



# Community Development Department

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## MEMORANDUM

To: Parks and Public Works Committee  
From: Emily Arteche, Director  
Date: November 30, 2023  
Subject: Comprehensive Plan – Transportation Element Policy Review

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### Introduction

The Washington Growth Management Act (GMA) requires King County and cities within King County to complete their comprehensive plans on or before December 31, 2024. The transportation chapter (referred to as an “element”) is the core of the Comprehensive Plan and must incorporate updated growth targets and show how the city is planning to grow and change over the planning horizon of 20 years.

The objective of the rewrite to the Comprehensive Plan is to create goals and policies that meets the needs of the city and reflects recent changes to the Growth Management Act, and PSRC’s VISION 2050 and other regulations. VISION 2050’s is the Puget Sound Regional Council, (PSRC) regional plan for growth up to an additional 5.8 million people. The plan contains multicounty planning policies, actions, and a regional growth strategy to guide how and where the region grows through the year 2050. This plan informs updates to the Regional Transportation Plan and Regional Economic Strategy and sets the stage for updates to the King County countywide planning policies and the City’s local comprehensive plan.

The City’s Transportation Element must also be compliant with all the legislative changes made since the pervious Comprehensive Plan completed over 8 years ago in 2015. Approximately 46 bills related to the Comprehensive Plan were passed during the time span. A complete list of legislation is attached, (see Attachment 1, GMA-amendments-1995-2023) and available for viewing in the following link.

<https://deptofcommerce.app.box.com/s/41vk2hbhsder8movy8kmlylbwac6v7ik>

### Background

On October 2, 2023, staff presented a primer on transportation planning and the components of the Transportation chapter. On October 16, 2023, the Planning Commission worked through the first set of proposed draft transportation policies. On November 6, 2023, the Planning Commission reconvened to work through remaining proposed draft policies as well as draft goals for the element. During the Planning Commission policy work staff prepared color coded policy presentations to identify more easily proposed polices of a regulatory nature, (see Attachment 2: Legislative Color-Coded Planning Commission from Previous Presentations on Transportation Goals and Policies).

As background the staff tracked the evolution of the draft goals and policies in a spreadsheet, (see Attachment 3: Transportation Element Evolution Spreadsheet.) The workbook helps demonstrate the evolution of goals and policies over time, i.e., new policies were added, combined, moved and/or revised to support new transportation requirements, public comment, the needs of the City. This element is rewritten and will fit into a Plan that is being reorganized.

### **Analysis**

Draft policies were revised policies based on comments from the October 16, 2023, Planning Commission meeting and public comment received. In total 125 public comments just on transportation alone were received by the City from January 2023 through October 2023. The City's draft recommended policies include draft recommended goals that revolve around safety and efficiency, regional coordination, equity and accessibility, non-motorized systems, climate change, and planning, design and maintenance, (see Attachment 4: Recommended Transportation Element Draft Goals and Policies).

### **NEXT STEPS**

Discuss signed draft goals and policy recommendations shown in Attachment 4 and motion to move the recommended draft goals and policies to a future City Council meeting for review and approval.

Attachment 1: GMA amendments-1995-2023

Attachment 2: Legislative Color-Coded Planning Commission from Previous Presentations on  
Transportation Goals and Policies

Attachment 3: Transportation Element Evolution Spreadsheet

Attachment 4: Recommended Transportation Element Draft Goals and Policies