. Provide clear direction for resolution of regulatory conflict;</p> <p>f. Be enforceable, efficiently administered, and provide appropriate incentives and penalties;</p> <p>g. Be consistently and effectively enforced;</p> <p>h. ((Create public and private benefits worth their cost;</p> <p>); Be coordinated with timely provision of necessary public facilities and services;</p> <p>((j-)) <u>i.</u> Encourage creativity and diversity in meeting ((e)) County goals and policies;</p> <p>((k-)) <u>j.</u> Be coordinated with cities, special purpose districts, and other public agencies to promote compatible development standards throughout King County;</p> <p>((l-)) <u>k.</u> Be responsive, understandable, and accessible to the public;</p> <p>((m-)) <u>l.</u> Provide effective public notice and reasonable opportunities for the public ((t)), especially those directly affected((t)), to be heard and to influence decisions;</p> <p>((n-)) <u>m.</u> Avoid intruding on activities involving constitutionally protected freedoms of speech, petition, expression, assembly, association, and economic competition, except when essential to protect public health, safety and welfare ((t)), and then the restriction should be no broader than necessary((t));</p> <p>((o-)) <u>n.</u> Treat all members of the public equitably. Base regulatory decisions wholly on the applicable criteria and code requirements, including application of the ((e)) County's ((E)) equity and racial and ((S)) social ((J)) justice goals;</p> <p>((p-)) <u>o.</u> Make development requirements readily accessible to the public through up-to-date codes, technical assistance materials, and other relevant documents; and</p> <p>((q-)) <u>p.</u> Provide for relief from existing regulations when they would deprive a property of uses allowed to similar properties with the same zoning or environmental or other constraints, and when such relief would neither endanger public health and safety nor conflict with adopted use policies. This policy is not intended for relief from rules governing the subdividing of land.</p>	<p>Clarification of existing policy intent</p>	<p>Sub-i is removed as it conflicts with some mandates, such as stormwater and critical areas</p> <p>Other edits for grammar and current terminology</p>	<p>n/a</p>	<p>n/a</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Planned implementation of proposal: n/a Description of proposed regulations: n/a Anticipated resource need: n/a Anticipated timeline: n/a 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No issues identified.
<p>((1-404)) <u>I-500a</u> The King County ((Zoning)) Code's ((zone)) zoning classifications and development standards and the ((official zoning maps)) King County Zoning Atlas shall be consistent with the Comprehensive Plan ((and functional plans)).</p>	<p>Clarification of existing policy intent</p>	<p>Edits for clarity</p>	<p>n/a</p>	<p>n/a</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Planned implementation of proposal: n/a Description of proposed regulations: n/a Anticipated resource need: n/a Anticipated timeline: n/a 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No issues identified.
<p>I-501 When needed infrastructure and facilities are not available in a timely manner, development approvals shall ((either)):</p> <p>a. ((b)) Be denied ((or));</p>	<p>Clarification of existing policy intent</p>	<p>Edits for clarity</p>	<p>n/a</p>	<p>n/a</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Planned implementation of proposal: n/a Description of proposed regulations: n/a 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No issues identified.

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<p>b. _____ ((d)) Divided into phases ((, or the project proponents should)); or c. _____ ((p)) Provide the needed facilities and infrastructure to address impacts directly attributable to their project ((, or as may be provided by the proponent on a voluntary basis)).</p>					<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Anticipated resource need:</u> n/a • <u>Anticipated timeline:</u> n/a 	
<p>I-504 King County shall enforce its ((land use and environmental)) <u>development</u> regulations by ((pursuing)) <u>responding to</u> code enforcement complaints and by providing ((oversight)) <u>inspection services</u> during the process of site development on all sites for which it issues permits.</p>	<p>Clarification of existing policy intent</p>	<p>Updated to reflect current practice: the County is required to enforce all development regulations, not just land use and environmental ones; K.C.C. Title 23 and associated resources does not allow for the County to proactively "pursue" complaints – the County responds to complaints; oversight implies more than what actually occurs, which is just inspections and monitoring of certain permit conditions when required</p>	<p>n/a</p>	<p>n/a</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Planned implementation of proposal:</u> n/a • <u>Description of proposed regulations:</u> n/a • <u>Anticipated resource need:</u> n/a • <u>Anticipated timeline:</u> n/a 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No issues identified.
<p>I-505 King County shall develop, as a part of the ((buildable lands)) Urban Growth Capacity analysis, a zoning yield and housing production monitoring program to determine whether housing capacity is being lost in the context of compliance with the Endangered Species Act, and shall propose revisions to the Countywide Planning Policies to implement such a program.</p>	<p>Technical change</p>	<p>Current terminology</p>	<p>n/a</p>	<p>n/a</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Planned implementation of proposal:</u> n/a • <u>Description of proposed regulations:</u> n/a • <u>Anticipated resource need:</u> n/a • <u>Anticipated timeline:</u> n/a 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This policy will be analyzed as part of the Critical Areas Ordinance (CAO) update.
<p>((I-404a)) I-505a Equity and racial and social justice principles ((will)) shall be used by King County as an important consideration in developing zoning and development regulations governing public and private uses, in siting public facilities, and in evaluating land use decisions. Results from ((the E)) equity ((+)) impact ((R)) reviews ((Tool will)) shall be used where appropriate.</p>	<p>Clarification of existing policy intent</p>	<p>"Will" is predictive but "shall" is directive; policies should be directive, not statements of what is anticipated to happen.</p> <p>Updates for current terminology and that "equity impact review" is proposed to be defined in the Comprehensive Plan and provide flexibility for how the current Equity Impact Review Tool might change over time.</p>	<p>n/a</p>	<p>n/a</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Planned implementation of proposal:</u> n/a • <u>Description of proposed regulations:</u> n/a • <u>Anticipated resource need:</u> n/a • <u>Anticipated timeline:</u> n/a 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No issues identified.
<p>Action 1: Implementation of the Community Service Area Subarea Planning Program Action 2: Develop a Performance Measures Program for the Comprehensive Plan. Action 3: Implement a Transfer of Development Rights Unincorporated Urban Receiving Area Amenity Funding Pilot Project Action 4: Transfer of Development Rights Program Review Action 5: Review 2016 King County Comprehensive Plan Implementation Needs Action 6: Alternative Housing Demonstration Project Action 7: Agricultural Related Uses Zoning Code Updates Action 8: Cottage Housing Regulations Review Action 9: Carbon Neutral King County Plan Action 10: Green Building Handbook Review Action 11: Bicycle Network Planning Report Action 12: Update Plat Ingress/Egress Requirements</p>	<p>Technical change</p>					<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Executive is proposing to remove all of the Work Plan actions adopted between 2016 and 2020. Most of the actions were completed, except: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Action 5: Implementation Needs: these code and policy changes are being proposed as part of the 2024 KCCP. ○ Action 16: Streamlining the Comprehensive Plan: The Executive has proposed some streamlining of lead-in text and policies; however more could be done to remove repetition, jargon, and unnecessary text.

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<p>Action 13: Water Availability and Permitting Study Action 14: 2020 Comprehensive Plan Update Action 15: Annual DLS Briefing at Local Services Committee Action 16: Streamlining the Comprehensive Plan Action 17: Update the Residential Density Incentive Code Action 18: Greenhouse Gas Mitigation Action 19: Skyway West Hill and North Highline Anti-Displacement Strategies Action 20: Fossil Fuel Facilities Risk Bonds Action 21: Greenhouse Gas Mitigation. Action GMPC 1 (Was Action 17): Develop a Countywide Plan to Move Remaining Unincorporated Urban Potential Annexation Areas Toward Annexation. Action GMPC 2 (Was Action 18): Review the Four to One Program. Action GMPC 3 (Was Action 19):</p>						
<p><u>Action 1: Comprehensive Plan Performance Measures Framework Update</u> <u>Through adoption of Motion 15014 in 2017, King County established a Performance Measures Program for the Comprehensive Plan. The Program is intended to monitor Comprehensive Plan implementation and to help inform whether plan amendments are needed to better achieve the plan's goals, as reflected in the Comprehensive Plan Guiding Principles. As established in the reporting timelines in King County Code Chapter 20.18, Program reporting occurs in advance of, and with the intent of informing, establishing the scope of work for 10-year Comprehensive Plan updates.</u></p> <p><u>The Executive issued the first Performance Measures Report under the new program in 2022 via Report 2022-RPT0045. In developing the report, department staff indicated that the measures could be further refined to better tell a more accurate picture of plan performance. The approved framework also does not align with the current Comprehensive Plan update cycle. As required by Motion 15014, any changes to the performance measures framework must be approved via a motion that is passed by the Council.</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u><i>Deliverables:</i> The Executive should file with the Council a motion updating the Performance Measures Program Framework.</u> • <u><i>Timeline:</i> The Performance Measures Program Framework Motion should be filed with the Council by December 31, 2029. Council review, refinement, and possible approval of the Motion should be completed by March 31, 2030, to allow for completion of the next Performance Measures Report that is due by December 31, 2030, to inform scoping for the 2034 10-year Comprehensive Plan update.</u> • <u><i>Lead Agency:</i> Office of Performance, Strategy and Budget.</u> • <u><i>Support Agency(ies):</i> Comprehensive Planning Interdepartmental Team.</u> 	<p>Substantive</p>					<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This is one of seven Work Plan actions proposed by the Executive. Including this is a policy choice. • Due date for the resulting study is December 2029 for the new framework.

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<p>Action 2: Comprehensive Plan Public Participation Code Update <u>The public participation requirements for updates to the King County Comprehensive Plan and development regulations are guided by state law, adopted Comprehensive Plan policies, and King County Code Chapter 20.18. The majority of the requirements in code have not been amended since they were first adopted in 1998. The 2024 Comprehensive Plan made some code changes to align with current state law, reflect current practice, and provide clarity. However, additional work is needed to ensure the code reflects and supports equitable engagement goals and outcomes.</u></p> <p><u>Equitable engagement process improvements were integrated into the 2024 Comprehensive Plan update process. Those 2024 engagement efforts were not inconsistent with the current code; however, the code could be strengthened to further support this work in the future. Additionally, there are more opportunities to improve the engagement process to make it more equitable. Given this, additional updates to the public participation code in Chapter 20.18 work are warranted. This work would be disingenuous without thoughtful community engagement on the changes, especially with communities that have been historically excluded from the planning process. This Work Plan Action directs that work to occur outside of a major Comprehensive Plan update to allow for focused engagement on these important issues.</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <u>Deliverables:</u> The Executive should file with the Council an ordinance updating the public participation elements of King County Code Chapter 20.18. <u>Timeline:</u> The ordinance should be transmitted to the Council by June 30, 2028. If there is a Comprehensive Plan midpoint update authorized at that time, the code changes should be part of the midpoint transmittal package. <u>Lead Agency:</u> Office of Performance, Strategy and Budget. <u>Support Agency(ies):</u> Office of Equity and Racial and Social Justice, and Department of Local Services. 	Substantive					<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Including this proposed work plan action is a policy choice. Due date for the resulting study is June 2028.
<p>Action 3: Mandatory Inclusionary Housing and Community Preference Review <u>In 2022, the County adopted inclusionary housing regulations for Skyway-West Hill and North Highline, which included: (1) mandatory inclusionary housing in the commercial cores of both communities, (2) voluntary inclusionary housing in the remaining areas of those communities, and (3) a requirement for a community preference program for any inclusionary housing development. The 2024 Comprehensive Plan expanded the voluntary inclusionary housing provisions to other geographies (all of urban unincorporated King County and the Rural Towns of Vashon and Snoqualmie Pass).</u></p> <p><u>The 2024 Comprehensive Plan Equity Work Group, as well as public input received during development of the 2024 plan, expressed support for also expanding the mandatory inclusionary housing and community preference provisions to some or all of the new geographies that the voluntary provisions in the 2024 changes would apply to. Additional time and resources are needed to review how or</u></p>	Substantive					<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Including this proposed work plan action is a policy choice. Due date for the resulting study is December 2027.

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<p><u>if these elements could successfully be implemented in additional communities without unintended consequences.</u></p> <p><u>Given this, this Work Plan Action directs evaluation of whether it would be appropriate to potentially expand mandatory inclusionary housing and/or community preference regulations to the other geographies that currently have voluntary inclusionary housing, including consideration of displacement risk, market conditions, and public engagement with potentially affected communities.</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <u>Deliverables:</u> The Executive should file with the Council a Mandatory Inclusionary Housing and Community Preference Review report and a proposed ordinance implementing the recommendations in the report. <u>Timeline:</u> The Mandatory Inclusionary Housing and Community Preference Review report and ordinance, if recommended, should be filed with the Council by December 31, 2027. <u>Lead Agency:</u> Department of Community and Human Services. <u>Support Agency(ies):</u> Department of Local Services. 						
<p>Action 4: Multifamily Housing Tax Exemption Feasibility <u>In 2021, the Washington State Legislature authorized use of Multifamily Housing Tax Exemptions (MFTEs) in unincorporated areas via Engrossed Second Substitute Senate Bill 5287. MFTE programs are property tax waiver programs enacted by cities and counties to support local housing goals. Under Chapter 84.14 Revised Code of Washington, local governments can give exemptions for new construction, conversion, and rehabilitation of multifamily residential improvements with at least four units. Under these exemptions, a property owner does not have to pay property taxes on the residential improvements for a given number of years. The property owner still pays tax on the land and on non-residential improvements like the commercial portion of a mixed-use building.</u></p> <p><u>MFTEs give financial incentives to help meet housing goals without the need for direct funding. This can support development of affordable housing, but it can also incentivize market-rate housing in a way that complies with state constitutional requirements. It can also potentially result in either a loss of tax revenue to the community or a tax shift where other property owners will pay more in taxes.</u></p> <p><u>This Work Plan Action directs King County to explore whether to allow use of a MFTE in unincorporated King County, including analysis of:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <u>a. potential program design that would incentivize affordable units;</u> <u>b. impacts of a tax exemption, and whether that financial impact is sustainable; and</u> <u>c. potential program administrative needs, including monitoring, oversight, reporting;</u> <u>d. ongoing program updates to ensure sufficient incentive to maximize public benefits; and</u> <u>e. public input received during engagement on this action item.</u> 	Substantive					<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Including this proposed work plan action is a policy choice. Due date for the resulting study is December 2027.

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <u>Deliverables</u>: The Executive should file with the Council a Multifamily Housing Tax Exemption Feasibility report and a proposed ordinance implementing the recommendations in the report. <u>Timeline</u>: The Multifamily Housing Tax Exemption Feasibility report and ordinance, if recommended, should be filed with the Council by December 31, 2027. <u>Lead Agency</u>: Department of Community and Human Services. <u>Support Agency(ies)</u>: Department of Local Services, Office of Performance Strategy and Budget. 						
<p>Action 5: Old Growth Corridors Strategies <u>Mature forests with broad range of native tree species and age classes – key characteristics of what are commonly referred to as “old growth” forests – provide a wealth of ecological and social benefits including, but not limited to, healthy habitat; clean and cool water; water storage to mitigate downstream flooding, providing summer flows to rivers and streams, and supplying drinking water; wildfire resilience; diversity of flora, fauna, fungal, and microbial communities; and recreation. Old growth forests in western Washington are also of enormous cultural importance to sovereign Indian tribes. In addition to providing ecological, social, and cultural benefits, mature forests in the Pacific Northwest also sequester carbon and are more resilient to the effects of climate change than younger or less diverse forests.</u></p> <p><u>The 2024 Comprehensive Plan includes policies directing King County to identify and implement strategies to protect forests in ways that build resilience and maximize social and ecological values while carefully considering any effects of changes to forestland management on the timber resource economy. The Plan directs King County to identify opportunities to establish and maintain large blocks of forest, particularly in upper watershed areas and along major river corridors given the importance of contiguous forest cover in these areas for preventing flooding, improving water quality, and protecting salmon and other wildlife habitat.</u></p> <p><u>This work plan action item directs review scientific literature and recommend potential strategies and tactics to accelerate establishment of “old growth corridors” in upper watersheds and along major river corridors, especially in areas with a predominance of existing public ownership.</u></p> <p><u>This work should include identifying and analyzing: appropriate geographies; feasible programmatic and project actions King County has control to implement such as acquisitions, incentive programs, and regulatory changes; potential partnerships with public and private landowners, land managers, and Indian tribes; and existing and potential funding sources.</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <u>Deliverables</u>: The Executive should file with the Council an Old Growth Corridors Strategies report outlining scientific findings, geographies of relevance, and potential strategies for establishing old growth corridors. 	Substantive					<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Including this proposed work plan action is a policy choice. Due date for the resulting study is June 2026.

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <u>Timeline</u>: The Old Growth Corridors Strategies report should be transmitted to the Council by June 1, 2026. <u>Lead Agency</u>: Department of Natural Resources and Parks. 						
<p>Action 6: Vashon-Maury Island Coastal Hazard Vulnerability Assessment and Response Plan <u>Properties and infrastructure along the Vashon-Maury Island shoreline are potentially at risk to damage from coastal flooding, tsunamis, landslides, and sea level rise. The extent to which these hazards affect specific locations will vary depending on site-specific factors, including topography, the proximity of infrastructure to the shoreline, and the ability to implement adaptive measures in any given location. Existing studies have not gotten to this level of specificity for these hazards, however. This makes it difficult to determine where and what specific hazard mitigation approaches may be needed and how to sequence that work.</u></p> <p><u>King County will conduct a detailed assessment of the Vashon and Maury Island shoreline inclusive of public and private infrastructure and natural systems to better understand which locations face a higher risk from coastal flooding, tsunamis, landslides, and sea level rise due to site constraints or other factors. Results from the study will inform long-range planning for these hazards and the development of additional actions, policies, development regulations, and/or zoning changes, as needed, to address these risks. These changes would be included in future updates of the Comprehensive Plan and/or King County Code.</u></p> <p><u>The study will draw on available data and studies, as well as a new coastal storm surge model for the King County shoreline being developed by USGS (due summer 2024). The County intends to apply for grant funding to complete this work.</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <u>Deliverables</u>: The Executive should file with the Council the Vashon-Maury Island Coastal Hazard Vulnerability Assessment and Response Plan. If policy and/or code changes are recommended by the Assessment, they should be transmitted to the Council in the next appropriate update to the Comprehensive Plan and/or the King County Code. <u>Timeline</u>: The Vashon-Maury Island Coastal Hazard Vulnerability Assessment and Response Plan should be transmitted to the Council by December 31, 2026. <u>Lead agency</u>: Department of Natural Resources and Parks <u>Support agency(ies)</u>: Department of Local Services, Public Health - Seattle & King County 	Substantive					<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Including this proposed work plan action is a policy choice. Due date for the resulting study is December 2026.
<p>Action 7: Wildfire Risk Assessment <u>Large wildfires across the Pacific Northwest over the last decade, combined with recent local fires in King County and increasing concern about the impacts of climate change on wildfire potential, have contributed to a growing awareness of the need to prepare for an increased risk of wildfire in or adjacent to the wildland-urban interface (WUI).</u></p>	Substantive					<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Including this proposed work plan action is a policy choice. Due date for the resulting study is December 2026.

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<p><u>King County issued its first Wildfire Risk Reduction Strategy in 2022 and has since been working to develop and implement the identified actions. This includes implementing state building code changes related to building in the WUI in 2023, as well as adopting wildfire risk policy and code changes in the 2024 Comprehensive Plan. However, additional information is needed to better understand wildfire risks in unincorporated King County and whether additional regulatory measures are needed to further reduce wildfire risk.</u></p> <p><u>This workplan will include completing a wildfire risk assessment for unincorporated King County to better understand where and how communities and critical infrastructure are vulnerable to wildfire; the degree to which current codes and policies address the risk; and what additional actions, policy, development regulation, or zoning changes, if any, may be needed to reduce wildfire risk. Potential external partners for the study include King County fire districts, the Washington State Dept. of Natural Resources, and utilities. The results of this work will inform future updates of the Comprehensive Plan and/or King County Code. The County intends apply for grant funding to complete this work.</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <u><i>Deliverable:</i> The Executive should file with the Council the Wildfire Risk Assessment report. If policy and/or code changes are recommended by the report, they should be transmitted to the Council in the next appropriate update to the Comprehensive Plan and/or the King County Code.</u> <u><i>Timeline:</i> The Wildfire Risk Assessment report should be transmitted to the Council by December 31, 2026.</u> <u><i>Lead agency:</i> Department of Natural Resources and Parks</u> <u><i>Support agency(ies):</i> King County Office of Emergency Management Department of Local Services – Permitting Division.</u> 						

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<p>I-601 King County should develop incentives for the Urban Growth Area that encourage the development industry to provide a broad range of housing affordable to all income levels and business space, including areas of the county with the most disparate outcomes in health, economic prosperity and housing conditions, where residents may be at high risk of displacement. Incentives could include:</p> <p>a. ((Identification of geographic areas with infill opportunities, granting budget priority status and allowing more flexible development standards;</p> <p>b. Density bonuses for site designs which provide public benefits (for example, grid roads that connect with other developments and limit impacts on arterials);</p> <p>c. Incentives which lower financial development risk;</p> <p>d.) <u>Density bonuses and/or other regulatory flexibilities for inclusionary housing;</u></p> <p><u>b.</u> Joint development opportunities at ((e))County-owned or operated facilities, utilization of air rights on ((e))County-owned or operated facilities, and the establishment of transit-supportive design guidelines and regulations; and</p> <p>((e.)) <u>c.</u> County ((capital improvement)) funding for public urban amenities, including transportation, parks, open space, cultural, and other facilities, for cities participating in the King County Transfer of Development Rights Program.</p>	<p>Substantive change</p>	<p>Updated to reflect: 2022 House Bill 1220 and Countywide Planning Policy housing mandates; and current incentive strategies</p> <p>Other edits for grammar and clarity</p>	<p>Development of more housing that is accessible to all</p>	<p>Countywide Planning Policies H-1, H-15</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Planned implementation of proposal:</u> Regulatory • <u>Description of proposed regulations:</u> n/a • <u>Anticipated resource need:</u> n/a • <u>Anticipated timeline:</u> n/a 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The examples in the subs could be deleted. They aren't necessary to the policy.