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Dave Somers
County Executive

July 12, 2023

Dear SEPA Reviewer:

Addendum No. 3 to the Final Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (FSEIS) for the Puget Sound Regional Council's VISION 2050 regional plan, issued March 18, 2020, has been prepared by Snohomish County Planning and Development Services (PDS). This addendum adds further information to the analysis contained in the FSEIS by providing additional environmental information for the proposed update of the Countywide Planning Policies for Snohomish County (CPPs) to include the 2044 Initial Housing Growth Targets. Specific project actions will require further detailed environmental review as they are considered for implementation.

The information in this Addendum adds to the analysis of previously identified significant impacts of the alternatives in the VISION 2050 FSEIS. PDS has determined that this information does not significantly change the analysis of impacts and alternatives contained in the VISION 2050 FSEIS, nor does it identify new or significantly different impacts. Addendum No. 3 is being issued pursuant to WAC 197-11-625 to meet Snohomish County's State Environmental Policy Act responsibility. No comment period is required for this Addendum.

Formal review of the proposed CPP amendments to include the 2044 housing targets includes a public hearing before the Snohomish County Council on July 19, 2023. We invite you to comment on the proposed CPP amendments through the public hearing mentioned above or by submitting written comments for the record. Please contact me at Steve.Toy@snoco.org or (425) 262-2361 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Stephen Toy

Stephen Toy, Principal Demographer
Snohomish County Planning and Development Services

Attachment:

Addendum No. 3 to the VISION 2050 Final Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement

**ADDENDUM NO. 3
TO THE VISION 2050
FINAL SUPPLEMENTAL ENVIRONMENTAL
IMPACT STATEMENT**

**Adoption of the 2044 Initial Housing Growth Targets in the
Countywide Planning Policies for Snohomish County**

Prepared Consistent with

The Washington State Environmental Policy Act of 1971
Chapter 43.21C Revised Code of Washington
Chapter 197-11, Washington Administrative Code
Snohomish County Code Title 30



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FACT SHEET

Project Title:	Adoption of amendments to Appendix B of the Countywide Planning Policies (CPPs) for Snohomish County to include the 2044 Initial Housing Growth Targets.
Proposed Non-Project Action:	This is a non-project proposal to include housing growth targets for the year 2044 in the Countywide Planning Policies for Snohomish County, consistent with the Growth Management Act (GMA), the Puget Sound Regional Council's (PSRC) VISION 2050 regional plan, the 2044 initial population targets (adopted into the CPPs by the Snohomish County Council on February 23, 2022), and the existing and projected housing needs for Snohomish County as provided by the State Department of Commerce on March 1, 2023, and distributed to jurisdictions based on Commerce guidance.
Purpose of the EIS Addendum:	<p>This addendum is being issued in accordance with WAC 197-11-625 and WAC 197-11-630. The addendum adds information relating to the non-project programmatic county action described above. This information does not result in any new significant adverse environmental impact and does not change the analysis of previously identified significant adverse impacts in the Final Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (FSEIS) for VISION 2050 issued on March 18, 2020, by the Puget Sound Regional Council.</p> <p>No additional significant impacts beyond those identified in the VISION 2050 FSEIS are expected to occur. Revisions to the proposed non-project action may be considered during the public hearing process. To the extent that the existing environmental documents listed in this addendum or other published documents have analyzed such revisions and have been adopted by reference, no additional programmatic non-project action level environmental review will be required.</p>
Description of Proposal:	<p>The proposed amendments to Appendix B of the Countywide Planning Policies for Snohomish County include amendments to Appendix B to add the 2044 initial housing growth targets. The countywide 2044 initial housing target is 484,791, further distributed to incorporated areas, unincorporated urban growth areas, and the rural/resource area.</p> <p>The proposed amendments are pursuant to the 2044 initial housing growth target recommendation of Snohomish County Tomorrow (SCT), developed using the direction established by Countywide Planning Policy GF-5 which requires that the cooperative planning process of Snohomish County Tomorrow be used for developing the initial growth targets. The proposed amendments are based on the most recent State Office of Financial Management (OFM) population projection for Snohomish County, the Puget Sound Regional</p>

Council's VISION 2050 Regional Growth Strategy (RGS), and the existing and projected housing needs for Snohomish County as provided by the State Department of Commerce as a requirement of the E2SHB 1220 amendments to the GMA passed in 2021, and distributed to jurisdictions based on Commerce guidance and the adopted 2044 initial population targets. Jurisdictions in Snohomish County are required under the CPPs to use the initial housing growth targets for at least one of the plan alternatives that they evaluate for the upcoming GMA plan updates in 2024.

Location of Proposal:	Snohomish County and its cities and towns.
Action Sponsor Lead Agency:	Snohomish County Department of Planning and Development Services 3000 Rockefeller Avenue, M/S #604 Everett, Washington 98201-4066
Required Approval Review:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Snohomish County Tomorrow Planning Advisory Committee – Recommended the 2044 Initial Housing Growth Targets on April 13, 2023.• Snohomish County Tomorrow Steering Committee – Approved the Planning Advisory Committee recommendation for transmittal to the Snohomish County Council on May 24, 2023.• Snohomish County Council – Adoption of ordinance to update the CPPs.• Puget Sound Regional Council – Review and certification of the updated Countywide Planning Policies.
Circulation and Comment:	This addendum, or notice of availability, is being circulated according to WAC 197-11-625. No comment period is required for this addendum under WAC 197-11-502(8)(c).
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**Responsible
Official:**

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Signature David Killingstad
David Killingstad, Long Range Planning Manager

**Public
Hearing(s):**

The Snohomish County Council will hold a public hearing on **Wednesday, July 19, 2023, at the hour of 10:30 a.m.**, and continuing thereafter as necessary, in the Henry M. Jackson Board Room, 8th Floor, Robert J. Drewel Building (County Administration Building East), 3000 Rockefeller, Everett, Washington, to consider proposed Ordinance No. 23-062.

Please check the Council webpage 24 hours prior to the scheduled hearing time for the most up-to-date information at: <https://snohomish.legistar.com/Calendar.aspx> or contact the Council Clerk at 425-388-3494 or at contact.council@snoco.org.

PROPOSED ACTIONS AND ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW

Overview

The adoption of the 2044 initial housing growth targets in Appendix B of the Countywide Planning Policies is a non-project action under the Washington State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA). This Addendum is not intended to satisfy individual project action SEPA requirements (the review needed for a future site-specific land use or building permit application). This Addendum does not significantly change the analysis of impacts and alternatives contained in the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) that was prepared in 2020 for the adoption of VISION 2050, nor does it identify new or significantly different impacts.

Prior Environmental Review

A Final Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (FSEIS) addressing the adoption of VISION 2050 was issued on March 18, 2020. The elements of the environment addressed in the VISION 2050 FSEIS included elements of both the natural and built environment: earth, air, water, plants and animals, energy and natural resources, environmental health, population and employment, land and shoreline use, transportation, public services, and utilities.

EIS Addendum Environmental Review

According to the SEPA Rules in WAC 197-11, an Addendum to an EIS provides additional analysis and/or information about a proposal or alternatives where their significant environmental impacts have been disclosed and identified in previous environmental documents (WAC 197-11-600(3)(b)(ii)). An Addendum is appropriate when the impacts of the new proposal are the same general types as those identified in the prior documents and when the new analysis does not substantially change the analysis of significant impacts and alternatives identified in the prior environmental documents (WAC 197-11-600(4)(e), WAC 197-11-706).

This Addendum to the March 18, 2020, FSEIS is being issued pursuant to WAC 197-11-625 to meet the County's SEPA responsibility. The March 18, 2020, FSEIS evaluated plan alternatives and impacts that encompassed the same general policy direction, land use patterns, and environmental impacts that are expected to be associated with the non-project proposal identified in this Addendum. No additional significant impacts beyond those identified in the PSRC's FSEIS for the adoption of VISION 2050 are expected to occur as a result of the proposed amendments.