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MOTION NO. **7688**

A MOTION relating to comprehensive planning, directing the department of parks, planning and resources to conduct a review and evaluation of the 1985 Comprehensive Plan; and establishing a scope of work.

WHEREAS, the council adopted the 1985 Comprehensive Plan to provide long-term countywide policies to manage land development and growth, and

WHEREAS, the council adopted Motion 6251 setting forth the priorities for implementing the plan, and

WHEREAS, 95% of the 60 tasks identified as major implementation actions for the five-year program to implement the new policy directions in the plan have been adopted, completed or are underway, and

WHEREAS, through community planning efforts in the Vashon, Federal Way, Bear Creek, Sea-Tac and Snoqualmie planning areas and the resource lands area zoning new zoning to implement the plan's urban, rural and resource designations has been applied to over 1,400 square miles of the 1,800 square miles for which King County has planning jurisdiction, and

WHEREAS, the county has completed an Affordable Housing Policy Plan, an Economic Development Plan, an Open Space Plan and a Heritage Resource Protection Plan and has entered into planning and annexation agreements and facility agreements with cities to implement regional policy goals, and

WHEREAS, the council is currently considering the proposed Enumclaw Community Plan, the proposed Sensitive Areas Ordinance, the proposed Surface Water Design Manual and ordinance, the King County Transportation Plan and a mitigation payment system, and

1 WHEREAS, the county has initiated community plans for Soos
2 Creek, Northshore and East Sammamish, a major update of the
3 county's zoning code and improvements to urban development
4 standards, and

5 WHEREAS, the council directed that the comprehensive plan map
6 and policies be reviewed every five years to determine whether the
7 plan's key concepts are being implemented effectively, and

8 WHEREAS, K.C.C. 20.12.030.B directs that the five year review
9 and evaluation shall be in the form of a report from the county
10 executive to the council, with public input, findings and
11 recommendations, and

12 WHEREAS, the planning and community development division has
13 initiated research to evaluate implementation of key concepts in
14 preparation for the first five year review in 1990;

15 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT MOVED by the Council of King County:

16 A. The purpose of the Comprehensive Plan 1990 Review is to:

17 1. Determine whether existing comprehensive plan policies
18 are being achieved and identified necessary measures to further
19 implement the plan;

20 2. Identify policies that may need expansion or
21 clarification based on research, policy analysis, and council
22 directives completed since 1985; and

23 3. Identify any additional comprehensive plan policies
24 necessary to address critical land use planning issues.

25 B. The report shall evaluate the key concepts of the plan to
26 determine whether they are being achieved. The concepts to be
27 evaluated include:

28 1. Achievement of efficient urban land development patterns
29 in cities and unincorporated areas including giving consideration
30 to such factors as: urban residential densities, employment
31 densities of activity centers, the balance and distribution of
32 jobs and households and the provision of capital improvements in
33 urban areas;

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2. Protection of rural land uses;
3. Conservation and productivity of resource lands;
4. Affordability of housing stock;
5. Protection of the environment and open space;
6. Preservation of historic and heritage sites; and
7. Provision of adequate facilities and services to support development.

8. Annexation of urban area to cities.

C. The report shall identify additional measures necessary to achieve comprehensive plan goals. The following issues shall be emphasized:

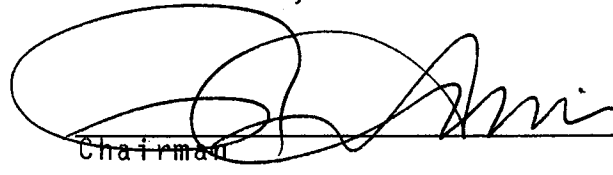
1. Improving the quality of development in urban areas;
2. Coordinating growth with provision of facilities and services;
3. Improving transportation mobility through increased emphasis on public transit and transportation management policies;
4. Preserving rural areas and resource areas for long term use; and
5. Establishing a system for King County cities and the county to jointly plan for growth and efficient delivery of services necessitated by that growth.
6. Establishing a system for regional implementation of the plan by all jurisdictions.

D. The department of parks, planning and resources is responsible for preparing the 1990 review report and coordinating review and evaluation of other county departments including the departments of public works, public health, human resources and public safety. The department will base its efforts on the 1990 review work program (Attachment A).

E. The department shall provide opportunities for regular and direct comments and recommendations from cities, citizens groups, business, environmental and other special interest organizations, ongoing community planning citizen advisory committees and other public agencies. The department will conduct a series of general public forums in different geographic areas to review the preliminary report and invite comments and recommendations.

PASSED this 18th day of September, 1989.

KING COUNTY COUNCIL
KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON


Chairman

ATTEST:



Clerk of the Council

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KING COUNTY COMPREHENSIVE PLAN - 1990 REVIEW

Preliminary Schedule

The King County Comprehensive Plan directs King County to review and evaluate the Comprehensive Plan every five years "to determine whether key concepts are being achieved, to reflect new community goals, or to respond to changing conditions." The regularly scheduled review provides an opportunity to assess the effectiveness of Plan implementation and refocus efforts as needed to implement major policies.

Preparation for the 1990 Review began in 1988 with research on key policies. The 1989 work program includes opportunities for public review of research findings and preliminary recommendations. The report and recommendations are due to the King County Council in April, 1990.

<u>Major Tasks</u>	<u>Estimated Completion Date</u>
I. Establish scope of work and schedule.	June, 1989
A. Identify issues related to Comprehensive Plan implementation based on technical analysis of development trends, experience of major Plan users, and emerging growth management issues.	
- Review results of ongoing research on development trends to identify preliminary issues, and problems in achieving Plan goals and policies.	
- Consult with Councilmembers and Council staff to discuss issues, initial schedule and work program.	
- Meet with Executive Cabinet and Department staff in Departments of Public Works, Public Safety, Public Health, and Human Resources to identify Plan implementation and policy issues.	
- Meet with key external interest groups, including suburban cities, Sensible Growth Alliance, Economic Development Council to discuss recommended scope of work and major issues.	
B. King County Executive and Council agree on Motion establishing scope of work and schedule.	September 1989

Estimated
Completion Date

- II. Complete research to evaluate progress in implementing major Comprehensive Plan policies/concepts.
- A. Complete research to evaluate achievement of major Plan policies. Research reports include: September, 1989
- Housing affordability bulletin/update
 - Land supply/capacity analysis
 - Forest productivity report
 - Annexation activity report
 - Thirty-year forecast report
 - Farmland productivity report
 - Facility financing gap/effect on land use
 - Residential density monitoring report
 - Subdivision research: obstacles to efficient residential development density
 - Employment location by subarea, balance of jobs/households
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- B. Review functional plans, Council directives taken since 1985 to determine any needed policies to be reflected in the Comprehensive Plan. September, 1989
- C. Develop issue papers in cooperation with the Departments of Public Works, Public Health, Public Safety, and Human Resources to summarize data and policy research, conclusions, implications for Comprehensive Plan goals, and needed actions. September, 1989
- III. Public review of data, conclusions, preliminary recommendations.
- A. Establish advisory groups, including Department staffs and appropriate public groups if needed to review detailed recommendations. November, 1989
- B. Circulate issue papers to cities, community and other public interest groups; schedule meetings to discuss. January, 1990

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| C. | Schedule three public forums to discuss key issues, options for addressing. | January, 1990 |
| D. | Conduct opinion survey to determine public attitudes on priorities and the acceptability of options for addressing issues. | January, 1990 |
| E. | Executive meetings with business, environmental, community interest groups to discuss issues, recommendations. | February, 1990 |
| IV. Final report and recommendations. | | |
| A. | Develop final 1990 Review Report to include research findings, implications for Plan implementation, and recommended Council actions, including proposed ordinances and a five-year work program. | March, 1990 |
| | - Circulate draft to affected Departments, cities, public interest groups prior to completion. | |
| | - Executive resolution of public, department issues. | |
| B. | Transmit report, recommended actions, implementing ordinances to King County Council for review and action. | April, 1990 |
| C. | Develop budget proposals to implement priority recommendations. | June, 1990 |
| V. Council review | | |
| A. | Provide information to Council, public as needed, in cooperation with affected County Departments. | Summer, 1990 |
| B. | Publish, circulate adopted Council findings, ordinances and five year work program. | Winter, 1990 |

1990 Review Work Program

GOAL: Transmit 1990 Comprehensive Plan Review Report to Council in early 1990.
Report to include research findings on implementation; and recommended actions, including implementing legislation and priority follow-up actions.

1990 Review Issues

The report will focus on the following issue areas:

1. Whether existing Comprehensive Plan policies and goals are being achieved.

Monitoring efforts to date have documented success in implementing major Comprehensive Plan policies. The scope of these monitoring reports will be expanded in 1989 to address key concepts from each chapter of the Comprehensive Plan. The report will evaluate the extent to which key Comprehensive Plan policies are being achieved; and will identify reasons why any major policies are not being achieved and the related impacts in terms of public costs or County goals.

Key concepts to evaluate include:

- achievement of efficient urban land development patterns in cities and unincorporated areas
 - urban residential densities
 - transitional area densities
 - activity center location and employment densities
 - distribution of jobs and households
 - focusing capital improvements in urban areas.
- rural area development rates and densities
- resource lands conservation and productivity
- housing affordability
- economic strength and diversity
- open space and environmental protection
- heritage sites and historic preservation
- linking development to adequate facilities and services/phasing growth.

2. Whether existing Comprehensive Plan policies need expansion or clarification.

Since the adoption of the Plan there have been a number of functional plans and other work that have produced more detailed information and policies on specific issues. It may be appropriate to incorporate some of these policies in the Comprehensive Plan to expand or clarify existing policies.

Programs or products that may suggest needed policy expansion or clarification include:

- Affordable Housing Policy Plan
- Transportation Plan
- Economic Development Plan
- Heritage Resources Protection Plan
- Sewerage General Plan policies
- Coordinated water supply plans
- Groundwater management plans
- Open Space Plan
- community plans
- basin plans
- sensitive areas ordinance
- interlocal agreements/annexation reviews
- quarry, mining policies
- impact of changing legal requirements
- drainage manual
- zoning code revision
- School Impact Task Force study

3. Whether additional Comprehensive Plan policies are necessary.

The Comprehensive Plan provides long term policy direction. Significant changes in circumstances or public goals may warrant reevaluation of policies to reflect new community goals. **Due to the relatively short time period since adoption, major policy shifts will not be considered at this time.** However, there may be some areas where policy direction is absent that require additions to the Plan.

Areas of focus for policy additions may include:

- transit/land use policies
- urban quality standards
- annexation/governance model
- cultural amenities
- wildlife protection
- human services facilities siting

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