

PSRC PLAN REVIEW REPORT & CERTIFICATION RECOMMENDATION



CITY OF ORTING COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

January 16, 2018

BACKGROUND

PSRC conditionally certified the City of Orting's 2015 periodic update of the city's comprehensive plan on October 29, 2015. In January 2018, the city adopted amendments to the plan that address the conditions and resubmitted the plan for further review and full certification.

CERTIFICATION RECOMMENDATION

Based on the review of the 2017 City of Orting comprehensive plan amendments, the following action is recommended to the PSRC Growth Management Policy Board, Transportation Policy Board, and Executive Board:

The Puget Sound Regional Council certifies that the transportation-related provisions in the City of Orting 2017 comprehensive plan amendments conform to the Growth Management Act and are consistent with multicounty planning policies and the regional transportation plan.

2017 COMPREHENSIVE PLAN AMENDMENTS

The September 24, 2015 certification report noted that while the plan includes notable policies that address pedestrian and bicycle facilities, additional work is needed to complete the pedestrian and bicycle component of the transportation element (RCW 36.70A.070(6)(a)(vii), WAC 365-196-430(2)(j)). Specifically, the component must include a plan for future pedestrian and bicycle networks that connect residential and employment areas with community and regional destinations and schools.

The 2017 plan amendments include new and revised policies supporting the implementation of bicycle and pedestrian facilities (Pol. T 15, Pol. T 43). The city also developed a nonmotorized plan and included it in the updated transportation element. The nonmotorized plan includes an inventory of bicycle and pedestrian facilities, a framework for prioritizing nonmotorized improvements, a nonmotorized improvements project list and financial strategy, and a discussion of emergency evacuation routes for people traveling by foot or bicycle. The amended plan demonstrates consistency with the GMA in planning for nonmotorized travel.

Conclusion

PSRC staff worked closely with the city as they drafted the plan amendments that address the conditions for certification. If the Executive Board acts as recommended, the plan will no longer have conditions on its certification. PSRC looks forward to working with the city on future planning efforts and will continue to provide guidance and technical assistance on any further amendments to the plan, subarea plans, or functional plans developed in response to additional issues identified through the PSRC certification review.

Additional background and resources can be found in the [City of Orting 2015 PSRC Plan Review and Certification Report](#) and on the PSRC website at <https://www.psrc.org/our-work/plan-review>. Questions should be directed to Laura Benjamin at 206-464-7134 or lbenjamin@psrc.org.