

Recommend Certification of Comprehensive Plans

Growth Management Policy Board | June 5, 2025



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Overview

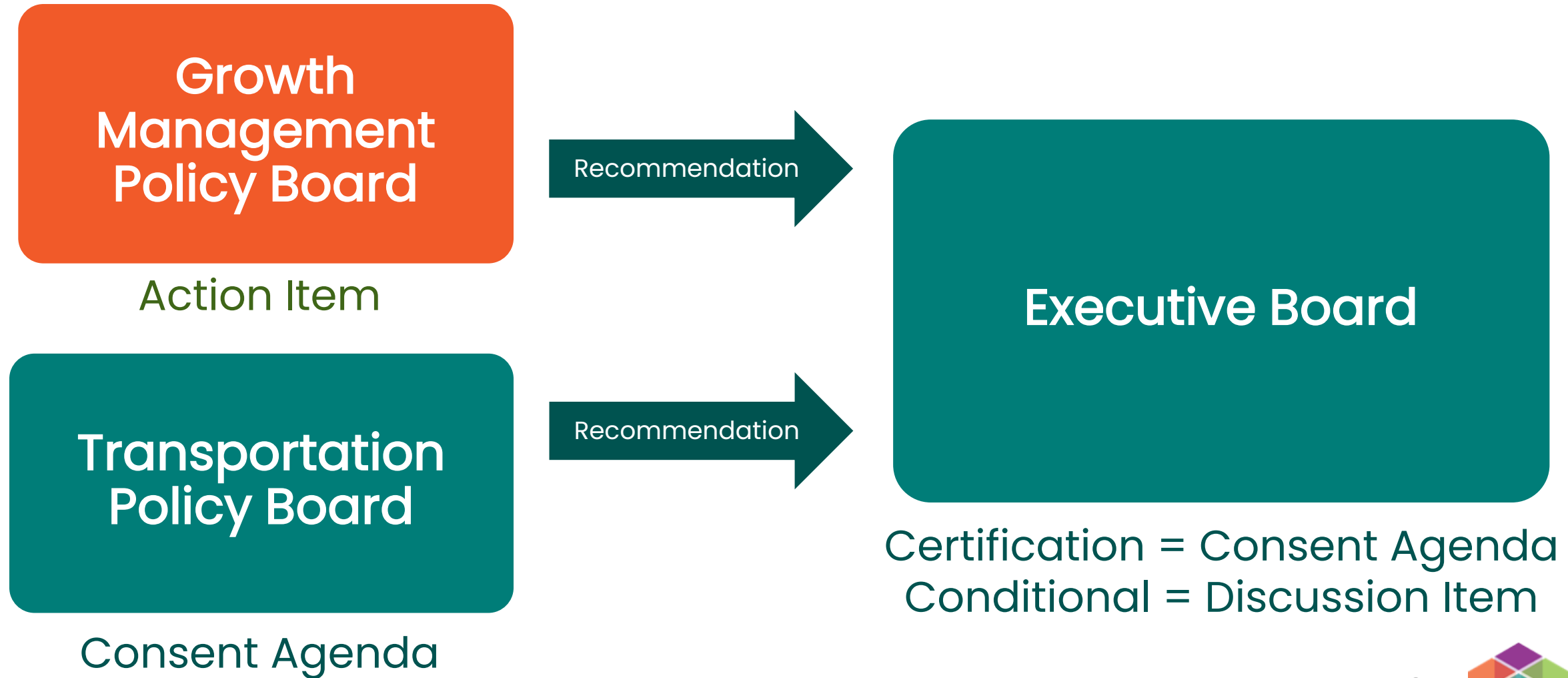


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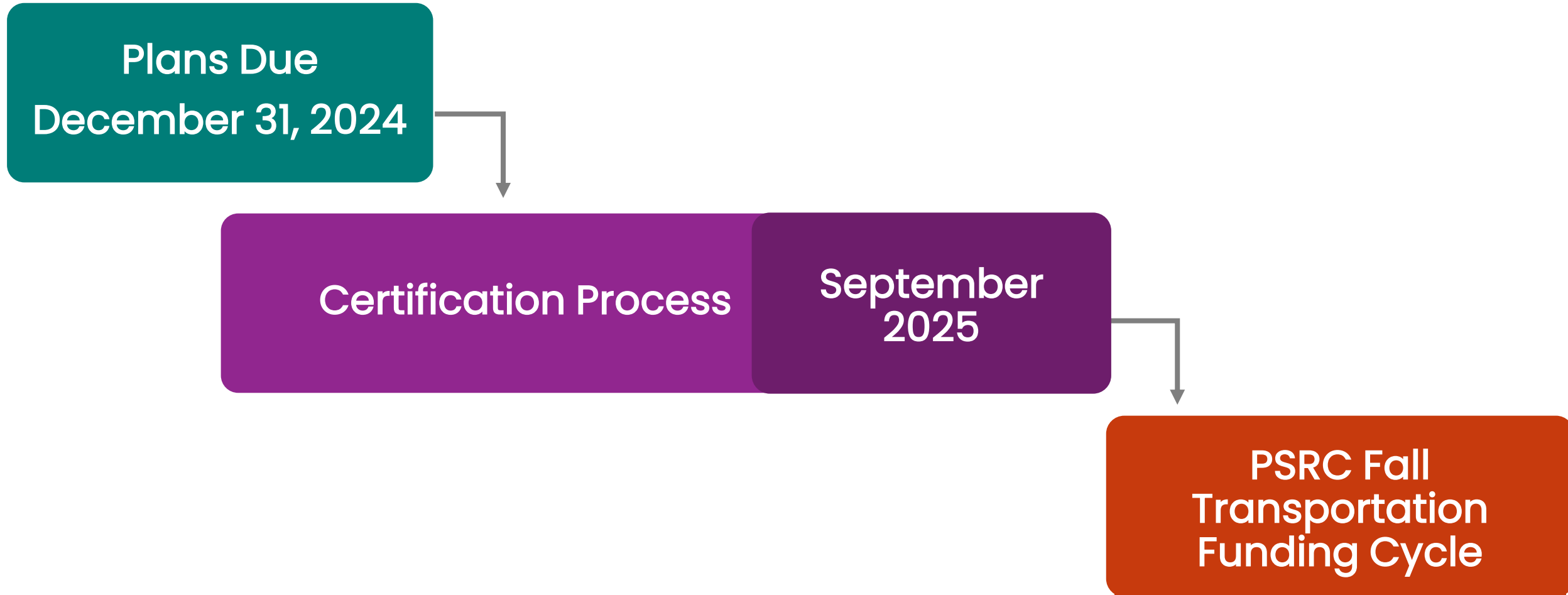
- Recommend certification of Edmonds, Federal Way, Index, Issaquah, Lynnwood, Newcastle, and Sumner plans



Board Process for Certification



Certification Timeline



Plans must be submitted by June to be certified by September 2025



PSRC Plan Review Status – June 4, 2025



Drafts Received

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Plans Under Review

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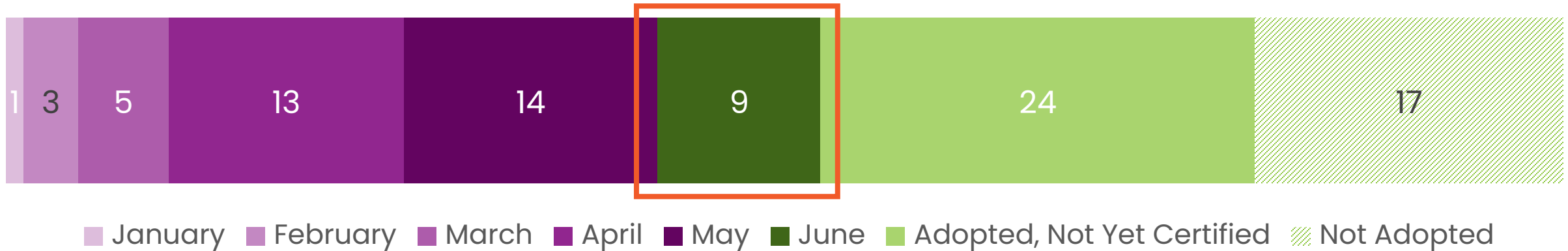
Comment Letters Sent

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Certification Status Update

2024 Comprehensive Plan Certifications



- As of this meeting, initiated board review for 45 plans
- Prioritizing review for jurisdictions planning to apply for fall funding competitions
- About 10 jurisdictions projected to adopt after cut-off for September certifications
- Following up with several jurisdictions about housing requirements





Plan Certifications

Standard Certification Recommendations



Standard comments that appear in most certification reports:

Climate change: Track state guidance for climate work due by 2029

Housing: Continue work to support housing affordability

Multimodal level of service: Track updated state guidance to implement requirements by 2029



June Comprehensive Plan Certifications



Core Cities: Federal Way, Issaquah, Lynnwood, *Renton*

HCT Communities: Edmonds, *Lake Forest Park*, Newcastle, Sumner

Cities & Towns: Index



City of Federal Way Comprehensive Plan



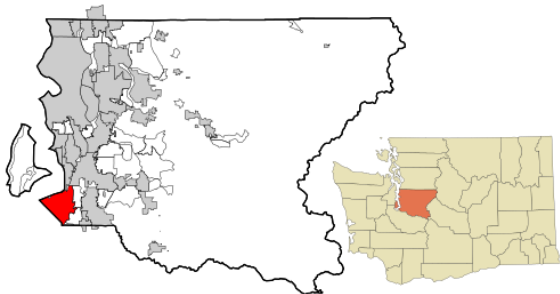
Population: 102,500

Regional Geography: Core Cities

Plan Highlight: Community Services chapter addressing services and programs related to DEI, anticipating growth around two new light rail stations

Recommended Future Work:

- **Standard comments:** Climate requirements, housing implementation, multimodal level of service standards
- **Transportation:** Outcomes from the Safety Action Plan should be adopted into the comprehensive plan



City of Issaquah Comprehensive Plan



Population: 41,500

Regional Geography: Core Cities

Plan Highlight: Supports transit and transit-oriented development in the Central Issaquah Regional Growth Center

Recommended Future Work:

- **Standard comments:** Climate requirements, housing implementation, multimodal level of service standards
- **Regional Growth Strategy:** Include growth targets for regional growth center
- **Transportation:** Provide more information for 20-year planning period in project list and financing plan



City of Lynnwood Comprehensive Plan

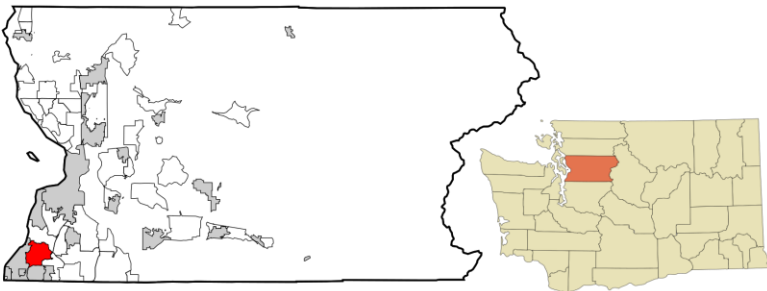
Population: 41,500

Regional Geography: Core Cities

Plan Highlight: Focus on growth in the city's regional growth center, Racially Disparate Impacts discussion Housing element, Complete economic data profile

Recommended Future Work:

- **Standard comments:** Climate requirements, housing implementation, multimodal level of service standards
- **Transportation:** Focus on adopted targets in future transportation modeling and provide more detail in 20-year project list and financing plan



City of Edmonds Comprehensive Plan



Population: 43,420

Regional Geography: HCT Communities

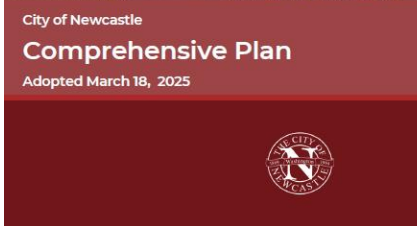
Plan Highlight: Establishes new neighborhood hubs, dedicated chapter to Art and Urban Design

Recommended Future Work:

- **Standard comments:** Climate requirements, housing implementation, multimodal level of service standards
- **Transportation:** Focus on adopted targets in future transportation modeling
- **Housing:** Complete additional work to quantify housing capacity for emergency housing



City of Newcastle Comprehensive Plan



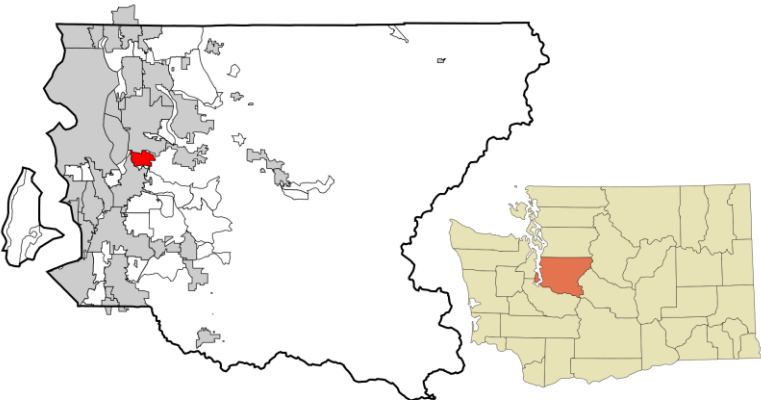
Population: 13,750

Regional Geography: HCT Communities

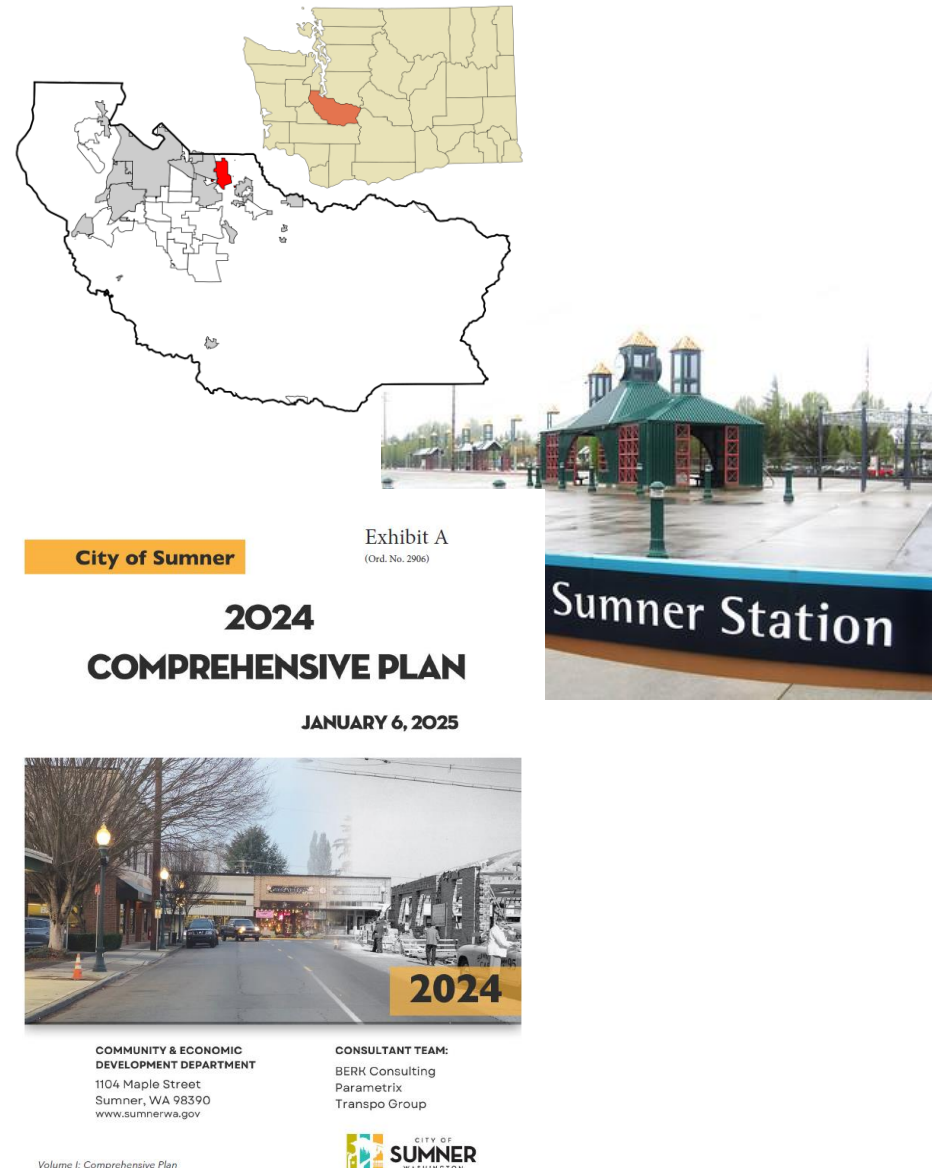
Plan Highlight: Addressing housing needs through inclusionary housing and affordable housing options in the mixed-use downtown, prioritized long-range transportation project list

Recommended Future Work:

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



City of Sumner Comprehensive Plan



Population: 11,040

Regional Geography: HCT Communities
Plan Highlight: Planning for growth in the town center and the Sumner-Pacific manufacturing/industrial center, focus on climate change throughout the plan

Recommended Future Work:

- **Standard comments:** Climate requirements, housing implementation, multimodal level of service standards
- **Housing:** Monitor affordability of accessory dwelling units



Town of Index Comprehensive Plan



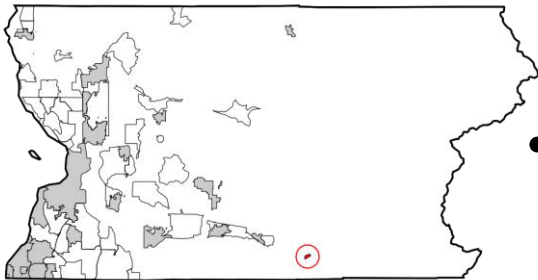
Population: 160

Regional Geography: Cities & Towns

Plan Highlight: Includes Tribal and Cultural Resource element and supports joint planning for environmental protection with Tribes, jurisdictions and agencies

Recommended Future Work:

- **Standard comments:** Climate requirements, housing implementation
- **Land Use:** Consider recognizing the town center as a place to focus services and development
- **Transportation:** Provide more information for 20-year planning period in project list and financing plan
- **Public Services:** Coordinate with Snohomish Co. on sewer availability and growth expectations



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 Executive Board certify that the transportation-related provisions of the Edmonds, Federal Way, Index, Issaquah, Lynnwood, Newcastle, and Sumner comprehensive plans conform to the Growth Management Act and are substantially consistent with multicounty planning policies and the Regional Transportation Plan.



Next Steps

- June 12: **Transportation Policy Board** recommendation on consent agenda
- June 26: **Executive Board** action to certify on consent agenda



Thank You!

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