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Ashley Wragge, Planning Technician
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Subject: PSRC Comments on Snoqualmie Draft Environment, Utilities, and Capital Facilities Policies

Dear Ms. Wragge,

Thank you for providing an opportunity for the Puget Sound Regional Council (PSRC) to review a draft of the Snoqualmie environment, utilities, and capital facilities goals and policies. We appreciate that the city has invested a substantial amount of time and effort in developing the draft elements and appreciate the chance to review while in draft form. This timely collaboration provides an opportunity to review plan elements for the 2024 comprehensive plan and prepares the city well for [certification](#) by PSRC once the full plan has been adopted.

We suggest the city consider the following comments as further work is completed for the comprehensive plan update to align with [VISION 2050](#) and the Growth Management Act. We understand from city staff that policies on climate change will be addressed in a separate climate element, so we did not comment on that aspect of the consistency tool.

We reviewed the draft plan using the PSRC Plan Review Consistency Tool. Key sections of the consistency tool are listed below on the left along with relevant comments on the draft plan on the right:

Capital Facilities and Utilities

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Prioritize investments in centers, including regional centers, countywide centers, high-capacity transit areas with a station area plan, and other local centers (MPP-RC-8-9)	The plan includes a policy (Utilities and Capital Facilities Policy 9.1.3) to focus investments to support the development of regional centers. Based on the location of Snoqualmie and existing regional centers, local investment may be better

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	suited for local centers. We recommend including a policy to prioritize investments in local centers, consistent with MPP-RC-8 and DP-25.
Locate community facilities and services, including civic places like parks, schools, and other public spaces, in centers and near transit, with consideration for climate change, economic, social and health impacts (MPP-PS-18, PS-20, PS-29, DP-11)	The city should consider an additional policy to locate community and civic facilities near transit and in consideration of other community goals.

Environment

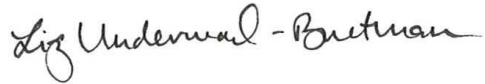
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Support programs to ensure that all residents, regardless of race, social, or economic status, have clean air, clean water, and other elements of a healthy environment and prioritize the reduction of impacts to vulnerable populations that have been disproportionately affected (MPP-En-3-4, En-7-8, En-21)	In addition to including a policy on protecting vulnerable populations (Environment Policy 1-L), it would be beneficial to identify where these populations currently live and where environmental impacts are more impactful.
Identify open space, trail, and park resources and needs, and develop programs for protecting and enhancing these areas (MPP-En-11-12, En-15, En-Action-4)	Consistent with VISION 2050 and national best practices, PSRC recommends including information on open space and a parks level-of-service to provide parks within a 10-minute walk of all residents. This will set the foundation for adding or expanding parks to create equitable access.

PSRC has resources available to assist the city in addressing these comments and inform development of the draft plan. We have provided links to online documents in this letter, and additional resources related to the plan review process can also be found at <https://www.psrc.org/planning-2050/vision/vision-2050-planning-resources>.

We appreciate all the work the city is doing and the opportunity to review and provide comments. We are happy to continue working with you as the draft progresses through the

adoption process. If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact me at 206-464-6174 or LUnderwood-Bultmann@psrc.org.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Liz Underwood-Bultmann". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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cc: Review Team, Growth Management Services, Department of Commerce