



Small Cities and Conditional Certifications

Growth Management Policy Board

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Puget Sound Regional Council

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- **Recap of recent progress**
- **Examples of local actions**
- **New option for consideration**



Recap of Recent Progress

- **GMPB last met November 3**
 - Sought to allow time for GMPC discussions
 - Asked for more information from cities
 - Asked for information from staff about potential actions
- **King County GMPC met December 13**
 - Discussed three alternatives for addressing Small City targets
 - Set to continue discussion in February
- **PSRC Executive Board met December 15**
 - Briefed on GMPB report
 - Tabled review of reclassifications until March



Examples of Local Actions

- **Board asked staff what are the types of actions cities could do to manage growth**
- **Examples from cities include:**
 - Transportation concurrency tools
 - Farm and open space preservation
 - Rezones in floodplains and critical areas
 - TDR programs to protect the rural area
 - Preserving the UGA boundary
 - Development fees and regs where growth pays for growth
 - Investments in pedestrian infrastructure, TDM, transit service, and tools to reduced traffic impacts



New Option for Consideration

- **Demonstrated need to address over long term**
- **Option for board consideration:**
 - **Don't require plan amendment**, provided cities adopt commitment to:
 - **Acknowledge targets**
 - **Need to address impacts of growing faster than targets**
 - **Commit to working regionally and countywide**
 - **Continue strategies to manage growth**
 - **Manage growth within current boundaries**
 - **Make future planning decisions consistent with targets**



New Option for Consideration

- **If supported by the board...**
 - **Executive Board would be briefed on new option**
 - **Cities would have option to adopt a resolution and resubmit to PSRC**
 - **Cities could also continue path to amend comprehensive plan and resubmit**
 - **Staff would evaluate resolution or amendments and prepare an updated recommendation and certification report to the board**
 - **GMPB would make a recommendation to the Executive Board to fully certify plans**





Thank You

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