

Recommend Certification of Comprehensive Plans

Growth Management Policy Board | October 15, 2026



Overview

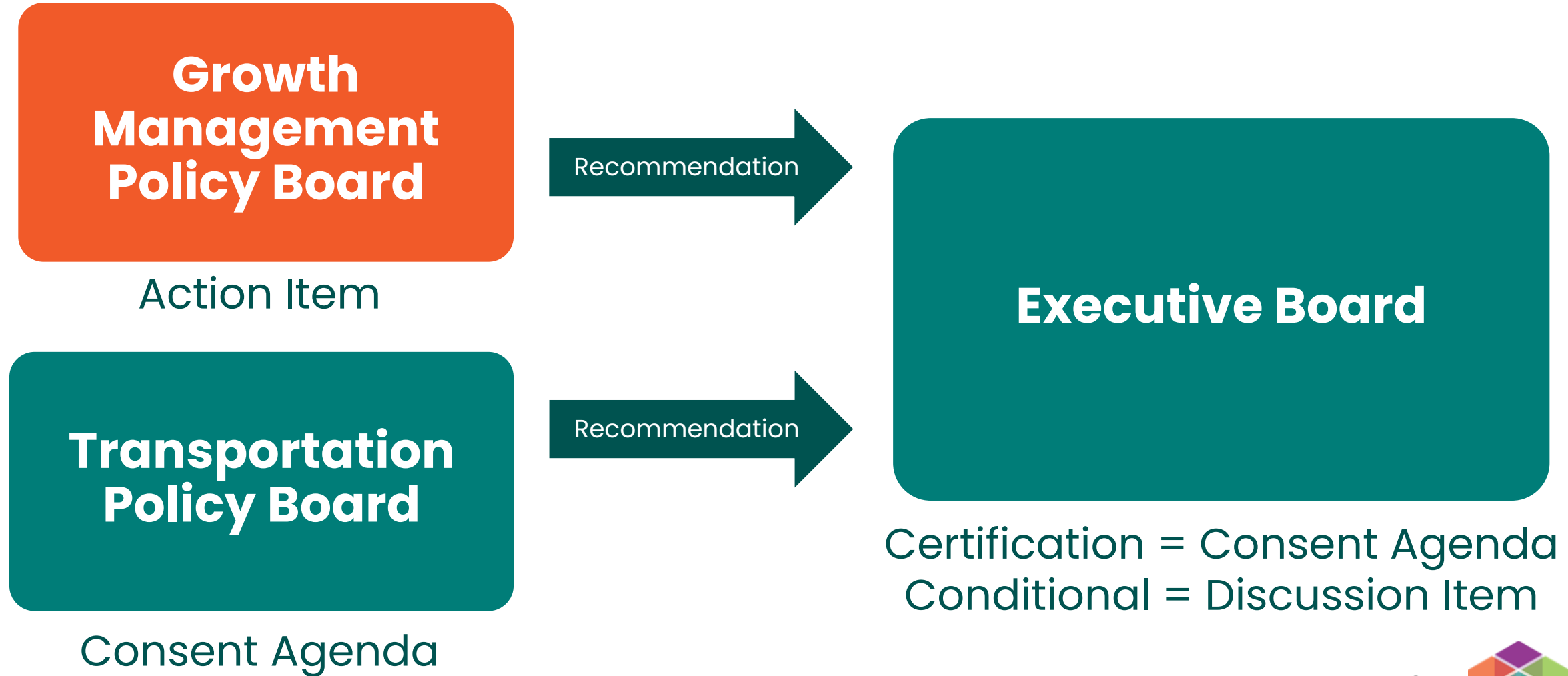


Today:

- Plan review status update
- Recommend certification of Carnation, Mercer Island, Ruston and Kitsap County comprehensive plans

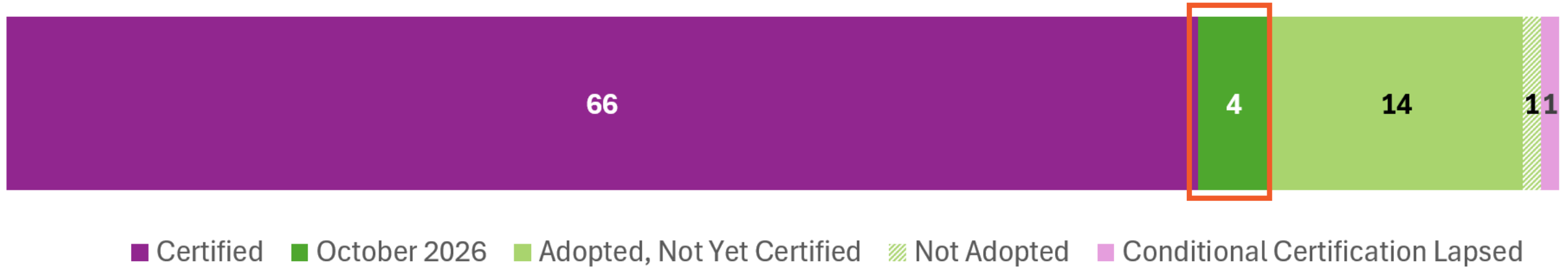


Board Process for Certification



Certification Status Update

2024 Comprehensive Plan Certifications



- As of this meeting, initiated board review for 70 plans
- Staff are in contact with jurisdictions on remaining plans



Certification Status Update

Adopted Plans: Not Yet Certified:

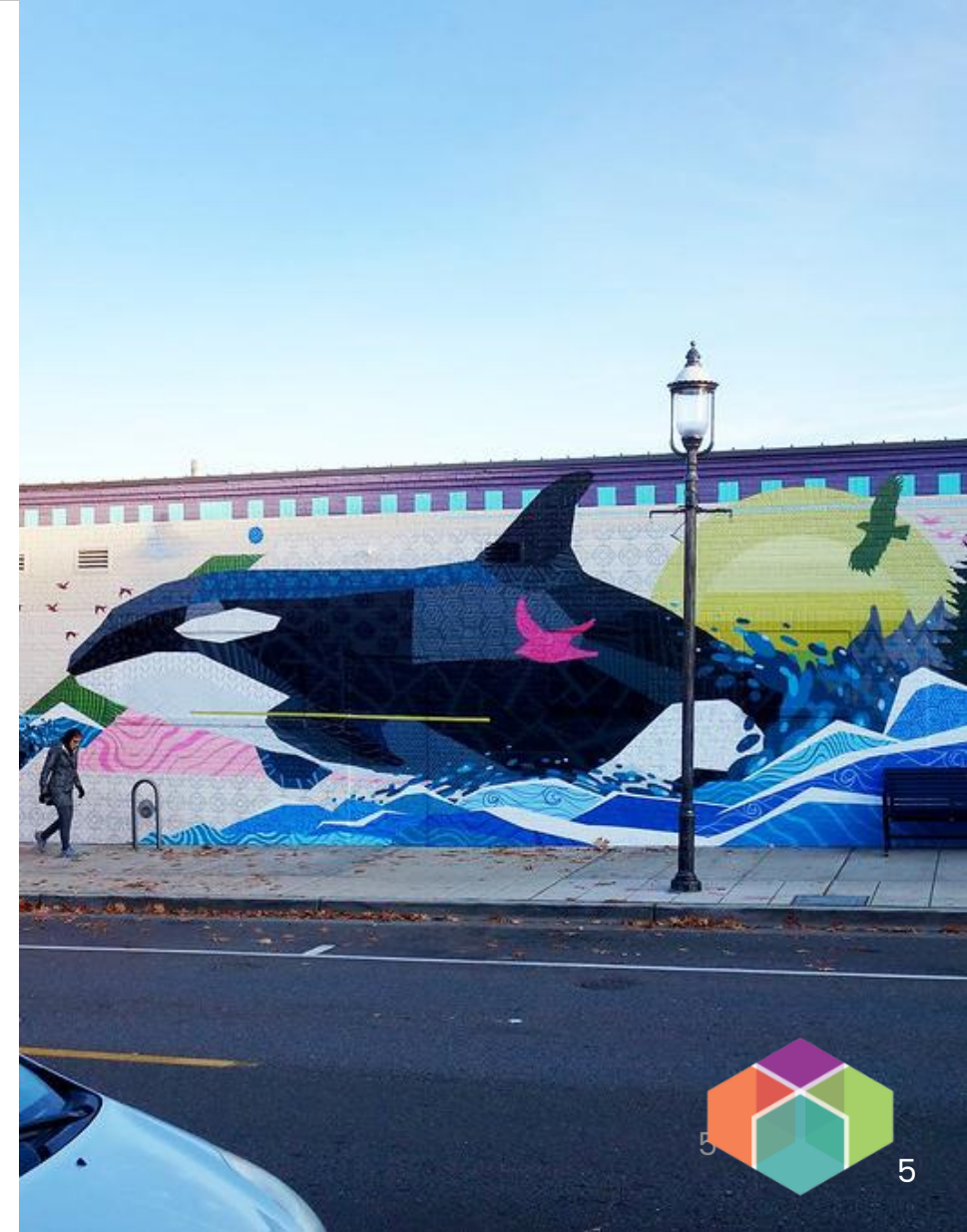
- Beaux Arts Village*
- Black Diamond*
- Brier*
- Clyde Hill⁺
- Darrington*
- DuPont*
- Duvall⁺
- Eatonville
- Gold Bar*
- Hunts Point⁺
- Medina
- Normandy Park
- Roy
- Yarrow Point

Not Yet Adopted:

- Bainbridge Island*

*Under Housing Accountability Act review

⁺Active appeal to Growth Management Hearings Board

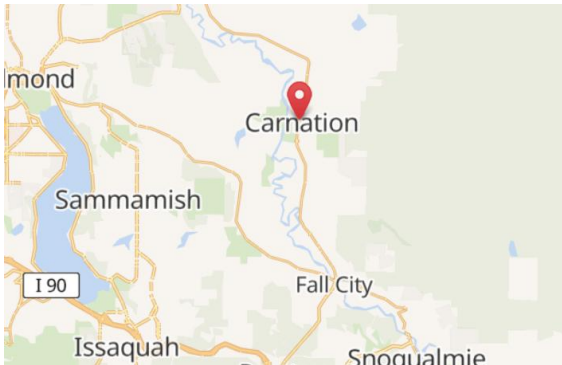


Plan Certifications



City of Carnation Comprehensive Plan

CARNATION *Washington*
— YOUR NATURAL DESTINATION —



Population: 2,415

Regional Geography: Cities & Towns

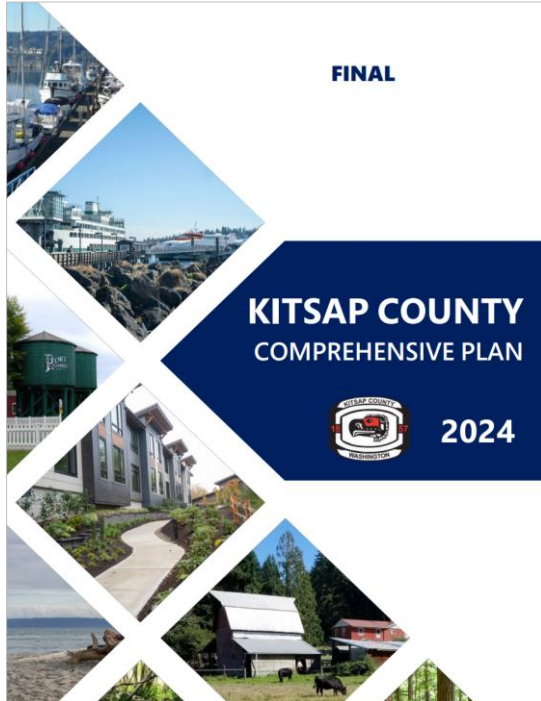
Plan Highlights: Prioritizes investment in Carnation's pedestrian-oriented downtown that is a vibrant, cultural heart of the city

Recommended Future Work:

- **Standard comments:** Climate, housing implementation
- **Regional Collaboration:** Include more complete picture of city's demographics and opportunities to support low-income and historically underserved populations
- **Economy:** Include an economic development element



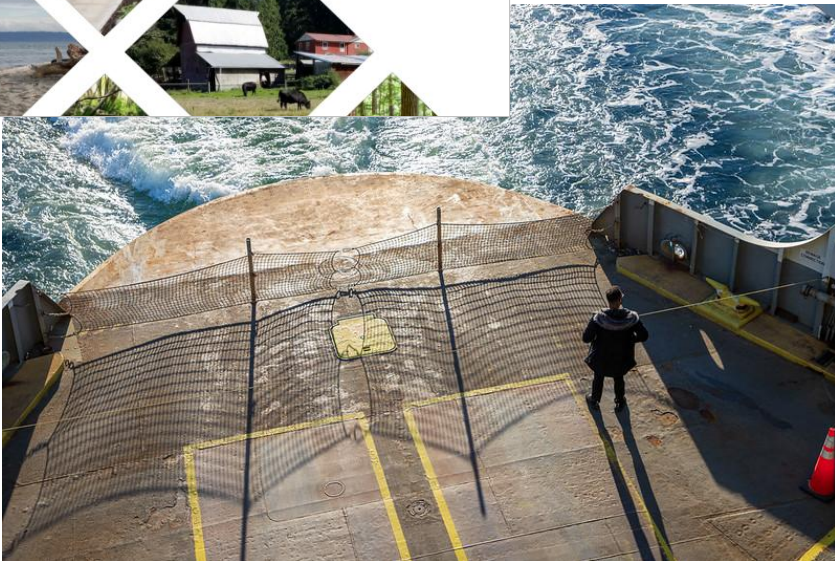
Kitsap County Comprehensive Plan



Unincorporated Population: 185,830

Regional Geography: HCT Communities, Urban Unincorporated, Rural, and Resource

- Kitsap County comprehensive plan conditionally certified in September 2025
 - Direction to address Growth Management Hearing Board appeal on residential capacity, adequate provisions, wildfire land use planning and multimodal evacuation routes
 - Direction to demonstrate capacity for employment targets and include required air quality policy
- County adopted amendments in June 2026 and addressed conditions



City of Mercer Island Comprehensive Plan



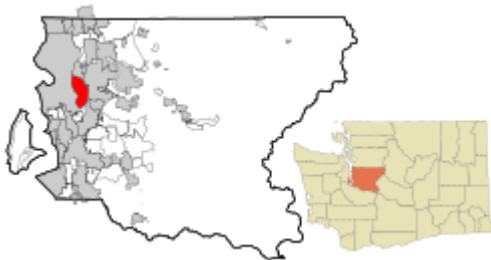
Population: 25,870

Regional Geography: HCT Communities

Plan Highlights: Conducted significant upzoning and station area planning around the newly-opened light rail station, including policies to support affordable housing and mitigate displacement

Recommended Future Work:

- **Standard comments:** Climate, housing implementation and multimodal level of service standards



City of Ruston Comprehensive Plan



Population: 1,180

Regional Geography: Cities and Towns

Plan Highlights: Supports infill and redevelopment and prioritizes nonmotorized transportation improvements in its centers

Recommended Future Work:

- **Standard comments:** Climate, housing implementation
- **Transportation:** Provide a 20-year project list and additional information in the transportation financing plan



Certification Finding

Plan Review



Found the plans to be substantially consistent with the transportation-related components of VISION 2050 and GMA

- Regional Collaboration
- Regional Growth Strategy
- Environment
- Climate Change
- Housing
- Economy
- Transportation
- Public Services



Staff Recommendation

Recommend the Transportation Policy Board and Executive Board certify that the transportation-related provisions of the [Carnation, Kitsap County, Mercer Island and Ruston](#) comprehensive plans conform to the Growth Management Act and are substantially consistent with multicounty planning policies and the Regional Transportation Plan.



Next Steps

- November 12: **Transportation Policy Board** recommendation on consent agenda
- December 3: **Executive Board** action to certify on consent agenda



Recommend Certification: ReDiscover Downtown Kent Subarea Plan

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Regional Growth Center: Downtown Kent

- Conditionally redesignated as a Regional Growth Center in March 2026
 - Subarea plan required
- Plan Adopted August 18, 2026
- GMPB is being asked to recommend certification



Subarea Planning: What makes a successful plan?



- Document existing conditions
- Guide downtown growth
- Define what uses are allowed and where
- Encourage a walkable, mixed-use core near transit
- Outline economic programs
- Shape livable areas



City of Kent Subarea Plan

Strengths

- Strong vision for growth
- Meets density & plans for higher future densities
- Strong transit and connections
- Addresses housing, economy, and infrastructure

Items for future updates

- Climate and emissions
- Commercial displacement



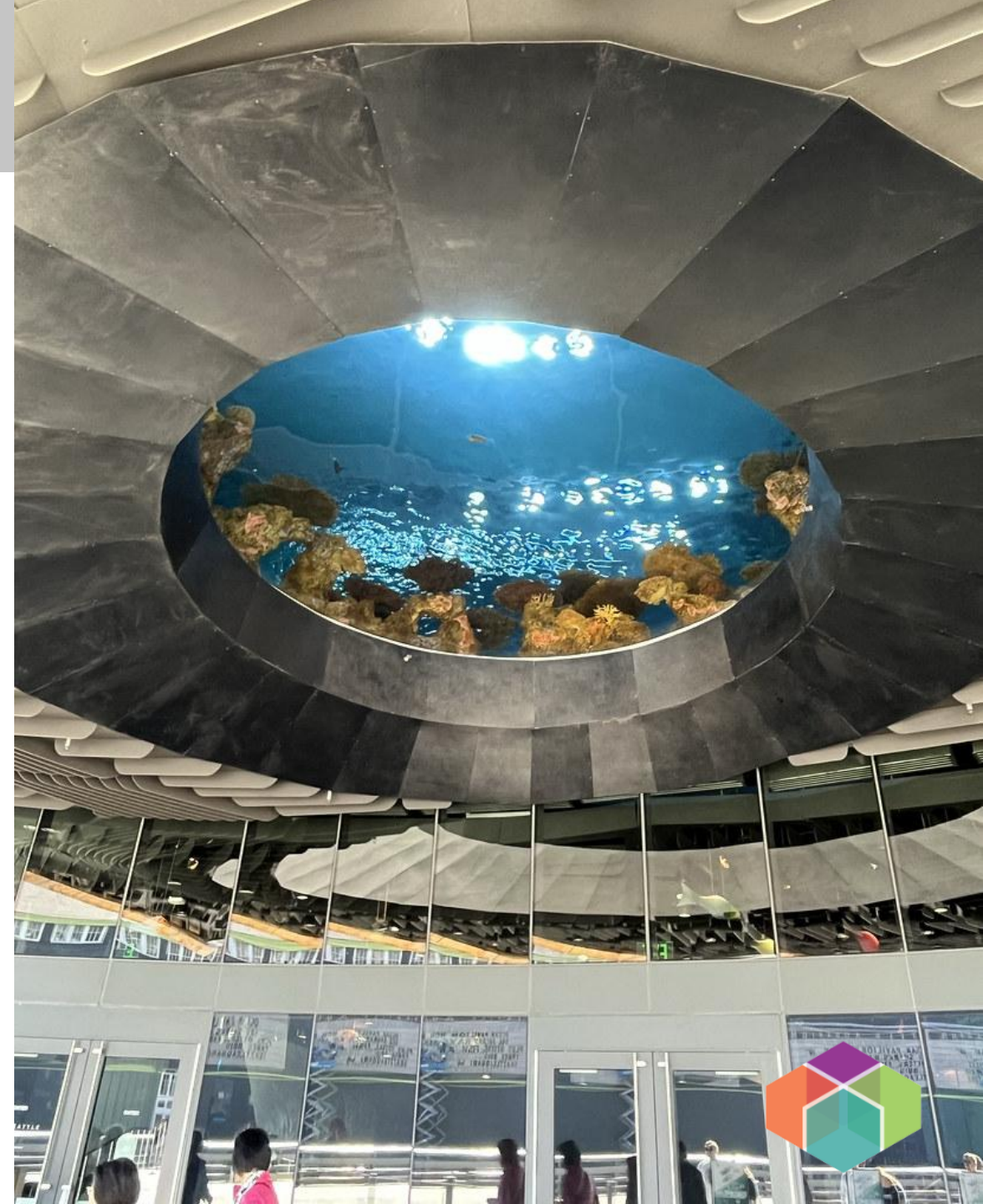
Kent: Staff Recommendation

The Growth Management Policy Board should recommend the Executive Board certify the **ReDiscover Downtown Kent Subarea Plan** is consistent with the multicounty planning policies.



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- December 3: **Executive Board** action to certify on consent agenda



Thank You!

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