



## Snohomish County Council

**Committee:** Planning & Community Development      **Analyst:** Ryan Countryman  
**ECAF:** 2022-0304  
**Proposal:** Proposed Motion 22-134      **Date:** March 21, 2022

### **Consideration**

Proposed Motion 22-134 refers a potential expansion of the Southwest Urban Growth Area (SWUGA) to Planning and Development Services (PDS) and the Snohomish County Planning Commission for consideration and recommendation as part of Alternative 3 of 2024 Comprehensive Plan Update.

### **Background and Analysis**

This motion sponsored by Councilmember Dunn would place a potential expansion of the SWUGA in Alternative 3 for consideration and recommendation during the 2024 Update process. The proposed expansion area is approximately 301 acres. This expansion would generally occur in the vicinity of 43<sup>rd</sup> Ave SE. It uses the Puget Sound Power & Light/Olympic Pipeline utility corridor as an eastern boundary except for that it would also include Ruby Bridges Elementary in the UGA.

The residential area (approximately 271 acres) covered by this motion is the same as the combination of three former docket applications that had been under consideration as part of Docket XXI (SW8, SW9 and SW16). The proposed future land use designation for the residential area is Urban Medium Density Residential (UMDR). The 30-acre Ruby Bridges site, which has room and an approval for the future addition of a middle school, would have a Public/Institutional Use (P/IU) designation.

This Motion 22-134 proposes changes similar to part of Motion 22-090 in the same area. The main difference is that Motion 22-090 would study other UGA expansion areas in addition to what is in Motion 22-134. A smaller distinction is that the residential density proposed in this motion is entirely UMDR, whereas Motion 22-090 proposes Urban High Density Residential on approximately 30 acres. Based on discussion at the March 15, 2022, Planning and Community Development Committee meeting, PDS has indicated that environmental analysis for the 2024 Update can accommodate a comparison of the impacts for both scenarios near 43<sup>rd</sup> Ave SE if both this Motion 22-134 and Motion 22-090 were to pass.

## **Current Proposal**

*Summary and Scope:* Referral of proposed amendments to the Future Land Use Map, official Zoning map, and potential policy amendments to PDS and the Planning Commission for consideration and recommendation during the 2024 Update process.

*Deadline:* None

*Fiscal Implications:* None

**Request:** Consideration of proposed Motion 22-134 and potential action at Regular Agenda, General Legislative Session under Planning and Community Development Committee on Wednesday March 23, 2022, along with the rest of Council-initiated 2024 Comprehensive Plan motions as presented at Planning & Community Development Committee on March 15<sup>th</sup>