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MEMORANDUM

To: Planning Commission
From: Emily Arteche, Director
Peter Batuello, LG, LHG, Director of Environmental Services Perteet
Date: October 2, 2023
Subject: Comprehensive Plan Update – Introduction to Transportation Element

The Washington Growth Management Act (GMA) requires King County and cities within King County to update their comprehensive plans on or before December 31, 2024. The transportation chapter (sometimes referred to as an “element”) is a required element under (RCW 36.70A.070(6) and its robust requirements includes all three components of a comprehensive plan – goals and policies, maps/figures and the identification of capital projects. An overarching GMA goal of this chapter is to encourage efficient multimodal transportation systems and to implement and be consistent with the land use element.

At the October 2, 2023, meeting, staff and transportation consultant Perteet will present an overview of the transportation chapter, its requirements under GMA and Puget Sound Regional Council (PSRC). The work associated with this chapter includes analysis of: level of service, (LOS) standards; transportation facilities/services; traffic forecasting; local system needs to meet current and future demands; a multiyear financing plan; traffic demand management strategies; and a pedestrian and bicycle facilities. For the Planning Commission, draft transportation goals and policies are expected to be presented at the upcoming October 16, 2023, meeting.

The goal of revisions to the transportation chapter goals and policies are to improve clarity, remove duplicative language, update terminology, and reflect recent changes to the Growth Management Act and other laws. Existing policies regulatory in nature will be added to the Snoqualmie Municipal Code as a future implementation action.