MINUTES
Growth Management Policy Board
June 6, 2019
PSRC Boardroom

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CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 10:06 a.m. by Councilmember Ryan Mello, Chair

COMMUNICATIONS AND PUBLIC COMMENTS

Public comments were provided by:

Andrew Kidde with 350 Seattle spoke to his concerns that the Regional Growth Strategy Preferred Alternative will lead to sprawl and will contribute to worsening climate change.

Alex Tsimerman with Stand Up America spoke to climate change.

Leah Missik with Climate Solutions expressed preference for the Transit Focused Growth alternative, although she does not think it goes far enough to address the climate crisis we are seeing.

Michael Gunn, Executive Director with Everett Public Schools, spoke to school siting. The Everett School District has property outside the urban growth area that it wishes to develop. A handout was provided with more information and a map.

Marguerite Richard spoke to her view that humans are not changing the climate.

Hester Serebrin with Transportation Choices Coalition commented on a joint letter that was submitted to the board. Ms. Serebrin spoke to the need to bend the trend to address climate change and income inequality.

Tom Laufmann with Snohomish School District spoke to school siting. The district has 15 schools with six schools outside of the urban growth area. A handout was provided with more information and a map.
Grace Yuan, legal counsel for Puget Sound School Coalition, provided a handout and asked to continue to use the processes in place for the three counties to site schools.

Skip Swenson with Forterra spoke in support the Transit Focused Growth alternative and expressed concerns about rural growth in the preferred alternative. More information was provided in a letter to the board.

Claire Martini with Cascade Bicycle Club spoke to equity, concerns about safety for bicyclists and disproportionate impacts on people of color. Ms. Martini commented that the climate crisis needs to be addressed along with public health.

Adam Maxwell with Audubon Washington asked the board to focus on climate change as it is the top threat to birds. Mr. Maxwell commented that the Transit Focused Growth alternative does not address Dept. of Ecology goals and the growth alternative should do better on greenhouse gas emissions and habitat protection.

REPORT OF THE CHAIR

Chair Mello recognized the 75th Anniversary of D-Day. Board changes were announced: Councilmember Nate Nehring is the new Alternate for Snohomish County and Mark McCaskill is leaving the Dept. of Commerce and will be replaced by Dave Andersen.

DIRECTOR’S REPORT

Director of Growth Management Paul Inghram announced information on the American Planning Association Washington Chapter’s graphic short story on planning for teens and mentioned an upcoming housing survey that PSRC will be conducting. More information on the survey was provided in the meeting agenda packet.

CONSENT AGENDA

a. Approve Minutes of Growth Management Policy Board Meeting held May 2, 2019

ACTION: It was moved and seconded (Margeson/Schutte) to adopt the Consent Agenda as amended to correct the attendance to reflect Councilmember Tosta was in attendance at the May 2, 2019, meeting. The motion passed.

RECOMMEND ARLINGTON-MARYSVILLE MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIAL CENTER (MIC) DESIGNATION AND SUBAREA PLAN CERTIFICATION

Senior Planner Andrea Harris-Long and Senior Planner Erika Harris presented the work of the cities of Arlington and Marysville on the subarea plan and the MIC designation application. Staff worked with Marysville, and the city has committed to work on amendments to its zoning code by the end of 2019.
**ACTION:** It was moved and seconded (Schuette/Margeson) to recommend that the Executive Board approve the designation of Arlington-Marysville as a regional Manufacturing/Industrial Center, with the requirement that the City of Marysville complete anticipated zoning amendments to strictly limit commercial uses to fully meet the designation criteria for core industrial uses. The motion passed.

**ACTION:** It was moved and seconded (Schuette/Margeson) to recommend that the Executive Board certify that the Arlington-Marysville Manufacturing/Industrial Center Subarea Plan addresses planning expectations for regional manufacturing/industrial centers. The motion passed.

Chair Mello acknowledged the work of Councilmember Schuette and for her guidance and leadership to move forward the recommendations to the Executive Board.

**VISION 2050: DRAFT SUPPLEMENTAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT (SEIS) PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Senior Planner Erika Harris reviewed with the board the public comments provided on the Draft SEIS. The Transit Focused Growth alternative received the most support of the three alternatives, though some comments expressed concerns about displacement and some of the growth allocations. There were comments in support of focusing growth near transit and avoiding growth in rural areas. In additional to comments on the preferred alternative, PSRC also received comments on details of the environmental analysis and mitigation strategies. A complete summary of comments on the Draft SEIS is compiled in a report available online.

**ACTION TO PROCEED WITH REGIONAL GROWTH STRATEGY**

Principal Planner Liz Underwood-Bultmann reviewed work that has been done to develop the Regional Growth Strategy draft Preferred Alternative. The three growth alternatives studied in the Draft SEIS were Stay the Course, Transit Focused Growth, and Reset Urban Growth. Among public comments on the alternatives, there was strong support for Transit Focused Growth. The approach to develop the draft Preferred Alternative was to use Transit Focused Growth alternative as a starting point and make adjustments based on requests from Snohomish County Tomorrow and Pierce County.

The board discussed the impact of existing lots in rural areas and pipeline projects in unincorporated urban areas. There was discussion about balancing the on-the-ground reality with goals and whether tools such as Transfer of Development Rights can reduce growth rates in rural areas.

Break began at 12:02 p.m. and the board reconvened at 12:13 p.m.
The board continued to discuss the impact of growth in rural and unincorporated urban areas. The board also discussed how the Regional Growth Strategy will be implemented at the county level. The decision was made to not take action on this agenda item and to provide additional time to discuss it at the June 13 meeting.

VISION 2050: CLIMATE CHANGE

Director of Transportation Kelly McGourty presented on the new Climate Change chapter. Ms. McGourty last spoke to the board in March 2019 as part of the Environment chapter presentation. Staff received feedback from the board to create the Climate Change chapter. The standalone Climate Change chapter pulls policies from the other chapters into one chapter. The board discussed VISION 2050 and whether the plan should include greenhouse gas emissions targets, such as the Puget Sound Clean Air Agency targets.

ACTION TO PROCEED WITH DRAFT MULTICOUNTY PLANNING POLICIES

Due to time constraints, this agenda item was moved to the June 13 agenda as a Discussion Item.

NEXT MEETING

The next GMPB meeting is scheduled for June 13 and will focus on discussion of the Regional Growth Strategy Preferred Alternative and VISION 2050 Policies and Actions.

ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 12:57 p.m.
GROWTH MANAGEMENT POLICY BOARD Attendance Roster – June 6, 2019

GMPB MEMBERS & ALTERNATES PRESENT
(Iitalicized = alternate)
Patricia Akiyama, Master Builders Association – Business/Labor
Deputy Mayor Jay Arnold, Kirkland – Other Cities & Towns in King County
Councilmember Scott Bader, Metropolitan Center—Everett
Councilmember Traci Buxton, Des Moines – Other Cities & Towns in King County
Mayor John Chelminiak, Metropolitan Center—Bellevue (via remote)
Dr. Anthony Chen, Tacoma-Pierce County Health Department – Community/Environment
Jeff Clarke, Alderwood Water & Wastewater District
Councilmember Larry Gossett, King County
Councilmember John Holman, Auburn – Other Cities & Towns in King County
Marty Kooistra, Housing Development Consortium – Seattle/King County – Community/Environment
Councilmember Kathy Lambert, King County
Councilmember Hank Margeson, Redmond – Other Cities & Towns in King County
Peter Mayer, Metro Parks Tacoma – Community/Environment
Robin Mayhew, Transportation Agency – WSDOT
Mark McCaskill, WA State Department of Commerce
Councilmember Ryan Mello, Metropolitan Center—Tacoma
Councilmember Elizabeth Mitchell, Woodway – Other Cities & Towns in Sno County
Barb Mock, Regional Staff Committee
Councilmember Mike O’Brien, Metropolitan Center—Seattle
Councilmember Abel Pacheco, Metropolitan Center—Seattle
Deputy Mayor Cynthia Pratt, Thurston Regional Planning Council (via remote)
Councilmember Ron Peltier, Bainbridge Island – Other Cities & Towns in Kitsap County
Councilmember Terry Ryan, Snohomish County
Councilmember Jan Schuette, Arlington – Other Cities & Towns in Snohomish County
Councilmember Nancy Tosta, Burien – Other Cities & Towns in King County
Mayor Greg Wheeler, Metropolitan Center—Bremerton
Councilmember Paul Winterstein, Issaquah – Other Cities & Towns in King County
Commissioner Edward Wolfe, Kitsap County
Bryce Yadon, Futurewise – Community/Environment
Councilmember Derek Young, Pierce County

GMPB MEMBERS ABSENT (*alternate present)
Councilmember Tim Curtis, Fife – Other Cities & Towns in Pierce County
Clayton Graham, Municipal League of King County – Business/Labor
*Commissioner Paul McIntyre, Alderwood Water & Wastewater District
Ian Morrison, NAIOP Commercial Real Estate Association – Business/Labor
*Mayor Rob Putaansuu, Port Orchard – Other Cities & Towns in Kitsap County
Rob Purser, Suquamish Tribe
Edna Shim, Seattle Children’s – Business/Labor
Commissioner Peter Steinbrueck, Port of Seattle – Ports
GUESTS AND PSRC/STAFF PRESENT
(As determined by signatures on the attendance sheet and documentation by staff.)
Hannah Bahnmiller, PSRC
Ben Bakkenta, PSRC
Laura Benjamin, PSRC
Dan Cardwell, Pierce County
Eric ffitch, Port of Seattle
Anita Gallagher, City of Tacoma
Richard Gelb, Public Health – Seattle & King County
Joseph Gellings, Port of Seattle
Michael Gunn, Everett Public Schools
Erika Harris, PSRC
Andrea Harris-Long, PSRC
Michael Hubner, City of Seattle
Paul Inghram, PSRC
Kathryn Johnson, PSRC
Ben Kahn, PSRC
Andrew Kidde, 350 Seattle
Dave Koenig, City of Marysville
Tom Laufmann, Snohomish School District
Andi Markley, PSRC
Claire Martini, Cascade Bicycle Club
Adam Maxwell, Audubon Washington
Kelly McGourty, PSRC
Andy Micklow, King County Council
Leah Missik, Climate Solutions
Kristin Mitchell, PSRC
Maggie Moore, PSRC
Ian Munce, City of Tacoma
Shana Restall, City of Monroe
Marguerite Richard, Seattle Poverty Action Network and Black Action Network
Marianne Seifert, Tacoma-Pierce County Health Department
Hester Serebrin, Transportation Choices Coalition
Skip Swenson, Forterra
Alex Tsimerman, Stand Up America
Liz Underwood-Bultmann, PSRC
Alison VanGorp, City of Mercer Island
Karen Wolf, King County
Grace Yuan, Puget Sound School Coalition