



Snohomish County
Planning Commission
Planning and Development Services

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REGULAR (Remote) MEETING AGENDA
Snohomish County Planning Commission

AUGUST 22, 2023
5:30 PM

Join the Zoom Meeting: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89498694774>

or call (253) 215-8782
Webinar ID: 894 9869 4774

For access to supporting documents reviewed by the Planning Commission, visit the Snohomish County Planning Commission webpage at <https://snohomishcountywa.gov/164>

A. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

B. CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

C. PUBLIC COMMENT

D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- [July 25, 2023](#): Regular Meeting

E. STATUS OF FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS AND PAST RECOMMENDATIONS

- [Upcoming Planning Commission Meeting Topics](#)
- County Council Actions on Planning Commission Recommendations

F. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

G. NEW BUSINESS

1. [Accessory Dwelling Units GMHB Remand: Briefing](#)
Ryan Countryman, Sr. Legislative Analysis, Ryan.Countryman@snoco.org

On March 9, 2022, the Snohomish County Council adopted Amended Ordinance 22-006 (Ord 22-006).[1] Among other changes, Ord 22-006 allowed expanded use of detached ADUs outside of Urban Growth Areas. Prior to Ord 22-006, code prohibited detached ADUs on lots that did not meet the standard lot size minimum in rural and resource zones. Ord 22-006 changed that by allowing detached ADUs on substandard lots in rural and resource zones. Futurewise filed a petition for review with the GMHB challenging Ord 22-006. In its June 30, 2023, Order, the



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GMHB remanded Ord 22-006 to Snohomish County to bring it into compliance with the Growth Management Act (GMA), RCW 36.70A. The County Council referred an ordinance that would bring county code into compliance to the Planning Commission by Motion 23-342 on August 15, 2023. The County Council requests the Planning Commission to hold a public hearing and make a recommendation on the ordinance by October 16, 2023.

For further information, please review the following:

- [Briefing Staff Report Dated August 15, 2023](#)
- [GMHB Order Futurewise v Snoco June 20 2023](#)
- [Motion 23-342](#)
- [Ord 23- Proposed ADU Ordinance](#)

2. Annual CIP: Briefing

Matthew Siddons, Senior Planner, matthew.siddons@snoco.org

Carol Ohlfs, Principal Park Planner, carol.ohlfs@snoco.org

Matthew Ojala, Engineering Manager, Matthew.Ojala@snoco.org

Additional Presenters from Airport, Finance, Hazard, Solid Waste, and SWM

Planning and Development Services (PDS) and the Finance Department coordinate an annual Capital Improvement Program (CIP) that the County Charter requires to be adopted with the County budget each year. This informational briefing is an opportunity for PDS and various County departments to discuss whether minimum levels of service are being met and whether any probable funding shortfalls or regulatory inadequacies exist with regard to capital facilities necessary to support development.

For further information, please review the following:

- [Staff Report dated August 8, 2023](#)

3. Comprehensive Plan Update: Tribal Coordination Element: Briefing

David Killingstad, Long Range Planning Manager, David.Killingstad@snoco.org

Henry Jennings, Planner, Henry.Jennings@snoco.org

The Planning Commission will be briefed on a proposed Tribal Coordination Element as part of the 2024 Snohomish County Comprehensive Plan ("Plan"). The proposed element is based on work started in 2016 but not adopted by the County Council. This element establishes a policy framework that recognizes the effective relationships that currently exist, and to enhance future coordination by clarifying the roles and responsibilities of the County and continuing to ensure that tribal partners are included in the planning process.

For further information, please review the following:

- [Briefing staff report dated August 8, 2023](#)
- [Attachment A – Draft Policy Table](#)
- [Attachment B – Draft Narrative](#)
- [Attachment C—Draft Narrative Findings](#)



4. Comprehensive Plan Update: Transportation Element: Briefing
Jay Larson, PW Supervisor III-Program Planning, Jay.Larson@snoco.org
Nathan Howard, Planner, Senior Planner II, Program Planning, Nathan.Howard@snoco.org

The Planning Commission be briefed on proposed comprehensive plan amendments to the Snohomish County Transportation Element (TE) which works together with the Capital Facilities and Utilities Element to guide long term provision of facilities managed by Snohomish County Public Works. The TE provides a demand and need analysis for motorized and non-motorized facilities for the next 20-years. The proposed amendments provide consistency with the Growth Management Act in accordance with the Revised Code of Washington (RCW 36.70A.070), Countywide Planning Policies, Vision 2050 Multi-County Planning Policies, and the other Comprehensive Plan element updates.

For further information, please review the following:

- [Briefing staff report dated August 7, 2023](#)
- [Attachment A – Draft Policy Table](#)
- [Attachment B – Draft Narrative](#)

H. Roundtable Topics (time permitting)

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PLANNING COMMISSION'S RANGE OF POSSIBLE ACTIONS:

At the conclusion of its public hearing, the County Planning Commission will consider transmitting a formal recommendation to County Council concerning adoption of the proposal. The Commission may make a recommendation to adopt or to not adopt the proposal. The Commission's recommendation may also propose amendments to the proposal. The Planning Commission is an advisory body and the final decision rests with the County Council.

PARTY OF RECORD / PUBLIC TESTIMONY:

You may become a party of record for any specific topic that comes before the Planning Commission by submitting a written request or testimony to Taylor Twiford, Planning Commission Clerk, PDS, M/S 604, 3000 Rockefeller Avenue, Everett, WA 98201 or email at Taylor.Twiford@snoco.org

WHERE TO GET COPIES OF DOCUMENTS AND WEBSITE ACCESS:

Please check www.snohomishcountywa.gov for additional information or the Snohomish County Department of Planning and Developmental Services, Reception Desk, 2nd Floor, County Administration Building East, 3000 Rockefeller Avenue, Everett, WA 98201 or email at Taylor.Twiford@snoco.org.

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