

Agenda Bill 6519 Exhibit 3A – Non-Substantive City Council Comments.

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CC-54	Ted Weinberg	Introduction	preamble	Comp Plan Introduction. Page 2. Overview section. The two new elements are not listed. Note the substitution of semicolons for commas in the list of elements to differentiate between the two occurrences of the word “and” – once in the title of the Parks and Open Space element and once preceding the final element in the list. Specific proposed change: The Comprehensive Plan is organized into <u>eight</u> six elements: Land Use,; Housing,; Transportation,; Utilities,; Capital Facilities,; <u>Economic Development</u> ; Parks and Open Space; and Shorelines.	Note: the Planning Commission did not consider changes to the Introduction and Vision Statement during its public hearing and did not make a recommendation for any changes to the Vision.
CC-55	Ted Weinberg	Introduction	preamble	Comp Plan Introduction. Page 6. Population section. 1 st bullet point. 2 nd sentence. Replace the 2030 population projection with PSRC’s update, once we have it. Specific proposed change: Mercer Islanders can expect to see their population grow from 23,310 in 2014 to an estimated (PSRC, approximate) 25,243 <u>[Update from PSRC]</u> persons by 2030.	Staff is in the process of getting updated data from PSRC
CC-76	Criag Reynolds	Introduction	preamble	Introduction Page 3: The following Vision Statement is essentially the compilation of several long-standing policies embodied in several existing planning documents including the Land Use Plan, Town Center Plan, Park and Open Space Plan, and the Arts and Culture Plan. Reexamining these policies implies a reexamination of the City's overall policy base.	The proposed amendment is hard to see in the notation. The proposal is to strike the hyphen in longstanding. Note: the Planning Commission did not consider changes to the Introduction and Vision Statement during its public hearing and did not make a recommendation for any changes to the Vision.
CC-77	Criag Reynolds	Introduction	preamble	Introduction Page 3: Mercer Island is not an island unto itself. The community is part of a regional complex that affords housing, human services, jobs, transportation, <u>utilities</u> , cultural and recreational opportunities. As a partner in the ever-changing world of environment, economics and politics, Mercer Island has and will continue to be an active player in regional issues. However, within this framework, Mercer Island will continue <u>to strive to</u> maintain local control of all significant policy issues. Likewise, active community participation and leadership are fundamental for protecting and enhancing the values and characteristics that have shaped the quality of life and livability of Mercer Island.	Note: the Planning Commission did not consider changes to the Introduction and Vision Statement during its public hearing and did not make a recommendation for any changes to the Vision.
CC-78	Criag Reynolds	Introduction	preamble	Introduction Page 4: Education is the Key The community and its public and private institutions are committed to <u>provideing</u> excellence in education.	Proposed change: amend “provide” to “providing” Note: the Planning Commission did not consider changes to the Introduction and Vision Statement during its public hearing and did not make a recommendation for any changes to the Vision.
CC-80	Criag Reynolds	Introduction	preamble	Introduction Page 6: Mercer Island is principally a low density, single-family residential community. The community will continue to seek ways to enhance its image as <u>one of</u> Puget Sound's " most livable residential <u>communities</u> ." Supporting these efforts, City leaders will maintain the integrity of existing approved land use policies.	Note: the Planning Commission did not consider changes to the Introduction and Vision Statement during its public hearing and did not make a recommendation for any changes to the Vision.
CC-8	Lisa Anderl and Jake Jacobson	Land Use	preamble	Section III. Table 4 should re relabeled as Table 6.	

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CC-42	Salim Nice	Land Use	preamble	Land Use Element Introduction Within II. EXISTING CONDITIONS AND TRENDS replace “Mercer Island has not been designated as an Urban Center <u>High Capacity Transit community</u> in the Puget Sound Regional Council’s Vision 202050. <u>This designation recognizes the importance of the localities with high-capacity transit service as a place to focus new development due to the excellent access to employment centers, educational institutions and other opportunities.</u> ” with, “For land use and Planning purposes, Mercer Island is now designated as a High Capacity Transit Community (HCTC) in the Puget Sound Regional Council’s Vision 2050 plan. This is a change from its previous designation as a Large Urban City. The new designation recognizes Mercer Island’s importance as a locality with high-capacity transit service, making it an ideal place to focus new development within walking distance of the high-capacity transit, walkable jobs, and in adherence with HB 1220 affordability and density guidelines. This is due to the excellent access it provides to employment centers, educational institutions, and other opportunities.”	
CC-56	Ted Weinberg	Land Use	preamble	Land Use Element. Section I. Page 2. 3 rd bullet point of 4. Fixing a scrivener’s error; the Town Center buildings have a maximum height, not a minimum. Specific proposed change: Requiring that new projects include additional public amenities in exchange for increased building height above the two-story maximum minimum; and	
CC-57	Ted Weinberg	Land Use	preamble	Land Use Element. Section I. Page 5. Last paragraph. First sentence. Update to reflect that the CAP has now been adopted. Specific proposed change: Beginning in 2022 in 2023 , the City <u>Council adopted</u> began composing a Climate Action Plan.	
CC-58	Ted Weinberg	Land Use	preamble	Land Use Element. Section III. Page 9. Last paragraph. Last sentence. Fixing scrivener’s error; the word Island was missing in our city name. Specific proposed change: The City of Mercer <u>Island</u> does not have any zoned industrial lands.	
CC-59	Ted Weinberg	Land Use	preamble	Land Use Element. Section III. Page 11. Table 5. 3 rd column header. Fixing scrivener’s error; the column header was listed twice. Specific proposed change: Assumed Densities Assumed Densities (low/high units per acre)	
CC-65	Craig Reynolds	Land Use	3.6	3.6 Building facades should provide visual interest to pedestrians. Street level windows, minimum <u>reasonable</u> building set-backs, on-street entrances, landscaping, and articulated walls should be encouraged.	
CC-66	Craig Reynolds	Land Use	4	4 Create an active, pedestrian-friendly, <u>bicycle-friendly</u> , and accessible retail core.	
CC-9	Lisa Anderl and Jake Jacobson	Land Use	4.2	Section V. Goal 4.2 references TC-1, but it seems like TC-1 is deleted?	Figure TC-1 is proposed to be struck from the Land Use Element. The reference in Policy 4.2 should be struck, too. The remaining text of Policy 4.2 would not be required to change. Note: the “pink lines map” is adopted in MICC 19.11.020(B)(1) and is not required to be adopted in the Comprehensive Plan as well.
CC-68	Craig Reynolds	Land Use	9.5	9.5 Develop long-range plans for the development of additional <u>to meet the commuter</u> parking to serve <u>needs of</u> Mercer Island residents.	
CC-69	Craig Reynolds	Land Use	9.6	9.6 Prioritize parking for Mercer Island residents <u>and business customers</u> within the Town Center.	
CC-45	Salim Nice	Land Use	12.2	12.2 Strike “payment of a calculated amount of money” and replace with “fee in lieu.”	
CC-15	Lisa Anderl and Jake Jacobson	Land Use	15.4	Goal 15.4 delete “such as” replace with “including but not limited to”	

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CC-48	Salim Nice	Land Use	16.1	16.1 Strike existing text and replace with: "Encourage using existing homes to meet changing population needs and help people age in place. Consider allowing accessory dwelling units (ADUs) and shared housing. These options can provide affordable and accessible housing, reduce tax burdens, and keep neighborhoods stable."	
CC-16	Lisa Anderl and Jake Jacobson	Land Use	18.11, 18.12	Goal 18.11 and 18.12 delete unless required by state law. If required amend 18.11 to delete "people in" and replace with "residents of"	
CC-62	Ted Weinberg	Land Use	27.5	Land Use Element. Section V. Page 30. Goal 27.5. Add explicit mention of charging infrastructure for vehicles. Specific proposed change: 27.5 Encourage the reduction of emissions from passenger vehicles through the development of zero- or low-greenhouse gas emitting transportation, <u>the development of vehicle charging infrastructure</u> , and by reducing <u>the reduction of single-occupancy vehicle trips</u> .	
CC-63	Ted Weinberg	Land Use	29.7	Land Use Element. Section VI. Page 31. Undo deletion of multi-modal transportation from the Action Plan. Specific proposed change: 29.7 <u>Create opportunities for multi-modal transportation.</u>	See also Agency Comment Log # AC-12
CC-44	Salim Nice	Land Use	Multiple	5: Strike five occurrences of "Encourage" and replace with "Allow."	
CC-31	Lisa Anderl and Jake Jacobson	Housing	1.7	Goal 1.7 Replace "equitably" with "fairly"	Policy 1.7 helps address PSRC MPP H-5 and King County CPPs H-20 and H-21.
CC-90	Craig Reynolds	Transportation	preamble	Transportation Element: Correct a typo on the first line of page 2 to insert "A"	
CC-91	Craig Reynolds	Transportation	preamble	Transportation Element: Strike the second to last paragraph on page 16 that begins with "The City manages a permit parking program [...]"	
CC-94	Craig Reynolds	Transportation	preamble	Transportation Element: add "Vancouver BC" to the final sentence of the second paragraph on page 21.	
CC-95	Craig Reynolds	Transportation	preamble	Transportation Element: amend the third paragraph on page 21 as follows: "Mercer Island does not have any air transportation facilities or services. Scheduled and chartered passenger and freight air services are provided at Seattle-Tacoma International Airport in SeaTac, <u>Payne Field in Everett</u> , the King County International Airport in south Seattle, <u>and via float plane from Lake Union.</u> "	
CC-125	Lisa Anderl and Jake Jacobson	Transportation	preamble	4 TRANSPORTATION ELEMENT, I. INTRODUCTION page 2 "UPCOMING CHANGES" – recommend leaving the first paragraph as is – those statements will still be true for at least 1.5 years if not more.	
CC-126	Lisa Anderl and Jake Jacobson	Transportation	preamble	Transportation Element Second paragraph recommend retaining the stricken language. No objection to the added text	
CC-132	Lisa Anderl and Jake Jacobson	Transportation	preamble	Transportation Element Page 17 "PARKING". Recommend editing the second paragraph to reflect that the Council has directed that the permit parking for Town Center be eliminated.	See also Comment Log # CC-91
CC-133	Lisa Anderl and Jake Jacobson	Transportation	preamble	Transportation Element Page 19 PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION – the new second paragraph should be edited "Link light rail <u>is scheduled to run</u> through ..." and "The light rail <u>is scheduled to provide</u> provides frequent..."	See also Comment Log # CC-151 and # CC-153
CC-134	Lisa Anderl and Jake Jacobson	Transportation	preamble	Transportation Element Page 23 "FUTURE TRAVEL DEMAND" Reject the edits to the second paragraph and change "2023" to "2025"	

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CC-145	Ted Weinberg	Transportation	preamble	Transportation Element. Page 2. Light rail isn't open yet. Specific proposed change: <u>A</u> new light rail station located north of the Town Center, on the I-90 corridor between 77th Avenue SE and 80th Avenue SE, <u>will provide</u> provides access to destinations in Seattle, Bellevue and other cities that are part of the Sound Transit system.	
CC-146	Ted Weinberg	Transportation	preamble	Transportation Element. Page 3. Goal 1.3. Fixing scrivener's error. Specific proposed change: Employ transportation system management (TSM) techniques to improve the efficient operation of the transportation system including, but not limited to: <u>through</u> traffic through and turn lanes, management of street parking, signals and other traffic control measures.	
CC-151	Ted Weinberg	Transportation	preamble	Transportation Element. Page 18. Public Transportation section. 2 nd paragraph. Change the reference to light rail to be future tense. Specific proposed change: Link light rail, <u>when it opens, will run</u> runs through Mercer Island along the median of I-90 with a station located north of the Town Center, between 77th Avenue SE and 80th Avenue SE. The light rail <u>will</u> provides frequent connections to Seattle, Bellevue, and other regional destinations.	
CC-152	Ted Weinberg	Transportation	preamble	Transportation Element. Page 19. 2 nd to last paragraph. Metro suspended and then discontinued route 216. Specific proposed change: At the Mercer Island Park and Ride, Sound Transit routes 550 and 554 connect Mercer Island to Seattle, Bellevue, and Issaquah; and Metro route 216 provides service to Redmond and Seattle.	See also Comment Log # CC-92
CC-153	Ted Weinberg	Transportation	preamble	Transportation Element. Page 22. Paragraph 3. Need to change the reference to the light rail line to be future tense. Specific proposed change: The opening of the East Link light rail line <u>will</u> provides an additional travel option between the Town Center and regional destinations	
CC-154	Ted Weinberg	Transportation	preamble	Transportation Element. Page 26. Table 3. Project NM-5. Per City Council TIP vote, project has been extended to East Mercer Way. SE 40th St Sidewalk Improvement (Gallagher Hill Road – <u>East Mercer Way</u> 93rd Ave SE)	Changes to Table 3 will be confirmed with Public Works staff prior to first reading.
CC-117	Salim Nice	Transportation	4.10	Transportation Element Policy 4.10: Strike text and replace it with "Development programs to address the needs of people who do not drive (e.g., elderly, minor, income, and person with disabilities)."	
CC-118	Salim Nice	Transportation	5.4	Transportation Element Policy 5.4: Insert "transportation" after state and before policies.	
CC-120	Salim Nice	Transportation	7.3	Transportation Element Policy 7.3: Begin the sentence with "Seek to reduce..." Strike "to zero by 2030"	
CC-86	Craig Reynolds	Transportation	7.11	Amend Transportation Element Policy 7.11: " <u>Consider requiring that n</u> New or <u>materially</u> remodeled public institutions, commercial, mixed use, and multifamily facilities should have sufficient <u>secure</u> storage for bicycles and other active transportation modes.	
CC-148	Ted Weinberg	Transportation	9.4	Transportation Element. Page 8. Goal 9.4 Clarifies that Metro services need to adapt to the transportation needs of MI residents. We need to be thinking beyond scheduled bus service. Specific proposed change: 9.4 Work with King County Metro to provide public transit vehicles and services that are more in scale with the <u>transportation needs of the City's neighborhoods and the capacity of its local road network</u>	
CC-122	Salim Nice	Transportation	12.4	Transportation Element Policy 12.4: Strike the text "to expand" and replace it with "for."	Policy 12.4 would read: Study opportunities to expand <u>for</u> electric bicycle facilities that serve the Town Center, light rail station, and park and ride.
CC-89	Craig Reynolds	Transportation	new	Add a new Transportation Element Policy 12.7: "Coordinate with Mercer Island School District to plan for safe routes to schools."	

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CC-108	Craig Reynolds	Utilities	preamble	Add the following two sentences to Utilities Element Section VI: "Approximately xxx homes on Mercer Island include solar energy facilities, generating approximately xxx KWH of electricity each calendar year."	If the City Council decides to make this proposed amendment, staff will need to research the proposed numbers.
CC-136	Lisa Anderl and Jake Jacobson	Utilities	preamble	Utilities Element Page 16 "FUTURE NEEDS" Edit as follows to reflect the correct phrasing of the obligation to serve: As a telecommunications utility Lumen Technologies is required to provide services on demand <u>where facilities exist and to those applicants reasonably entitled thereto.</u>	
CC-155	Ted Weinberg	Utilities	preamble	Utilities Element. Page 2. 2 nd paragraph. Our main water line is 24 inches, not 30. Specific proposed change: The bulk of the Island's water supply originates in the Cedar River watershed and is delivered through the 13 Cedar Eastside supply line to Mercer Island's <u>2430-inch</u> supply line.	Changes to Table 3 will be confirmed with Public Works staff prior to first reading.
CC-156	Ted Weinberg	Utilities	preamble	Utilities Element. Page 3. 2 nd paragraph. Last sentence. Fix typo. Specific proposed change: Together, they strengthen the water <u>supplysypply</u> system and improve system operations for water quality control.	
CC-159	Ted Weinberg	Utilities	preamble	Utilities Element. Page 8. Future Needs section. 6 th paragraph. How the NPDES permit relates to the subject of the first sentence is unclear. I believe the change below will clarify the sentence. Specific proposed change: The City is in compliance with all applicable federal and state stormwater requirements, <u>according to the</u> Western Washington Phase II Municipal (NPDES) Permit issued by the Washington State Dept. of Ecology.	
CC-160	Ted Weinberg	Utilities	preamble	Utilities Element. Page 13. Future Needs section. 4 th paragraph. Last sentence. Fix grammar. Specific proposed change: There is a reoccurring issue <u>The unresolved recurring issue of system</u> unreliability is unresolved and needs to be addressed.	See also Comment Log # CC-109
CC-178	Craig Reynolds	Utilities	preamble	1. Utilities Element, Future Needs: "The City does not plan to implement an aquifer protection program because there are no known aquifers in the vicinity of Mercer Island that are utilized by the City or any other water supplier. Although aquifer protection is not a factor for future <u>non-emergency</u> needs, species..."	
CC-97	Craig Reynolds	Utilities	2.1	Correct a typo at the beginning of Utilities Element Policy 2.1.	The typo is that "TObtain" should be "To obtain"
CC-157	Ted Weinberg	Utilities	2.2	Utilities Element. Page 4. Goal 2.2. First sentence. Explicitly call out water system maintainability as a goal. Specific proposed change: Upgrade and maintain the water distribution and storage system as necessary to maximize the useful life <u>and maintainability</u> of the system.	
CC-99	Craig Reynolds	Utilities	6.3	Amend Utilities Element Policy 6.3 as follows: "Install all new electric transmission and distribution facilities in accordance with this Plan, the City's zoning code, the Washington State Department of Labor and Industries electrical code, and other applicable laws, and shall be consistent with rates and tariffs on file with the WUTC. The electricity provider will obtain the necessary permits for work in the public right-of-way, except in emergencies."	
CC-103	Craig Reynolds	Utilities	7.1	Amend Utilities Element Policy 7.1: "Promote and support conservation and emergency preparedness programs undertaken by PSE, or the current provider, and shall encourage PSE to inform residents about these programs."	
CC-110	Craig Reynolds	Capital Facilities	preamble	Insert a sentence at the end of the second paragraph on page 1 of the Capital Facilities Element: " <u>The City will face significant challenges in the next few years as it searches for options to replace the asbestos-contaminated City Hall and deteriorating and overcrowded public works building.</u> "	See also Agency Comment Log # AC-14
CC-111	Craig Reynolds	Capital Facilities	preamble	Capital Facilities Element, amend the final sentence on Page 1 as follows: "The City has also been able to <u>increased</u> its tree canopy by 8% from 2007 to 2017."	
CC-112	Craig Reynolds	Capital Facilities	preamble	Capital Facilities Element: Please add column and row totals, and a grand total, to Table 3	Table 3 came from Finance and Public Works, CPD staff will need to coordinate with them to update the table if Council makes this change

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CC-113	Craig Reynolds	Capital Facilities	preamble	Capital Facilities Element: Please update Table 3 to include estimates for city hall and public works building acquisition / construction.	Table 3 came from Finance and Public Works, CPD staff will need to coordinate with them to update the table if Council makes this change
CC-138	Lisa Anderl and Jake Jacobson	Capital Facilities	preamble	Capital Facilities Element Page 4 Table 1 needs additional updating to reflect current operations.	
CC-161	Ted Weinberg	Capital Facilities	preamble	Capital Facilities Element. Page 1. 2 nd paragraph. 2 nd and 3 rd sentences. The City currently does not have a functioning City Hall. Although this is a temporary circumstance from the long-term perspective, as it will take several years for us to re-establish a new City Hall it is worth noting in the Comprehensive Plan that at present we do not have one. We should also explicitly list the public safety and public works buildings. Specific proposed change: As a result, the community largely has sufficient capacity in water and sewer systems, parks, schools, local streets and arterials, and public buildings (City Hall, library, fire stations, <u>public safety buildings</u> , <u>public works building</u> , and community center) to handle projected growth. However, additional investments may be considered for <u>building a new City Hall</u> , park improvements, as well as open space acquisition and trail development.	
CC-162	Ted Weinberg	Capital Facilities	preamble	Capital Facilities Element. Page 2. Last sentence, which continues onto page 3. Update to reflect that the CAP plan has now been adopted. Also adjusting grammar of the 3 rd clause in the sentence. Specific proposed change: The City's first Climate Action Plan, <u>adopted in April 2023</u> , (due Q1 2023) quantifies and enumerates the various City and community actions needed to achieve the GHG reduction targets that <u>to which</u> successive City Councils have committed to, as part of the City's K4C membership.	
CC-163	Ted Weinberg	Capital Facilities	preamble	Capital Facilities Element. Page 4. Table 1. City Hall row. Use column. Update to reflect the current unusable status of the City Hall building. Specific proposed change: <u>[Uses prior to City Hall closure in 2023]:</u> Police, Dispatch, & General Administration, Municipal Court, Facility Maintenance & Permitting Services.	
CC-164	Ted Weinberg	Capital Facilities	preamble	Capital Facilities Element. Page 9. Table 2. Rightmost column. Fixing scrivener's error. I think there's supposed to be a superscript 3 here referencing the 3 rd footnote at the bottom of the table. Specific proposed change: Annual Reinvestment Cost ³	
CC-143	Lisa Anderl and Jake Jacobson	Capital Facilities	1.21	Capital Facilities Element Goal 1.21 Add the following at the very start of the paragraph " <u>To the extent possible, where reasonable and consistent with fiscal sustainability</u> , City operations. . . ."	Policy 1.21 would read: <u>To the Extent possible, where reasonable and consistent with fiscal sustainability</u> , City operations should be optimized to minimize carbon footprint impacts, especially with respect to energy consumption, waste reduction, and procurement. New Capital Facilities should incorporate and encourage the sustainable stewardship of the natural environment, consider the benefit of creating cutting-edge, demonstration projects, and favor options that have the lowest feasible carbon footprint and greatest carbon sequestration potential. The City's commitment to adopted GHG emission reduction targets as part of its membership in the K4C should be considered.

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CC-165	Ted Weinberg	Capital Facilities	1.21	Capital Facilities Element. Page 31. Goal 1.21. 1 st sentence. Expand the concept of energy consumption to include on-site energy generation. Specific proposed change: 1.21 City operations should be optimized to minimize carbon footprint impacts, especially with respect to energy consumption <u>and on-site generation</u> , and waste reduction, and procurement.	