

# 2024 Comprehensive Plan *Update*



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# 2024 Update Scope of Policy Review and SEPA Alternatives

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*Snohomish County Council*

## Overview

1. Scope of Policy Review
2. SEPA Alternatives Background and Draft Approaches
3. Questions and Comments

## Baseline Scope of Work for Policy Review

### Baseline

- Amendments as a result of the CPPs changes
- Compliance Review (awaiting Commerce Checklist)
- Amendments from Implementation Matrix Work
- Housekeeping (date changes, references to Vision 2040, etc.)
- Southwest Urban Core Subarea Plan Element
- Amendments to the Capital Facilities Element, Transportation Element and Parks and Recreation Element corresponding to 2044 plan horizon



## Feedback from July 20<sup>th</sup> Planning Committee

- Support for adding Urban Tree Canopy to scope of policy review
- Support for adding Broadband Access to scope of policy review
- Comment that Vision 2050 based on pre-Covid trends, need to consider remote work

## SEPA Land Use Alternatives – Background/Considerations

- Required to have No Action and at least two Action Alternatives
- Should include adequate bookends to allow analysis of impacts of different variations/scenarios and encompass likely outcome
- Including an alternative that is close to a likely preferred alternative would reduce need for supplemental analysis later that could delay adoption
- Uncertainty because OFM Growth Management Act Forecasts not expected until later in 2022, could differ from Vision 2050 county total growth allocation
- Alternatives only affect unincorporated areas, city growth targets held constant across all three scenarios

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## SEPA Land Use Alternatives – Draft Approaches

Alternative	Title	Description
1	No Action: Adopted Plans - Lower Growth	Zoning unchanged. Unincorporated urban growth area (UGA) subareas build to capacity or Initial 2044 Targets, whichever is less, and rural area accommodates no more than 8.5% of county population growth. Transportation network is adopted plan plus possible new projects to accommodate 2035-2044 growth. This alternative accounts for scenario if OFM Most Likely Forecast is lower than the Vision 2050 total for the county.
2	Medium: Focus on High-Capacity Transit Communities	Accommodate as much growth as possible in the core of the Southwest UGA with emphasis around high-capacity transit stations. Also consider ways to encourage larger variety of housing types within single family neighborhoods within the existing UGA, including opportunities to redesignate some locations from ULDR to UMDR in the unincorporated High-Capacity Transit (HCT) Communities regional geography from Vision 2050. May include minor UGA adjustments. Rely on multi-modal approach to transportation.
3	Higher Growth	Factors in possibility that the OFM Most Likely Forecast could exceed the Vision 2050 countywide target. Like Alternative 2, but factors in additional growth in core of the Southwest UGA near high-capacity transit stations. This alternative would include any UGA expansion proposals that get placed on the final docket. Higher total county growth associated with UGA expansions would be assumed. Rely on multi-modal approach to transportation, with new road projects to extend service to any UGA expansion areas.

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## Draft SEPA Land Use Alternative 1

Alternative 1	No Action: Adopted Plans - Lower Growth
Description	Maintain adopted plan. No amendments to Comprehensive Plan Future Land Use Map, zoning, or regulations.
Countywide Growth	This alternative accounts for scenario if the 2022 OFM Medium - Most Likely Population Forecast is lower than the Vision 2050 total for the county.
Unincorporated Growth Pattern	Unincorporated urban growth area (UGA) subareas build to the lesser of capacity or Initial 2044 Targets. Includes effects of light rail on southwest urban core land capacity but no changes in designations or zoning near station areas. Rural area accommodates no more than 8.5% of county population growth.
Transportation Network	Transportation network is adopted transportation element plus possible new projects to accommodate 2035-2044 growth.



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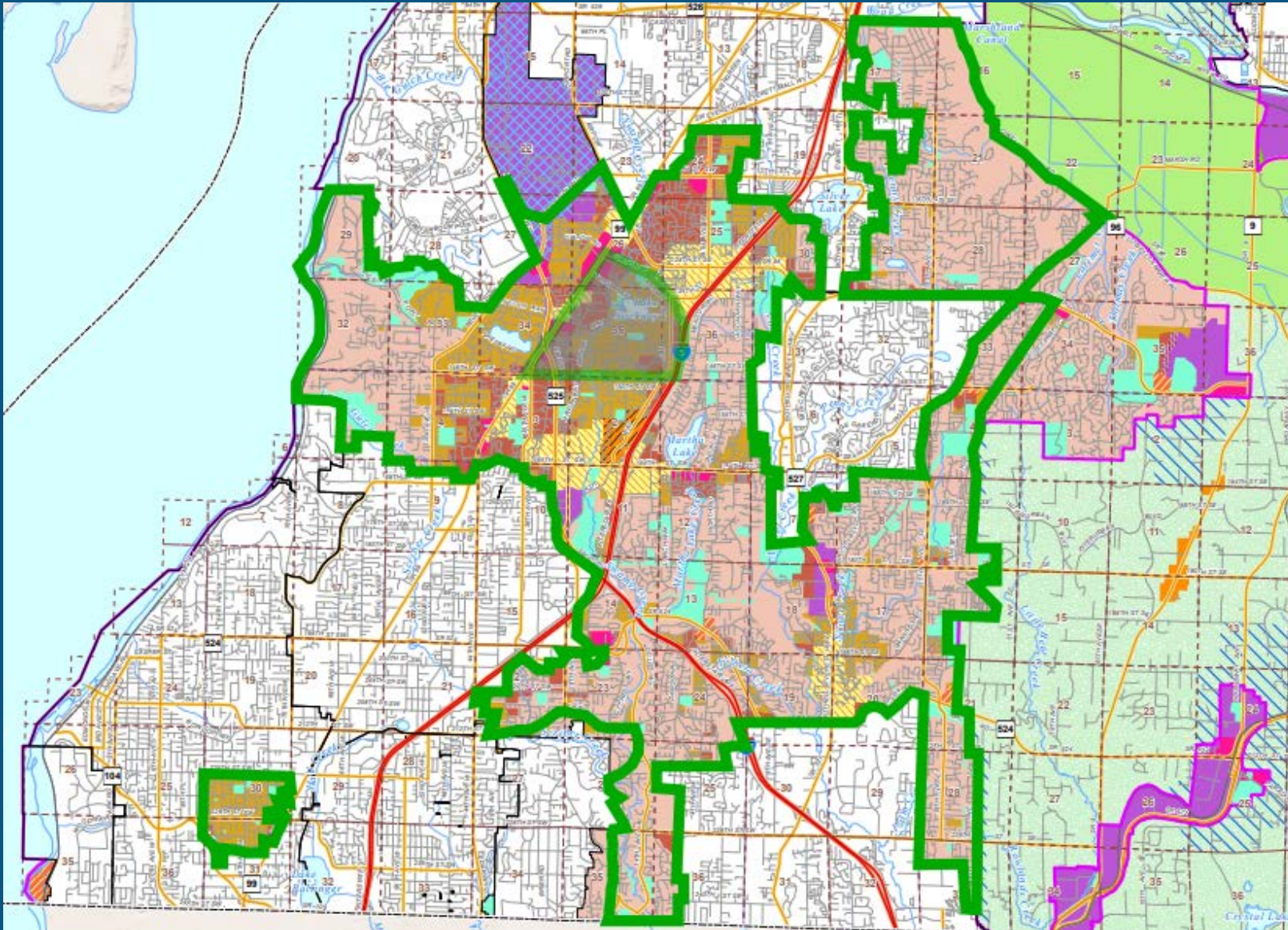
## Draft SEPA Land Use Alternative 2

Alternative 2	Medium: Focus on High-Capacity Transit Communities
Description	Accommodate as much growth as possible in the southwest urban core with emphasis around high-capacity transit stations. Encourage larger variety of housing types within single family neighborhoods within the existing UGA.
Countywide Growth	Consistent with growth targets from Vision 2050 and County-adopted Initial Growth Targets.
Unincorporated Growth Pattern	Accommodate as much growth as possible in the southwest urban core with emphasis around high-capacity transit stations. Also consider ways to encourage larger variety of housing types within single family neighborhoods within the existing UGA, including opportunities to redesignate ULDR to UMDR in the unincorporated High-Capacity Transit (HCT) Communities geography from Vision 2050. May include minor UGA adjustments. Rural area accommodates 4.5% of county population growth.
Transportation Network	Transportation network may include new road projects supporting growth to 2044. Rely on multi-modal approach, including new road projects that support improved transit or freight movement. Bike/pedestrian improvements in southwest urban core. Include east-west corridor improvements.



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## SEPA Land Use Alternative 2 – HCT Communities



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## Draft SEPA Land Use Alternative 3

Alternative 3	Higher Growth
Description	Factors in possibility that the OFM Most Likely Forecast could exceed the Vision 2050 countywide target. Similar to Alternative 2, but factors in additional growth in core of the Southwest UGA near high-capacity transit stations. This alternative would include any UGA expansion proposals that get placed on the final docket.
Countywide Growth	Higher population growth than Vision 2050 and County-adopted Initial Growth Targets.
Unincorporated Growth Pattern	Accommodate as much growth as possible in the southwest urban core with emphasis around high-capacity transit stations. Also consider ways to encourage larger variety of housing types within single family neighborhoods within the existing UGA, including opportunities to redesignate ULDR to UMDR in the unincorporated High-Capacity Transit (HCT) Communities geography from Vision 2050. This alternative would include any UGA expansion proposals that get placed on the final docket. Higher total county growth associated with UGA expansions would be assumed. Rural area accommodates 4.5% of county population growth.
Transportation Network	Transportation network may include new road projects supporting growth to 2044. Rely on multi-modal approach, including new road projects that support improved transit or freight movement. Bike/pedestrian improvements in southwest urban core. Include east-west corridor improvements. Extend road network to serve areas proposed for UGA expansion.





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## Council Discussion Schedule

### July 20 Planning Committee

Discuss possible additions to 2024 Update Scope



### August 31 Planning Committee

Continue discussion of possible adds; begin discussion of scope of SEPA Land Use Alternatives



### September 21 Planning Committee

Finish discussion of SEPA Land Use Alternatives



### February 2022

Deadline to confirm scope of the 2024 Update to ensure project stays on schedule



# Questions?

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