ADDENDUM NO. 10
TO THE
FINAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT
FOR THE SNOHOMISH COUNTY
COMPREHENSIVE PLAN 2015 UPDATE

Adoption of Amendments to the General Policy Plan of the Snohomish County
GMA Comprehensive Plan Related to Transportation Element Amendments
(GPP3 and GPP2)

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

Snohomish County Planning and Development Services

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FACT SHEET

Project Title: 2017 County Initiated Comprehensive Plan Amendments - Transportation Element Amendments (GPP3 and GPP2)

Proposed Non-Project Action: The proposed non-project action amends the Transportation Element (TE) through two proposed amendments. The proposed GPP 2 revises the Arterial Circulation Map and Countywide Bicycle Facility Map by adding two arterial and bicycle facility crossings of I-5, an additional designated bikeway, and changes to the functional classification of two county arterials. The proposed GPP 3 revises the Supportive Public Transportation Improvement section of the TE including the High Capacity Transit Map to be consistent with recent changes to Community Transit (CT) and Sound Transit’s (ST) plans.

Purpose of the EIS Addendum: This addendum adds information relating to the non-project programmatic county action described above. All SEPA requirements with respect to this non-project action will be satisfied by the issuance of this addendum to the Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) for the Snohomish County GMA Comprehensive Plan (GMAC) 8-Year update prior to the planning commission’s public hearing on the proposed GPP2 and GPP3 – Transportation Element Amendments. This addendum will add information pertaining to the proposed amendment to the TE. However, this information does not change the analysis of previously identified significant impacts of alternatives analyzed in the county’s GMACP 8-Year Update EIS dated September 8, 2014, (Draft EIS) and June 3, 2015, (Final EIS) in which more significant plan changes were proposed. No new significant environmental impacts from this proposal have been identified.

This addendum is being issued in accordance with WAC 197-11-625 and WAC 197-11-630. The adopted environmental documents listed herein, together with this addendum, meet Snohomish County’s environmental review needs for the current proposal.

Description of Proposal: The proposed GPP2 is necessary because of the changing characteristics of select county arterials and the identification of needed roadway and bicycle facility crossings of I-5. The proposed GPP2 amends the Arterial Circulation Map, Countywide Bicycle Facility System Map, and the County Total Arterial Mileage by Classification Table. The proposed GPP 2 includes additional future roadway and bicycle facility crossings of I-5 south of 128th St SW and north of 164th St SW. These new crossings will improve east/west capacity, transit mobility, and access to future light rail stations. The proposal includes a bikeway designation to Sunset Rd and 43rd Ave SE from 180th to the King County border. This future bicycle facility would create non-motorized connectivity in the fast growing 43rd Ave area and provide for bicycle facility connectivity to the adjacent jurisdictions of Bothell, Woodinville, and King County. The proposed change in roadway functional classification for 84th Ave W was requested by the City of Edmonds to maintain consistency with their
comprehensive plan and the change in designation to Machias Cutoff is due to higher volumes noticed since the 2015 update to the TE. The proposed amendments maintain consistency with regional and local policy direction including: Multi-county Planning Policy (MPP) T-23, which emphasizes transportation investments that provide and encourage alternatives to single occupancy vehicle travel to and within centers; Countywide Planning Policy (CPP) TR-4, which encourages counties and cities to provide multimodal transportation facilities based on a consistent classification system; and the Snohomish County General Policy Plan (GPP) TR 3.A.3, which requires planning for bicycle facilities that tie together residential areas with schools.

The proposed GPP3 is necessary to maintain consistency with recent changes to regional and local transit plans. Transit plans have changed significantly since the last update to the TE in 2015. Community Transit has, in the 2016 – 2021 Transit Development Plan, provided greater detail on their plans for expanding their second the Swift BRT service including station locations. Sound Transit, also in 2016, updated the system plan (ST3) to include light rail service from the Lynnwood Transit Center to the City of Everett. ST3 has subsequently been adopted by the voters. The proposed GPP3 amends the Supportive Public Transportation Improvements section of the TE including making the necessary changes to the capital facilities list, the transit capital improvement table, and the High Capacity Transit Map. The proposed amendments are consistent with regional and local policy direction including: CPP TR-12, which encourages each local jurisdiction to map the general locations of planned major transit facilities in their comprehensive plans and with Snohomish County General Policy Plan (GPP) Objective TR 2.E, which requires the county to identify the general locations of major planned transit facilities in the Transportation Element.

The proposed amendments to the Transportation Element would apply to specific roadways and transportation facilities in the unincorporated areas of Snohomish County and in select cities in the County’s Southwest Urban Growth Area that are served by ST and CT.

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Snohomish County Council – adoption of an ordinance
Washington State Department of Commerce – coordination of state comments

This addendum, or notice of availability, is being sent to all recipients of the previously issued Final EIS for the Comprehensive Plan 2015 Update as required by WAC 197-11-625, and also to all commenters on that EIS. No comment period is required for this addendum under WAC 197-11-502(8)(c).
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ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW

Overview:

The adoption of amendments to the GMA Comprehensive Plan 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) prepared in 2015 for the Comprehensive Plan 2015 Update, nor does it identify new or significantly different impacts.

Prior Environmental Review

The county issued a Draft EIS for the county’s Comprehensive Plan 2015 Update on September 8, 2014, and issued a Final EIS on June 3, 2015. The elements of the environment addressed in both of these EIS documents included elements of both the natural and built environment: earth, air, water, plants and animals, land and shoreline use, population and employment, cultural resources, transportation, energy, public services, and utilities.

EIS Addendum

According to the SEPA Rules, 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 a previous environmental document (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 document, 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 Comprehensive Plan 2015 Update EIS is being issued pursuant to WAC 197-11-625 to meet the County’s SEPA responsibility. The Comprehensive Plan 2015 Update EIS evaluated plan alternatives and impacts that encompass the same general policy direction, land use patterns, and environmental impacts that are expected to be associated with the proposed amendments identified in this Addendum.

No additional significant impacts beyond those identified in the county’s EIS for the Comprehensive Plan 2015 Update are expected to occur as a result of the proposed amendments. No additional programmatic level environmental review will be required to the extent that the existing environmental documents listed in this Addendum or other published documents have analyzed the proposed amendments.
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Possession Bay Association  
Professional Consultants  
Silver Lake Action Comm.  
Smartgrowth Campaign  
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Newspapers
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Arlington Times
Snohomish County Tribune
Mukilteo Beacon
Monroe Monitor
Marysville Globe
Bothell-Kenmore Reporter

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