

## Amazing Place regional economic strategy comments for Board discussion

Comments and suggestions received on the Draft Strategy through 10:00 am May 2, 2017. Full action to be taken at adoption.

### Minor Edits

Name	Summary of Comment	Staff Recommendation
Jacob Macias, EDA	Overall support for the strategy as a comprehensive document that meets and goes beyond CEDS requirements. Recognizes the amount of work put into the strategy, especially the improved demographic analysis. Request inclusion of EDA funding of the strategy, a consolidated SWOT analysis chart, and details on regional natural disaster preparedness in resiliency discussion.	<b>Make edits.</b> Incorporate EDA input into final version
Various	Better articulate the contribution of Tribes to the region and the economy.	<b>Make edits.</b> Incorporate language in appropriate strategies
Various	Incorporate discussion of access to broadband internet throughout the region, especially rural areas.	<b>Make edits.</b> Incorporate language in appropriate strategies

### Economic Alliance Snohomish County

Name	Summary of Comment	Staff Recommendation
Patrick Pierce, Economic Alliance Snohomish County	Strengthen language tying industries to a healthy natural environment.	<b>Make edits.</b> Enhance language in appropriate strategy
Patrick Pierce	Add language regarding transit and transportation investment already underway in the region.	<b>Make edits.</b> Enhance language in appropriate strategy
Patrick Pierce	Add language regarding remediation of brownfield sites.	<b>Make edits.</b> Enhance language in appropriate strategy
Patrick Pierce	Add more Snohomish County example companies in Aerospace and Information & Communication Technology industry profiles	<b>Make edits.</b> Incorporate company examples from around the region
Patrick Pierce	Strengthen language and examples of regional water technology companies in Clean Technology Industry profile.	<b>Make edits.</b> Incorporate company examples from around the region

## Kitsap Economic Development Alliance/Naval Base Kitsap

Name	Summary of Comment	Staff Recommendation
John Powers, Kitsap Economic Development Alliance	Increase visibility of the economic impact of Military & Defense industry in the Economic Analysis, including more detail on the industries that benefit from Department of Defense spending.	<b>Make edits.</b> Add detail to the Regional Industry Specialization section and the County Data section
John Powers	Expand details in strategy narratives and industry profile to include more examples from Kitsap County.	<b>Make edits.</b> Add detail to the Strategy
Silvia Klatman, Naval Base Kitsap	Clarify language on references to Naval Base Kitsap.	<b>Make edits.</b> Include language and data in appropriate strategies and economic analysis

## Education

Name	Summary of Comment	Staff Recommendation
Jan Schuette, City of Arlington	Strategy should address the state's shortage of skilled labor. Advocates for preservation and expansion of career and technical programs for high school students and mentions Everett Community College's manufacturing-training program.	<b>Make edits.</b> Include EvCC as a best practice example
John Holman	Overall support for the strategy. Requests that references to higher education be made with more emphasis. Suggests that community and technical colleges and universities be referenced equally with k-12 education and mentions Green River College's industry partnerships and international student population.	<b>Make edits.</b> Include Green River College efforts as a best practice example
Ted Schwarz	Recommends that community and technical colleges expand training programs aligned with industry needs and promote such employment to young adults.	<b>Make edits.</b> Enhance language in appropriate strategies
David Mitchell, Olympic College	Include more specific action items to increase higher education capacity and reduce the opportunity gap	<b>Make edits.</b> Enhance language in appropriate strategies

## Other

Name	Summary of Comment	Staff Recommendation
Carolyn Davis, CBRE	Overall support for the strategy, and in the existing order: advancing educational opportunity, improving transportation, making the region more affordable, and sustaining a healthy environment.”	<b>No change.</b>
James Keblas	Include discussion of creativity as an economic engine, not just as benefiting quality of life.	<b>Make edits.</b> Enhance language in appropriate strategies

## King County Substantive Edits

Name	Summary of Comment	Staff Recommendation
King County	Strengthen the language on climate change and its effects on our region and discuss its disproportionate impact on disadvantaged and lower income communities.	<b>Make edits.</b> Strengthen language in appropriate strategies
King County	Include discussion of the tools available to preserve open space and focus development, including transfer of development rights programs	<b>Make edits.</b> Incorporate language in appropriate strategy
King County	Replace “many” with “some” in sentence “However, many occupations facing workforce gaps do not require four-year degrees”	<b>No change.</b>

## King County Policy Edits

Name	Summary of Comment	Staff Recommendation
King County	Include action item to “Work as a region to address homelessness in ways that allow for individuals to participate in the economy.	<b>Add action item with Board approval.</b> Incorporate language in appropriate strategy
King County	Include action item to “Support coordination between counties and cities to move unincorporated urban areas to annexation, where feasible, or incorporation.”	<b>Make edits.</b> Incorporate language in appropriate strategy

## Port Substantive Edits

Name	Summary of Comment	Staff Recommendation
Northwest Seaport Alliance/Port of Seattle	Reference use of buffers in language related to protecting industrial, maritime, and military lands from encroachment and incompatible use.	<b>Make edits.</b> Incorporate language in appropriate strategy

## Port Policy Edits

Name	Summary of Comment	Staff Recommendation
Northwest Seaport Alliance/Port of Seattle	Include action item to “Recognize the importance of freight mobility within the region as integral to the intraregional circulation needs.”	<b>Add action item with Board approval.</b> Incorporate language in appropriate strategy
Northwest Seaport Alliance/Port of Seattle	Enhance language to reflect the importance of air cargo to the region’s role as a transshipment point. Include action item to “Support the movement of high value freight cargo.”	<b>Make edits and action item with Board approval.</b> Incorporate language in appropriate strategy
Northwest Seaport Alliance/Port of Seattle	Include action item to “Support the port’s efforts to stay competitive in the face of major changes in the industry in the region’s continued transshipment planning.”	<b>Add action item with Board approval.</b> Incorporate language in appropriate strategy
Northwest Seaport Alliance/Port of Seattle	Include action item to “Support the examination of demand management tools such as tolling to prioritize freight movement.”	<b>Add action item with Board approval.</b> Incorporate language in appropriate strategy
Northwest Seaport Alliance/Port of Seattle	Include action item to “Concentrate industrial business activity within Manufacturing and Industrial Centers regionwide and in appropriate industrially zoned areas”	<b>Add action item with Board approval.</b> Incorporate language in appropriate strategy