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SUBSTITUTE MOTION NO. 01-1

A MOTION to amend the Countywide Planning Policies by adding maps of existing Urban Separators to the Countywide Planning Policies.

WHEREAS, The Growth Management Act states that each Urban Growth Area shall permit urban densities and shall include greenbelt and open space areas;

WHEREAS, Policy LU-27 of the Countywide Planning Policies of King County states that Urban Separators shall not be redesignated in the future, and that maintenance of Urban Separators is a regional as well as local concern;

WHEREAS, Urban Separators are an adopted regional strategy serving multiple functions and providing environmental, visual, recreational and wildlife benefits to the citizens and communities of King County;

WHEREAS, Consistent with the Countywide Planning Policies, the King County Comprehensive Plan recognizes that Urban Separators create open space corridors, provide a visual contrast to continuous development, and reinforce the unique identities of communities;

WHEREAS, King County has designated Urban Separators on the Land Use 2000 map in the King County Comprehensive Plan, and King County has provided advance copies of Urban Separator maps to cities that have designated Urban Separators located within their Potential Annexation Areas;

WHEREAS, affected jurisdictions agree with most of the county Urban Separator designations, but disagree with some of the designations that require further analysis and discussion;

WHEREAS, King County residents have supported efforts to designate and preserve Urban Separators, including preservation of Urban Separators that have been annexed by cities;

THE GROWTH MANAGEMENT PLANNING COUNCIL OF KING COUNTY HEREBY MOVES AS FOLLOWS:

 The attached maps of Urban Separators will be included within the Countywide Planning Policies document. These maps show the locations of adopted Urban Separators and graphically illustrate regional land use strategy and will serve as an implementation tool for the Countywide Planning Policies.

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- 2. The attached maps of Urban Separators also identify certain potential Urban Separator areas within Auburn and Renton's Potential Annexation Areas that do not reflect a consensus of affected jurisdictions, and are in need of further analysis and possible refinement. The Interjurisdictional Staff Team shall convene a subcommittee comprised of representatives of all affected jurisdictions, and shall report back to the GMPC no later than September 30, 2002 with a recommendation to resolve these potential Urban Separator areas. The subcommittee shall consider refinements to Urban Separator designations in the Potential Annexation Areas for Auburn and Renton. Staff will attempt to generate a consensus recommendation for the areas within Auburn and Renton's PAA. If no consensus is reached, a majority and minority or alternative recommendation will be made to GMPC by September 30, 2002.
- 3. On an ongoing basis, the Interjurisdictional Staff Team shall also review proposed additional Urban Separator designations identified by cities or the County, and present these proposed Urban Separators for GMPC consideration. As part of this review process, the Interjurisdictional Staff Team may also consider refinements to adopted Urban Separator policy to facilitate designations, provided that the new policies are substantively consistent with CPP LU-27 and County Comprehensive Plan policies P-118 through P-120.

ADOPTED by the Growth Management Planning Council of King County on ______ in open session.

Ron Sims, Chair, Growth Management Planning Council



